

Sunderbans tigers will be counted

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April 5: Bangladesh has proposed the West Bengal government to carry out a joint survey to count the number of tigers in the Sunderbans. State minister for environment and forest, Bangladesh, Hassan Mehmud informed this following a meeting with chief minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee at the Writers' Buildings on Monday.

"Sixty per cent area of the Sunderbans falls in Bangladesh while the rest is in India. In 2004, we had 440 tigers. This figure has rose to 450 now. I have proposed Mr Bhattacharjee to conduct a survey jointly by the two governments to count the number of tigers in the Sunderbans," Mr Mehmud said.