

# EDZOOICATION ACTIVITY: WORLD TIGER DAY



Tigers are easily recognized by their bright orange fur and black stripes. They are popularly used as characters in childhood books and movies – even tasty cereals! Did you know three of nine tiger species are extinct?! Deforestation and the illegal pet trade are major factors contributing to their decline in numbers. We must take action to ensure the survival of the remaining species. Make responsible consumer choices that help save tigers by researching sustainable palm oil.

## TIGER NUMBERS

The tiger is classified into nine subspecies:

- **Javan, Caspian, Bali – EXTINCT**
- **South-China subspecies – most likely extinct in the wild, with no signs of its existence in the last decade.**
- **Bengal, Indochinese, Sumatran, Siberian and Malayan – endangered or critically endangered**

## TIGER TAKEOVER

In many cultures, masks are used as a symbol of protection. Help the Virginia Zoo protect tigers and raise awareness by making your very own tiger mask!

Follow these easy steps.

1. **Simply print out the mask.**
2. **Color or embellish it to suit your style.**
3. **Cut out the eyeholes.**
4. **Tie yarn or elastic string to the sides.**

**SHARE YOUR MASK ON SOCIAL  
MEDIA WITH #VIRGINIAZOO**

