

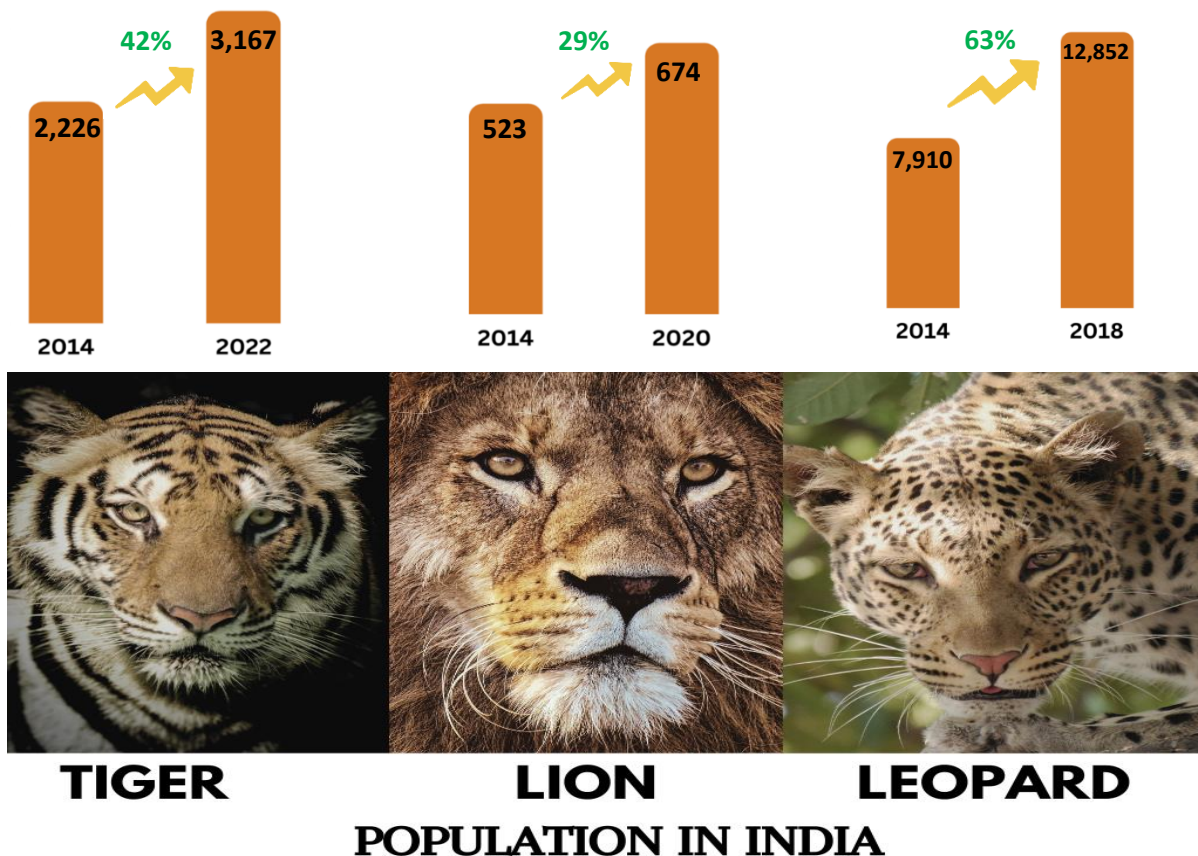
From Endangered to Flourishing: India's 9-year Wildlife Conservation Journey

2014 – 2022: Tiger Population Up 42 per cent

India has only 2.4 per cent of the world's land area, but it is home to 8 per cent of known global biodiversity. During the last 9 years, India has made significant progress in wildlife and environmental conservation. With a culture that values the preservation of nature, India has seen notable improvements in biodiversity, including the recent birth of cheetahs after a 75-year interval.

India is home to 75% of the world's tiger population. Recently, a report on the Status of Tigers in India was released, indicating a growth in the **tiger population to 3167** from 2226, thus a **42% increase in the number of tigers**, since 2014.

India currently boasts of the highest number of leopards and tigers. The leopard population **has increased by more than 60% from 2014 to 2018**. India is the **only country in the world to have Asiatic lions**, whose numbers have also increased in the past few years.



To further bolster the conservation efforts, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched the **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)** for the protection of seven big cats, namely Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar and Puma harbouring our planet.