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*The cabinet on June 16 agreed on initiatives to save the Malayan tiger from extinction.* FILE PIC

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# 9 ACTIONS TO SAVE TIGERS

## 200 remaining Malayan tigers in the wild may vanish in 10 years, says minister

MALAYSIA may lose its Malayan tigers within five to 10 years if drastic action is not taken immediately, the Dewan Rakyat was told yesterday.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Parliament and Law) Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said there were fewer than 200 Malayan tigers left in the wild.

This was based on the findings of the First National Tiger Survey that was conducted from 2016 to last year.

Recognising this, he said the cabinet on June 16 had agreed on nine strategic actions to be carried out for the conservation of the Malayan tiger for 10 years from 2021 to 2030.

The strategic actions would be based on three approaches.

"First is by strengthening enforcement, ground patrols, and preservation and conservation of the natural habitat of Malayan tigers," he said.

"Second is by improving good governance and effectiveness in the implementation of conservation efforts.

"This will be done through the establishment of the National Tiger Conservation Task Force, the Malayan Tiger conservation unit under the Wildlife Department, Wildlife Crime Bureau under the police, and the strengthening of the National Wildlife Forensic Laboratory as a centre of excellence for ex-situ conservation of the tiger.

"Third is by strengthening initiatives to ensure the survival of Malayan tiger species through the provision of innovative financial instruments and the Malayan tiger habitat accreditation scheme," Wan Junaidi said in reply to a question from Che Alias Hamid (Pas-Kemaman).

Che Alias had asked about efforts made by the ministry to ensure that the Malayan tiger, which is the country's iconic species, would not go extinct.

Wan Junaidi said it was hoped that the strategic actions could provide significant results in ensuring the survival of the tigers.