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## **India recorded 95 tiger deaths in 2018, 41 outside reserves-NTCA chief says many animals venture into habitations, which increases the possibility of human-animal conflicts and results in deaths**

- According to the National Tiger Conservation Authority's (NTCA) records till December 2018, there were 95 cases of tiger deaths in the country.
- Of this, 41 cases of tiger deaths outside tiger reserves have been reported.
- The NTCA maintains the official database of tiger mortality in the country, and compiles figures from reports sent by different States on the basis of recovery of bodies or seizure of body parts.

### **Reasons for Tiger Death**

- One of the major reason why tigers are dying in Maharashtra is because many of the tigers are living outside tiger reserves.
- In several areas, tigers are not only living outside reserve areas, but are venturing into human dominated landscapes, which increases the probability of human-animal conflict and results in deaths.

### **3 states**

- After Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh recorded 22 deaths (11 outside and 11 inside tiger reserves), followed by Karnataka, with 15 deaths (six outside tiger reserves and nine inside) being recorded.
- Three States comprise 60% of tiger deaths.

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