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# Injured Malaysian tiger caught, treated by Wildlife Rescue Centre

**KUALA TERENGGANU:** A male Malaysian tiger was captured at an oil palm plantation in Felda Kerteh 3, near Dungun, said the Terengganu Department of Wildlife and National Parks (Perhilitan).  
The male tiger, estimated to be between 14 and 16 years old and weighing over 160 kg, was successfully caught after being shot with a tranquilliser dart, said the National

Wildlife Rescue Centre (NWRC) senior wildlife assistant officer Nik Mohd Zamani Awang.  
"Checks found that the tiger had three gunshot wounds on its hind legs. The tiger will be moved to the NWRC in Sungkai for treatment and observation," he said yesterday.  
The tiger, found around 3km from where it was discovered by villagers, was exhausted due to its injuries.

Two videos of the wounded tiger had gone viral on social media and were believed to have been recorded by Indonesian plantation workers who stumbled upon the animal.  
Meanwhile, Terengganu Perhilitan director Dr Abdul Malek Mohd Yusof did not rule out the possibility that the tiger was responsible for prior attacks on cattle owned by Felda Kerteh 3 and Kerteh 4 settlers.

"The tiger's capture will hopefully alleviate the concerns of residents in the area who feared for their safety due to increased tiger attacks since late last year," he said.  
The four-hour operation, which began at 8am on Monday was led by NWRC from Sungkai, Perak with the cooperation of 15 Perhilitan personnel from Dungun and Kemaman.

According to the Malaysian Conservation Alliance for Tigers, the Malaysian Tiger species found here is unique to the peninsula.  
The tigers are considered critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.  
It is estimated that there are fewer than 200 left in the wild and their population is threatened by poachers and deforestation. — Bernama