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Malayan tiger at risk of extinction

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PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia may lose its tigers in their natural habitats within the next five to 10 years if no extraordinary measures are taken now to prevent it from happening, said Energy and Natural Resources Minister Datuk Seri Dr Shamsul Anuar Nasarah.

He said the Malayan tiger population was at a worrying level and estimated to number between 250 and 340 only in the peninsula's tropical rainforests in 2014 compared with about 3,000 in the 1950s.

The minister said this when officiating at a webinar held in conjunction with the World Tiger Day 2021 celebration themed "Malayan Tigers: Their Survival, Our Shared Responsibility" yesterday.

Shamsul Anuar said the declining Malayan tiger population was due to several factors such as loss of habitat and food sources resulting from deforestation and lopsided land use.

He said the Malayan tiger had also been the main target of hunting activities and illegal animal trade due to high demand in the black market.

Shamsul Anuar was previously reported to have said that the government had identified some strategic actions to boost the initiatives in the protection and preservation of habitats of Malaysia's unique tiger species.

He said high-impact initiatives would be undertaken, including enforcement patrols and control in the Malayan tiger's habitats, to combat encroachment and illegal hunting, while his ministry was also in the process of amending the Wildlife Conservation Act 2010 for heavier penalties to be imposed. – Bernama

