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## National Tiger Conservation Authority

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## National Tiger Conservation Authority

- National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) is a **statutory body** under the **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**.
- It was established in **2005** following the recommendations of the Tiger Task Force.
- It was constituted under enabling provisions of the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**, as amended in 2006, for strengthening tiger conservation, as per powers and functions assigned to it.

## Project Tiger

- **Project Tiger** is an ongoing **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change providing **central assistance to the tiger States for tiger conservation** in designated tiger reserves.
- India now has as many as **2,967 tigers** in the wild, with more than half of them in **Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka**, according to the latest tiger estimation report for 2018.
- The population of tigers have **increased by 33%** since the last census in 2014 when the total estimate was 2,226.