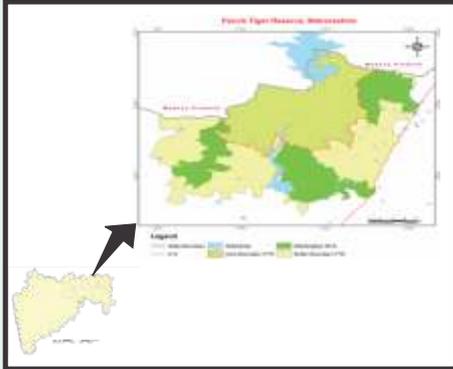


## Map of Pench Tiger Reserve Maharashtra



### Notifications

#### TIGER HABITAT

257.26 Sq.km. Notified on 22 November 1975

#### PENCH TIGER RESERVE

257.26 Sq.km. Notified on 20 June 2000

#### CORE AND CRITICAL BUFFER AREA OF PTR

483.96 Sq.km. Notified on 29 September 2010

#### MANSINGDEO WLS

182.59 Sq.km. Notified on 02 November 2010

#### UNIFIED CONTROL

205.04 Sq.km Notified on 08 July 2014

### Attractions



#### Totladoh Dam

Totladoh dam, is a gravity dam on the Pench river situated inside the Pench Tiger Reserve. The height of the dam above lowest foundation is 74.5 m (244 ft) while the length is 680 m (2,230 ft). The volume content is 972 km<sup>3</sup> (233 cu mi) and gross storage capacity is 1,241,109 km<sup>3</sup> (297,758 cu mi). Totladoh Dam was built between 1975 and 1989. It was dedicated to the nation in October 1992.



#### Ambakhori Waterfall



#### Saddle Dam

## Pench Tiger Reserve-The Forests Made for Tigers

The tiger, India's national animal, it is a symbol of intrinsic part of our Culture. It has been the symbol of magnificence, power, beauty and fierceness and has been associated with bravery and valor. The tiger also has a significant place in Hindu mythology as the vehicle of Goddess Durga.

India is one of the thirteen tiger range countries and has the largest number of tigers.

The Indian government has always made Tiger protection a priority and Project Tiger,

launched in the early seventies, has put the endangered tiger on a definite path to

recovery. As per the 2014 survey on Tiger Census there are approximately 2226 tigers. What better way to search for an

ever elusive view of the creature in its magnificence than to come to the original land of Rudyard Kipling's 'Jungle Book'

and 'Mowgli'; The Pench Tiger Reserve.

The lush green forest, a combination of ain, dhawda, and teak trees, says it all. The undulating terrain of Pench is

covered with small hills and well stocked teak and mixed forest. The main flora being Teak (*Tectona grandis*),

Saja (*Terminalia tomentosa*), Bija (*Pterocarpus marsupium*), Lendia, Haldu, Dhaora, Aonla, Amaltas etc. The

ground is covered with a number of grasses, bushes, herbs & shrubs. Dazzling white Kullu trees scattered around

singly in the forest is conspicuous among various hues of green. The old plantations of Teak & Bamboo add

orderly vistas in the otherwise general wilderness.

Tiger is the main cat species of the park present in good numbers and sightings have become increasingly common

lately. Commonly seen wildlife is chital, sambhar, nilgai, wild boar, and jackal. Other wild animals found are

leopard, sloth bear, wild dog, porcupine, jungle cat, fox, wolves, gaur, chowsingha and barking deer.

There are more than 200 species of birds including several migratory ones. Some of them are peafowl, jungle fowl,

crow pheasant, crimson-breasted barbet, red-vented bulbul, racket-tailed drongo, magpie robin, lesser whistling

teal, pintail, shoveler, egret and herons. The park also boasts of a healthy population of vultures and malabar pied

hornbills.

With increased protection and all round management of wildlife habitats as well as human dwellings, the forests of

Pench is thriving as a pristine patch of greenery in central India not only providing safe protection and breeding

ground for the national animal of India but also a much needed respite for those who wish to surrender themselves

from the hustle bustle of the cities outside. As per the latest census figures there are 23 adult tigers identified in

Pench Tiger Reserve Maharashtra.



National animal of India

## The foot soldiers

### The unsung heroes of the national heritage and the forests



Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF)

The beauty of the nature is best experienced when you become a part of it. Most will agree that there is no better way of relaxation than visiting a forest or a serene location offering untouched closeness to creation which Gods might have planned and executed. The forests of Pench are no different. It is natural beauty situated very close to the urban world of the present day human, The challenges to maintain it in its natural features is not only difficult but a herculean task. With least facilities, leave aside luxuries of a town or city, the foot soldiers of the forest sweat it out night and day to save these patches of splendour. Unlike a modern work place, there are no work stations, amenities like filtered drinking water and electricity, limited sources of entertainment and even food grains. Each and every

minute of the day is duty time. There is danger from animals, reptiles, poisons insects and many times from poachers and greedy humans. You need a lot of motivation and courage to work in such conditions. The foot soldiers viz. van pal, van rakshak, van majoors, personnel of the special tiger protection force are entrusted to protect these forests and it is because of their dedication and efforts the Pench Tiger Reserve has attained such beauty and the animals and birds have found a protected habitat to breed and dwell in. It is appropriate to salute such unsung heroes whose work is often unnoticed but leaves an everlasting impact on our future generations.

“Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed.”

M K Gandhi

# The Jungle Book By Rudyard Kipling

(Conceptualised on the Landscape of Pench in central India)



Rudyard Kipling

The Pench Tiger Reserve and its neighborhood is the original setting of Rudyard Kipling's most famous work, The Jungle Book. Joseph Rudyard Kipling was born in India in 1865. he traveled widely during his life, living in England, India, the United States and South Africa. During his second visit to India, from 1882 to 1889, he worked as a journalist, keeping exhaustive notes about life in that country. These notes became the basis of many books, including the children's story the Jungle Book. Kipling was an immensely popular author during his lifetime, producing a vast amount of novels, poems, a semi-autobiography and several collection of short stories. His poem of is now included in innumerable anthologies around the world, and the Disney version of The Jungle Book became one of the most popular children's films of all time. He received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1907.

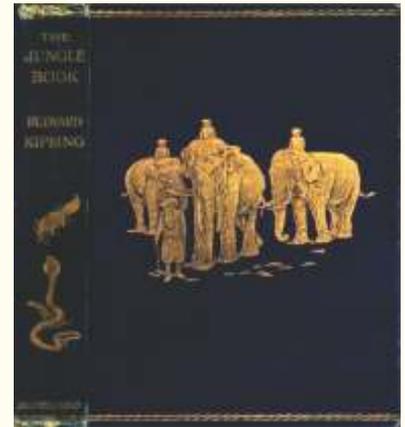
## Night-Song in the Jungle

Now Chil the kite brings home the night  
That Mung the Bat sets free -  
The herds and shut in byre and hut,  
For loosed till dawn are power,  
Talon and tush and claw.  
Oh, hear the call! - Good hunting all  
That keep the Jungle Law!



### Mowgli

is the young hero of The Jungle Book. It was often claimed that 'Mowgli' meant frog in the language of the jungle and that the human 'cub' was given this name because, like frogs, he had no fur. However, this is a name Kipling made up.



Picture of original book Embossed cover from the original edition of The Jungle Book based on art by John Lockwood Kipling (Rudyard's father).



## The Officials of Pench Tiger Reserve



### Chief Conservator of Forest & Field Director

Name	Area	Date of Birth	Education	Date of Joining Department
 Mr. M.Srinivasa Reddy (IFS)	Pench Tiger Reserve Maharashtra	15/08/1969	M.Tech	1993

### Deputy Director

Name	Area	Date of Birth	Education	Date of Joining Department
 Mr. D.H. Raut	Pench Tiger Reserve Maharashtra	14/12/1957	M.Sc. M.Phil.	07/01/1989

### Assistant Conservator of Forest

Name	Range	Date of Birth	Education	Date of Joining Department
 Mr. Nandkishor Kale (EGS & Wildlife)	West Pench & STPF (Addi. Charge)	18/08/1975	M.Sc. (Phy)	18/07/2011
 Smt. Dipali Talmale (Anti-Poaching Unit)	East Pench	25/05/1981	M.Sc (Agri)	20/07/2011

### Range Forest Officers (2014-15)

 Shri. G.P. Bobade RFO, East Pench,	 Shri. P.N. Naik RFO, Chorbauli	 Shri. U.P. Dhotekar RFO, West Pench,	 Shri. D.N. Tonde RFO, Deolapar	 Shri. N.R. Gawande RFO,Nagalwadi
 Shri. R.N. Bhongade RFO, Saleghat	 Shri. Fulsing Rathod RFO, STPF	 Shri. Syyed Rizvi RFO, Pauni	 Shri. Mahadev Pokale RFO, STPF	 Shri. Madhukar Fulpagare RFO,STPF

## Activities in the year 2014-15



**At Pench**  
..the jungle never sleeps  
&  
the action never ENDS.....



Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur  
**Phase - IV Census Data**



PTRMS 1



PTRMS 7



PTRMS 13



PTRMS 19



PTRMS 2



PTRMS 8



PTRMS 14



PTRMS 20



PTRMS 3



PTRMS 9



PTRMS 15



PTRMS 21



PTRMS 4



PTRMS 10



PTRMS 16



PTRMS 22



PTRMS 5



PTRMS 11



PTRMS 17



PTRMS 23



PTRMS 6



PTRMS 12



PTRMS 18





## Guest Column

# The Pench Tiger Reserve - Pride of Maharashtra

Along the border of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh lies a shared forested treasure whose beauty inspired Rudyard Kipling to write *The Jungle Book* – the Pench National Park. The beauty and splendour of this moist deciduous forest is unparalleled. Named after the Pench river, this stunning expanse of tigerland spreads across the Satpuda hills, from Maharashtra to Madhya Pradesh. In this week watered terrain forests give way to open swathes of grassy blanks that enable thousands of herbivores to thrive. It is these chital, sambar and wild pigs that are key to the survival of the tigers of Pench. Declared a tiger reserve in 2000, Pench is now one of India's most popular wildlife tourism destinations. The resurrection of Pench was not a chance happening. It took years of dedication, and courage, and perseverance on the part of a courageous team of tiger defenders led by M.S. Reddy, who built on the hard work of his predecessors who fought insurmountable odds to give tigers in this central Indian forest an extra lease on life. It was precisely for such reasons that Maharashtra was declared the Best Tiger State in India.



*Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri. Devendra Fadnavis honours the women comrades of Maharashtra's Special Tiger Protection Force at the Sanctuary Wildlife Awards 2014 ceremony in Mumbai.*



*Today, Maharashtra has blossomed into a promising leader in tiger protection. Seen here are former Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan, former Forest Minister Patangrao Kadam and some talented wildlife photographers at the launch of Sanctuary Asia's coffee table book Wild Maharashtra in 2012.*



Sillari Gate, Pench Tiger Reserve Maharashtra

# Photo Gallery

