

Video: Camera traps show what lies within Myanmar's lowland forests

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Monitor lizard, Malayan porcupine, Indochinese tiger, Malayan tapir, great argus pheasant, sun bear and gaur. No, this isn't the answer to the question "what are your seven favorite forest-dwelling animals?" Instead,

these species have all shown up on camera traps installed by Fauna & Flora International (FFI) teams in the Tanintharyi region of southern Myanmar.

Tanintharyi's lowland forests represent Myanmar's last remaining habitat for tigers and other [rare species](#), including the only known viable population of the critically endangered Gurney's pitta. In fact, FFI-led surveys of the southern Tanintharyi region recorded 166 species that are considered threatened on the IUCN Red List. A multitude of factors contribute to the region's high threatened species count. Expansion of monoculture plantations, hunting, logging and [road construction](#) all contribute to the decline of Tanintharyi's wildlife.

In partnership with the Myanmar government and [local communities](#), FFI is addressing these threats. One key approach is expanding community forest management through community forestry and building capacity in camera trapping and threat monitoring. Not only do [camera traps](#) provide crucial information about the distribution of wild animals and insight into the threats these species may face, they also give us a chance to observe their behavior and admire their beauty.

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