



**Virtual Exhibition on occasion of World Lion Day To Spread
the Awareness and Conservation of Lions Organized by
Gujarat University Library.**





World Lion Day



The world Lion day is observed across the globe on August 10 every year and aims to awareness and educates people about lions and issues concerning the conservation of the species.

The Asiatic Lion found in India is listed as endangered in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list and are found mainly in the restricted Gir forest and its surrounding areas.

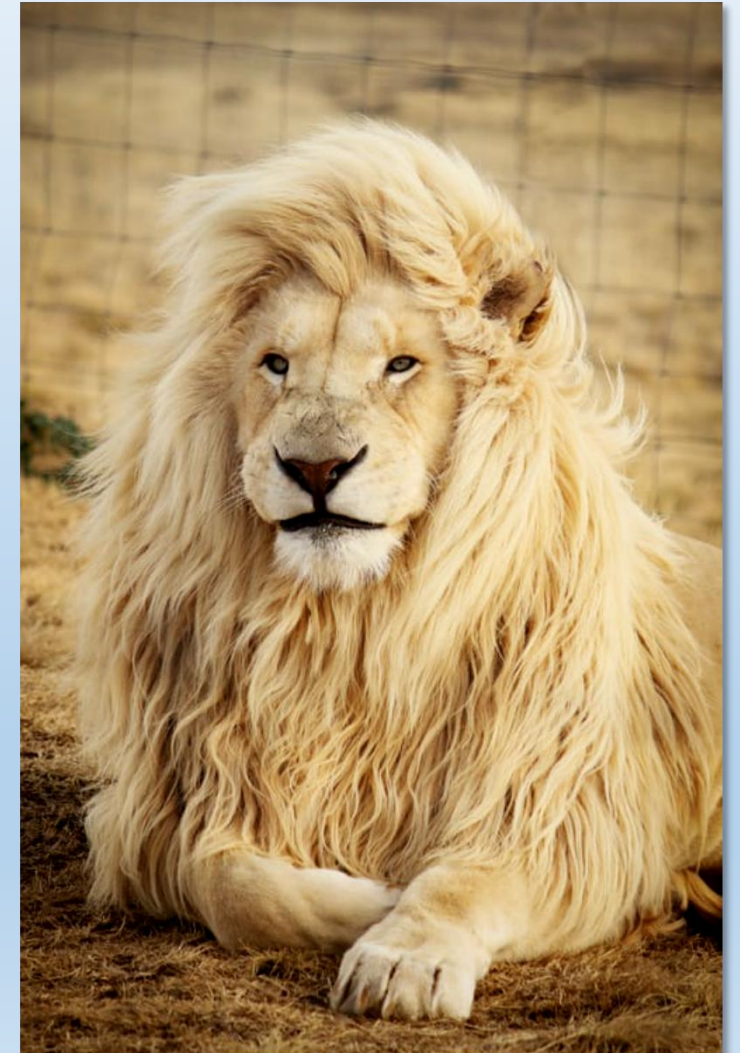




Importance of Lions in Forest



- On 10 August, lots of people will be marking World Lion Day - a special day to highlight the importance of protecting these amazing animals.
- With their size, strength, huge teeth and massive paws, it only takes one roar to see why they're called the kings of the jungle!
- They are used across the world as symbols of courage and strength. Lions are also very social animals and are the only big cat to live in a group, called a pride.
- But they are vulnerable to extinction in the wild, with only around 20,000 left due to several factors, including loss of habitat and food shortages.





African Lions



COMMON NAME: African lions

SCIENTIFIC NAME: Panthera leo

TYPE: Mammals

DIET: Carnivore

GROUP NAME: Pride

SIZE: Head and body, 4.5 to 6.5 feet; tail, 26.25 to 39.5 inches

WEIGHT: 265 to 420 pounds

African lions have been admired throughout history for as symbols of courage and strength. These iconic animals have powerful bodies—in the cat family, they're second in size only to tigers—and roars that can be heard from five miles away. An adult lion's coat is yellow-gold, and juveniles have some light spots that disappear with age. Only male lions typically boast manes, the impressive fringe of long hair that encircles their heads.

African lions are revered the world over, but their population has shrunk in half over the past 25 years. Conflict with humans is one of the greatest threats they face.



Asiatic Lions



COMMON NAME: Asiatic Lion

SCIENTIFIC NAME: Panthera leo persica

TYPE: Mammals

DIET: Carnivore

GROUP NAME: Pride

AVERAGE LIFE SPAN IN THE WILD: 16 to 18 years

WEIGHT: 300 to 500 pounds

SIZE RELATIVE TO A 6-FT MAN:

Sasan Gir Lions is an pride of Gujarat State.

Lions are the only cats that live in groups, called prides. Prides are family units that may include up to three males, a dozen or so females, and their young. All of a pride's lionesses are related and female cubs typically stay with the group as they age. Young males eventually leave and may establish their own prides by taking over a group headed by another male.

Nearly all wild lions live in sub-Saharan Africa, but one small population of Asiatic lions exists in India's Gir Forest. Asiatic lions and African lions are subspecies of the same species.

Asiatic lions once prowled from the Middle East to India. Now, only a fraction of these magnificent animals survive in the wild. The Gir Forest's dry teak woods were once a royal hunting ground. Today they are a reserve where these at-risk big cats are heavily protected.



Lions Had Lost Kingdoms



LOST KINGDOM

Lions were once found on three continents but have since disappeared from 94 percent of their historic range. Now fewer than 25,000 wild lions are estimated to remain in Africa.

A group of around 600 Asiatic lions are isolated at a national park in India.

The iconic species has disappeared from 94 percent of its historic range, which once included almost the entire African continent but is now limited to less than 660,000 square miles. With fewer than an estimated 25,000 in Africa, lions are listed as vulnerable to extinction by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, which determines the conservation status of species.





Lions Of Sasan Gir Gujarat

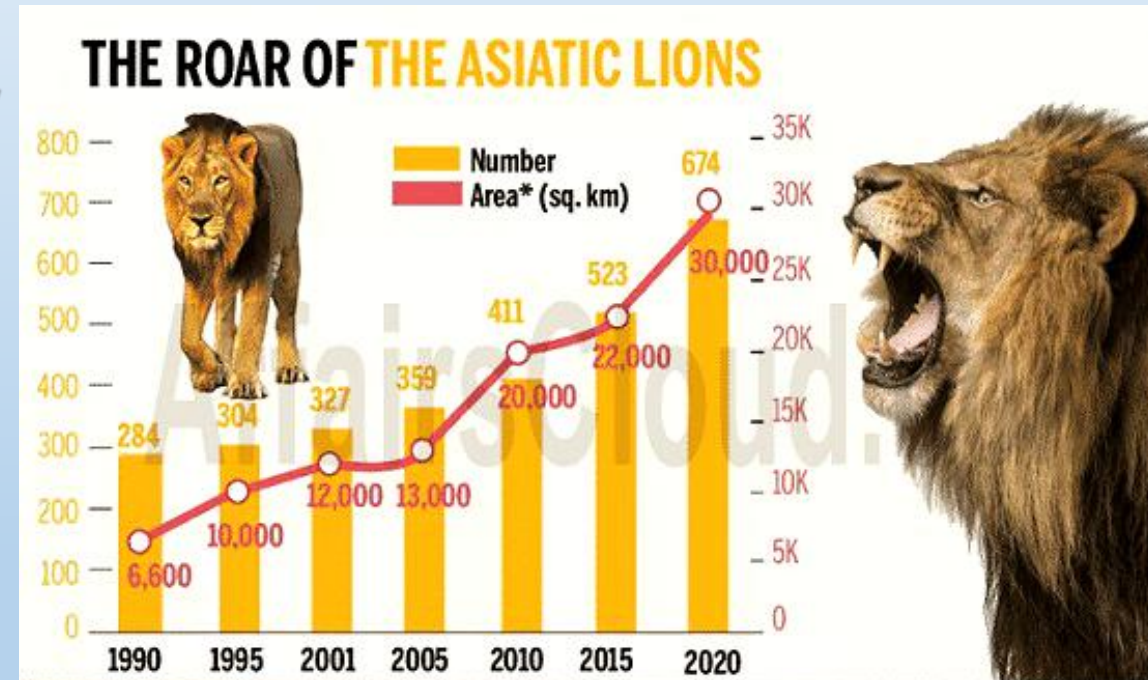


Gir National Park & Wildlife Sanctuary is the last shelter of the surviving population of the Asiatic Lion. The park stretched in 1412 sq. km of deciduous forest covering semi-evergreen and evergreen flora, acacia, scrub jungle, grasslands and rocky hills.

The Gujarat forest department has said that the Asiatic Lion population in Gir national park has increased by 29% in the past 5 years from 523 in 2015 to 674 in 2020. The population of the lion was 411 in 2010 and 359 in 2005.

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Gir has about 674 lions and 300 leopards, making it as one of the major 'big cat' concentrations in India.





Govt had Taken Steps to Protect The King of Jungle

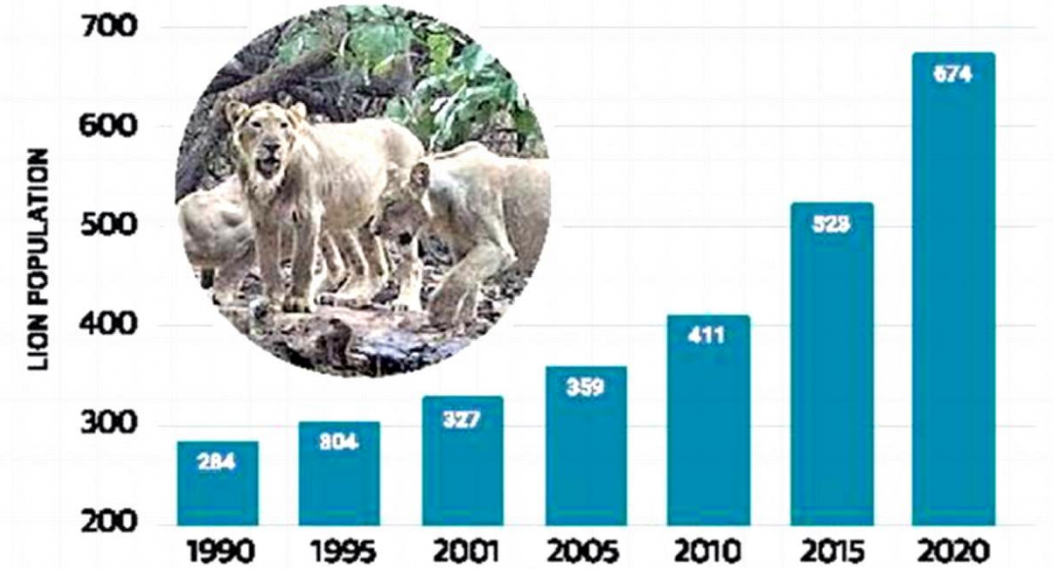


Gujarat prides itself on hosting Asiatic lions exclusively, and their numbers have now risen to an estimated 674 in the Gir forest region and other revenue areas of coastal Saurashtra.

“Over the last several years, the lion population in Gujarat has been steadily rising. This is powered by community participation, emphasis on technology, wildlife healthcare, proper habitat management and steps to minimise human-lion conflict. Hope this positive trend continues!”

More the merrier

The number of Asiatic lions in Gir forest in Gujarat has increased by nearly 30% between 2015 and 2020, the highest rise between two census years





How Do we Conserve The Iconic Pride of Jungle



- **Studying the animals in the field to track population trends, measure the level of human persecution, identify and address additional threats, and gather other important data.**
- **Developing a cooperative outreach strategy with local livestock farmers and other land users to reduce the killing of lions.**
- **Working with local schools to educate students about lions and other native wildlife.**
- **Supporting children's centers to provide out-of-school education programs to promote wildlife conservation among future generations.**
- **All the Education institutions, Schools, Colleges Had to spread Awareness about the Conservation of Lions. By the Help of Social Media Tools, Make an PPT and share it on Social Media and Press So our Mission of Awareness to protect Lions will spread to the large number of Peoples.**





Now is the Time to stop the loss and bring lions back to landscapes across the continent.



Lions are truly one of the world's universal icons, and they are quietly slipping away.

By Spreading Awareness Education which aims to educate audiences about the lion crisis and encourage them to support to conservation projects.



Some Glimpse of The Asiatic and African Lions





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