Let’s Stop Tiger Poaching!

Malayan tigers are the national animal of Malaysia, but soon there will be no Malayan tigers in our country. What is the meaning of national animal when we don’t have a single Malayan tiger in our country? There are tons of reasons the number of Malayan tigers is getting lesser in Malaysia even though the government has imposed laws to protect them. The main reason is tiger poaching.

Tiger poaching started since 1950’s, when we had 3500 tigers in our country. Today, in 2020, we only have approximately 200 tigers left in our country. The poachers are attracted by the highly priced tiger products sold in the black market. Tigers’ bones are used to produce traditional Asian medicine, their skins are made into rugs, and their teeth are made into accessories. The high demand in the market and the rarity of the tigers have caused the price of a tiger to increase. This automatically attracts hunters to hunt for the tigers.

The main effect of tiger poaching is the decrease in the number of tigers, which leads to the extinction of tigers. Tigers play an important role in the ecosystem. Tigers are at the top of the food-chain and their existence is to control the number of animals below them. If tigers really go extinct, the food chain of the forest will be destroyed, and this will ultimately cause the entire ecosystem to collapse. Our future generation will also lose the chance of seeing these beautiful creatures.

Last but not least, tiger poaching might harm human life. Viruses appear to have originated in animals had caused numerous pandemics. Who knows if some kinds of new viruses will appear in tigers? Although the hunter don’t eat tigers, the virus might go into their bodies through the part that tigers hurt them when they were trying to catch them. To avoid such incidents from happening, we should not interrupt the ecosystem by trying to hunt for animals.

In a nutshell, tiger poaching is definitely not a good activity, and it is illegal. We humans should not hunt tigers and we should not buy anything made out of tigers. This will reduce the demands of tiger products in the black market and lower the price of tigers which will then prevent tigers from going extinct.
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