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How Thailand's Tiger Temple's connection to the illegal wildlife trade highlights the need to close all tiger farms in Asia



THE TIGER TEMPLE

Wat Pha Luang Ta Bua Yanasampanno

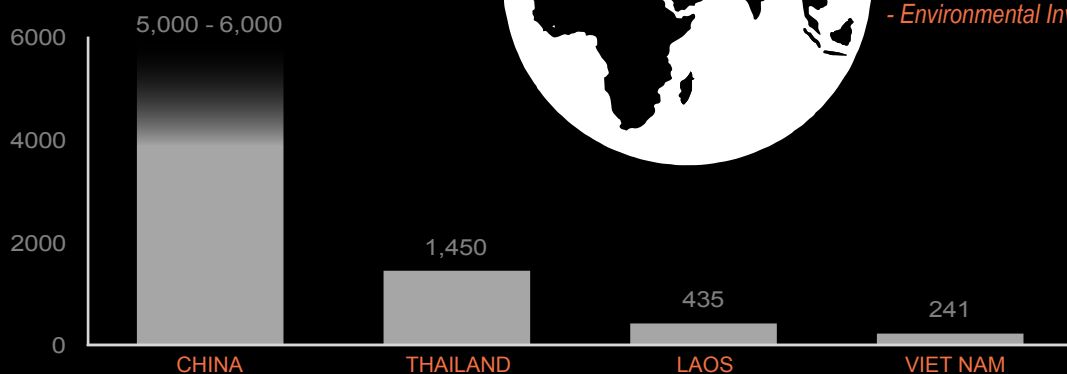


In June 2016 a raid by the Thai Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation uncovered:

137 adult tigers
40 frozen tiger cubs
30 preserved tiger cubs
1000 tiger skin amulets

The Tiger Temple is just one of many facilities suspected to participate in the illegal trade of tigers and tiger products

Tiger breeding facilities have substantially increased across Asia over the last 15 years



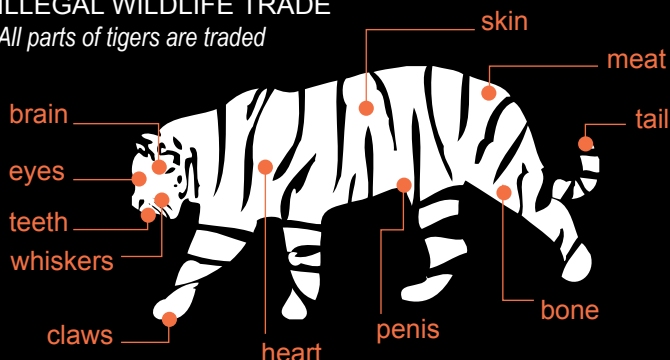
ASIA

China, Laos, Thailand, Viet Nam

More than 200 facilities now hold 7,000 - 8,000 captive tigers in Asia
- Environmental Investigation Agency

ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE

All parts of tigers are traded



Such facilities undermine efforts to halt illegal trade by complicating enforcement, normalizing and legitimising sale of tiger products, which enhances demand