



Efforts to Rescue Tigress

Why in News?

Recently, two cages have been put up in the [Surai range of Terai East Forest Division](#) to **rescue** an elusive **tigress** who has been moving for a year with a wire stuck around the lower part of its stomach.

- The **Surai range** of the forest division is **adjacent to the Semal Kuan forest area** in the **Mahof range of the [Pilibhit Tiger Reserve](#)** of Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- In January 2023, the tigress was seen by a patrol team in the forest and a **wire noose was wrapped around its stomach near its hind legs.**
- To monitor the tigress, **camera traps were installed** on the spot and continuous photographs of the tigress were seen in 26 out of 35 camera traps.
- The **monitoring report** of the tigress was **sent to Uttarakhand Wildlife Warden and [National Tiger Conservation Authority](#)**, on which a joint team was formed and the process of capturing the animal was started.

Pilibhit Tiger Reserve

- It is **situated in the Pilibhit district and Shahjahanpur District of Uttar Pradesh**, forming part of the Terai Arc Landscape, in the upper Gangetic Plain Biogeographic Province.
- The **northern edge of the reserve lies along the Indo-Nepal border** while the southern boundary is marked by the river Sharada and Khakra.
- The **habitat is characterized by Saal Forests**, tall grasslands and swamp maintained by periodic flooding from rivers.
- The **Sharda Sagar Dam** extending up to a length of 22 km (14 mi) is on the boundary of the reserve.
- It was **designated as a Tiger Reserve in 2014.**

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