

Breaking Story

Tigers Take The Night Shift To Coexist With People



Tigers don't have a reputation for being accommodating, but a new study indicates that the feared and revered carnivores in and around a world-renowned park in Nepal are taking the night shift to better coexist with their human neighbors. The revelation that tigers and people are sharing exactly the same space – such as the same roads and trails – of Chitwan National Park flies in the face of long-held convictions in conservation circles. It also underscores how successful conservation efforts need science that takes into account both nature and humans. "As our planet becomes more crowded, we need to find creative solutions that

consider both human and natural systems," said Jianguo "Jack" Liu, who with Ph.D. student Neil Carter and three Nepalese scholars wrote a paper published in this week's *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. "Sustainability can be achieved if we have a good understanding of the complicated connections between both worlds. We've found something very interesting is happening in Nepal that holds promise for both humans and nature to thrive."

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