

Captured tiger released in wild

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A captured adult Royal Bengal Tiger, a highly endangered species, was today released in the wild of Manas National Park in Assam by the state forest department with help of experts from Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre of Wildlife Trust of India (WTI).

Dr Rathin Barman of WTI said the tiger aged about 6

years was tranquilised by the WTI team in association with the Assam forest department staff at a village at Geleki in Sivasagar district of Assam three days back after the animal had killed two persons and injured several others in the village.

The big cat was then kept at WTI's wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre near Kaziranga National Park and was released in Manas National Park this morning.

The picturesque Manas National Park located at the foothills of Bhutan Himalayas has a Project Tiger running since 1970s. Its existing tiger population is estimated to be over 30.

The forest department and wildlife experts have remained clueless as to how the tiger strayed into a human settlement at Geleki near the Assam-Nagaland boundary as there is no known tiger habitat nearby.