

10th December - Tiger



The word from tiger is derived from Ancient Greek and Persian and is related to the Persian word for arrow, in reference to their speed at chasing prey. As well as being fast on land tigers are excellent swimmers. Every tiger has its own unique pattern of stripes. Occasionally, a white tiger is born. These animals are not albino, they still have their black stripes, they just have a rare recessive gene. White tigers have blue eyes, whilst all other tigers have yellow ones. Tragically, of the nine subspecies of modern tiger, three were wiped out by human beings in the twentieth century and the remaining six are critically endangered.