

## Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) of Tiger Reserves in India



Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) is the assessment of how well protected areas such as national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, conservation reserves, community reserves and tiger reserves are being managed and their effectiveness in conserving target flora and fauna.

From June, 2010 to July, 2011 the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in partnership with the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) undertook an independent Management Effectiveness Evaluation of all 39 tiger reserves in the country.

The Indian MEE exercise conducted by independent evaluators is a step forward in achieving the goal *‘to expand and institutionalize management effectiveness assessments to work towards assessing 60 per cent of the total area of protected areas by 2015 and ensure that the results of assessments are implemented and integrated into other assessments under PoWPA’*.



The MEE process used the IUCN-WCPA global framework and included 30 headline indicators relevant for Indian tiger reserves.

### Summary of MEE Process of Tiger Reserves (2010-11)

Rating	Number of Tiger Reserves	Percentage
Very Good	15	38
Good	12	31
Satisfactory	8	21
Poor	4	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	

Compared to MEE process undertaken in 2005-06 there was a 7% increase in the category 'Very Good/ Good' in 2010-11 and a general improvement in management of a majority of tiger reserves.

Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan, Hon'ble Minister of Environment & Forests (Independent Charge), Government of India said '*outcomes of this assessment are encouraging and despite all odds, our park managers and frontline staff are putting up a valiant effort to conserve our natural heritage*'.

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The MEE report is available at

[http://www2.wii.gov.in/publications/researchreports/2011/tiger/mee\\_tiger\\_2011.pdf](http://www2.wii.gov.in/publications/researchreports/2011/tiger/mee_tiger_2011.pdf)

The MEE brochure is available at

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