

TIGERHOMES SANCTUARY – GOLDEN TIGER HABITAT



Sherikon, the Sanctuary's female Golden Tiger finds a cool shady spot to rest. The Golden Tiger Habitat is just beautiful and provides a spacious habitat with lush foliage and ground cover, shrubs, vining plants that cascade to the sky, palms and shade trees for these extremely rare Golden Tigers. The animals also use these large rocks as thermal regulators to adjust their body temperature from ambient temperatures.

Marcan, the Sanctuary's male Golden Tiger is Sherikon's companion within this habitat. Here you can see Sherikon quite at home resting in her natural den under some giant boulders strategically positioned to offer shade and shelter to accommodate these magnificent animals that weigh in at 350-400 lbs.

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Meet Marcan, the Sanctuary's Male Golden Tiger. Marcan is just magnificent! He has the distinction of being one of the rarest animals in the world. Less than 50-60 Golden Tigers exist in the world today and all are in captivity. Marcan shares the Golden Tiger habitat with his companion, Sherikon and can often be seen on TigerHomes Cams patrolling the habitat perimeter exhibiting the same natural behaviors he would have in the wild.

Tigers typically use scent marking to establish territory bounds and it is amazing to watch Marcan as he tends to his duties. The "Golden" coloring is a variation from the "orange/black" standard coat of the Siberian Tiger. "Goldens" are not a separate subspecies but actually a extremely rare color morph. Golden Tigers, are sometimes called "Strawberry Tigers" and none are known to exist in the wild. Siberian Tigers are a highly Endangered species. Like all Tigers, Marcan is a Wild animal and treated with extreme caution. Marcan has earned his "Tiger Stripes" and the reputation of being one on the most dangerous animals housed at the Sanctuary.

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Sherikon – “Licking her Chops” ~ Thanks for Lunch Dave!

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Sherikon Exploring or Looking for “Tiger Tidbits”!

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Sherikon – Rear View & Full Body. Sherikon is a GORGEOUS ANIMAL!

TIGERHOMES SANCTUARY – THE SANCTUARY GROUNDS



TigerHomes Sanctuary is a well maintained, lush tropical paradise. Here you can see a photo of one of the Windmills standing sentry to the elements. This area of the grounds has undergone "clean-up" after the 2005 Hurricane damage. From these photos you can begin to appreciate the size of the Sanctuary and take-in some of its natural beauty. You see lawns sculptured with rock gardens of crotons, flowering shrubs, ferns, many species of palms. The undergrowth canopy at TigerHomes provides refuge and shelter to many native wildlife species. You can hear the sounds of the forest here and the grounds are filled with butterflies and birds of every kind including hummingbirds, owls and hawks.

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TIGERHOMES SANCTUARY – THE SANCTUARY GROUNDS – BAMBOO



Here is a photo of Dave explaining to us just how fast Bamboo grows! He was explaining the growth ratio of the bamboo is directly related to the circumference of the stalk. Bamboo is an environmentalist's dream come true. It is one of the world's fastest growing plants. In many instances Bamboo is finding its way more and more into our homes as it replaces the use of hardwood deciduous trees.

Tigerhomes Sanctuary has giant bamboo stands surrounding the perimeter. Extremely fast growing, bamboo is an excellent regenerating natural resource. These stands were toppled by the Hurricanes of 2005. Root bases were dug back in with the plants trimmed and stood back up and the recovery is amazing. Long stalks are cut and used particularly in the Lemur habitats to simulate their wild environment. The Lemurs very much enjoy the tender Bamboo shoots and from TigerHomes Cams you can see them climbing, playing and resting on the stalks.