Amur Tigers

Smelling the strong scent coming from the east, she follows staying hidden in the trees waiting for the right moment. She stays crouching, wondering if this time she will to catch her prey. The animal stops moving. It knows something is there but they don’t know what. The moment comes, she pounces!

The Siberian tiger is the largest and exceptional cat anyone can think of. Their incredible capability to camouflage comes from their faint stripes. I chose this topic because; the Siberian tiger has stripes that can’t match any other tiger, their amazing ability to camouflage, and their strong bodies fascinate me to learn more about these endangered mammals. I will be discussing how Siberian tigers hunt, where their habitat is, and how we can help these astonishing animals from becoming extinct.

Characteristics:

The Siberian tiger is the largest cat in the world, with the length of 3.3 m. and a tail of 1m (3ft). A Siberian tiger is 6 feet tall! An adult can weigh up to 320 kg (700 lbs.) while a female can weigh up to 180 kg (400 lb.). This endangered mammal can have up to 2 to 6 cubs every two years! They run up to 40 mph. Their stripes are faint to help them camouflage into the environment surrounding them. Most Siberian tigers can live up to 26 years of age in the wild. The scientific name for a Siberian tiger is *Panthera Tigris Altaica.*

Hunting:

Without a doubt you probably think that a Siberian tiger can hunt so easily, sadly they don’t. One reason is because so many committees keep the prey of a Siberian tiger helping them recover from injuries and let them live there but more Siberian’s perish from starvation. Another reason is many hunters hunt or trap tigers prey and kill them. They no longer can hunt in their own territory because their prey has vanished.

Most tigers live and hunt alone, although they will rarely hunt in groups. They lie and wait for the prey to stop moving or move in a direction to have an easier chance to get them. The Siberian’s large front paws and claws help them to capture and tackle their prey. Once they have taken the prey down, they use their long canine teeth to sink into the animal’s neck and suffocate them quickly dragging them to where they please.

Habitat:

Most Siberians live in Eastern Russia, and Northeastern China. Their coats are designed to keep them warm in cold temperatures. They have adapted long fur and fat for insulation. Many have discovered that there has been illegal logging in the Siberian’s habitat. They have revealed that their territory depends on where their food is, most have 10 to 30 sq. miles of territory. Some even have 120 sq. miles! But they have had to leave their territory because so much has destroyed their habitat.

As you can see Siberian tigers are much endangered. The illegal logging has driven and killed many of Siberians from their home. I hope to see many trying to help these amazing creatures. So many can help by contributing to committees trying to stop illegal logging, and trying to save tigers.

<http://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/>

<http://www.worldwildlife.org/species/amur-tiger>

<http://www.lions.org/siberian-tiger.htm>