



There are currently between 400- 500 siberian tigers left in the wild. The problem of conflicts between big predators and humans is not new. It is very urgent and always attracts close attention both from the public and mass media. Every year wild tiger cubs lose their mothers and are orphaned as a result of this conflict, some are found injured or diseased and require temporary care. Previously these cubs would of been killed or died, but Primorskii Regional Non-commercial Organization (PRNCO), is the first full fledged rehabilitation center for tigers in Russia, focusing on successful treatment to regain their health, teach them to hunt and fear humans, and make their release possible and safe for both the animal and the people living in its habitat. The rehabilitation facility is in a wooded location far from human settlements and allows the tigers to be semi-free ranging with limited to no disturbance from people. Since 2012, they have rehabilitated 7 tigers, 6 of which were released back into their natural habitat. 5 of them became fully adapted to life in the wild. The first female they released went on to have 2 cubs and 2 of the other tigers released separately, formed a couple and also reproduced in the wild, proving their rehabilitation and release programme successful. The population of the siberian tigers living exclusively in the south of the Russian far east has low numbers and very low genetic variety. The preservation of each healthy individual with the ability to reproduce, capable of living in nature independently is critical to conserve the species.

You can read more about the rehabilitation center and their work here: <http://en.siberian-tiger.ru/>

### **First tiger cinderella at time of arrival, at time of release, and in the wild with cubs**



**Rehabilitated tigers that were released separately but formed a pair in the wild**



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