



Making Voluntary Resettlement Work

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create or expand 245
protected areas worldwide.

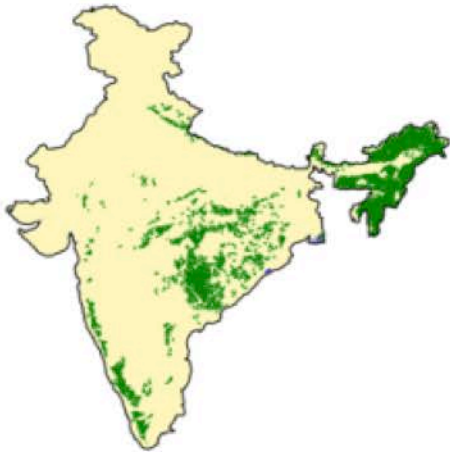
Today, WCS helps manage or
support protected areas
in 60 countries.



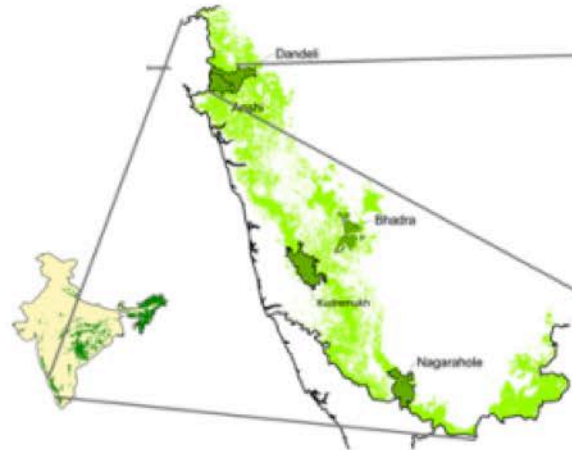
Protected Areas: 4%



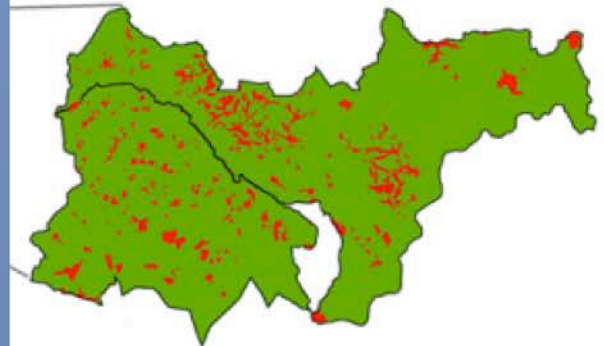
Current Forest Cover



Forests are fragmented but have scattered PAs



PAs are Honeycombed with Human Enclosures





Families are marooned



Conflict with wildlife

Voluntary Relocation Packages

Offered by Government of India



Cash option

\$16,290 per family

“family”: Individual >18 yrs./handicapped/widow



Land option

\$16,290 per family

3 acres of land; house; civic amenities

Voluntary Relocation

Conflict Mitigation | Social Welfare





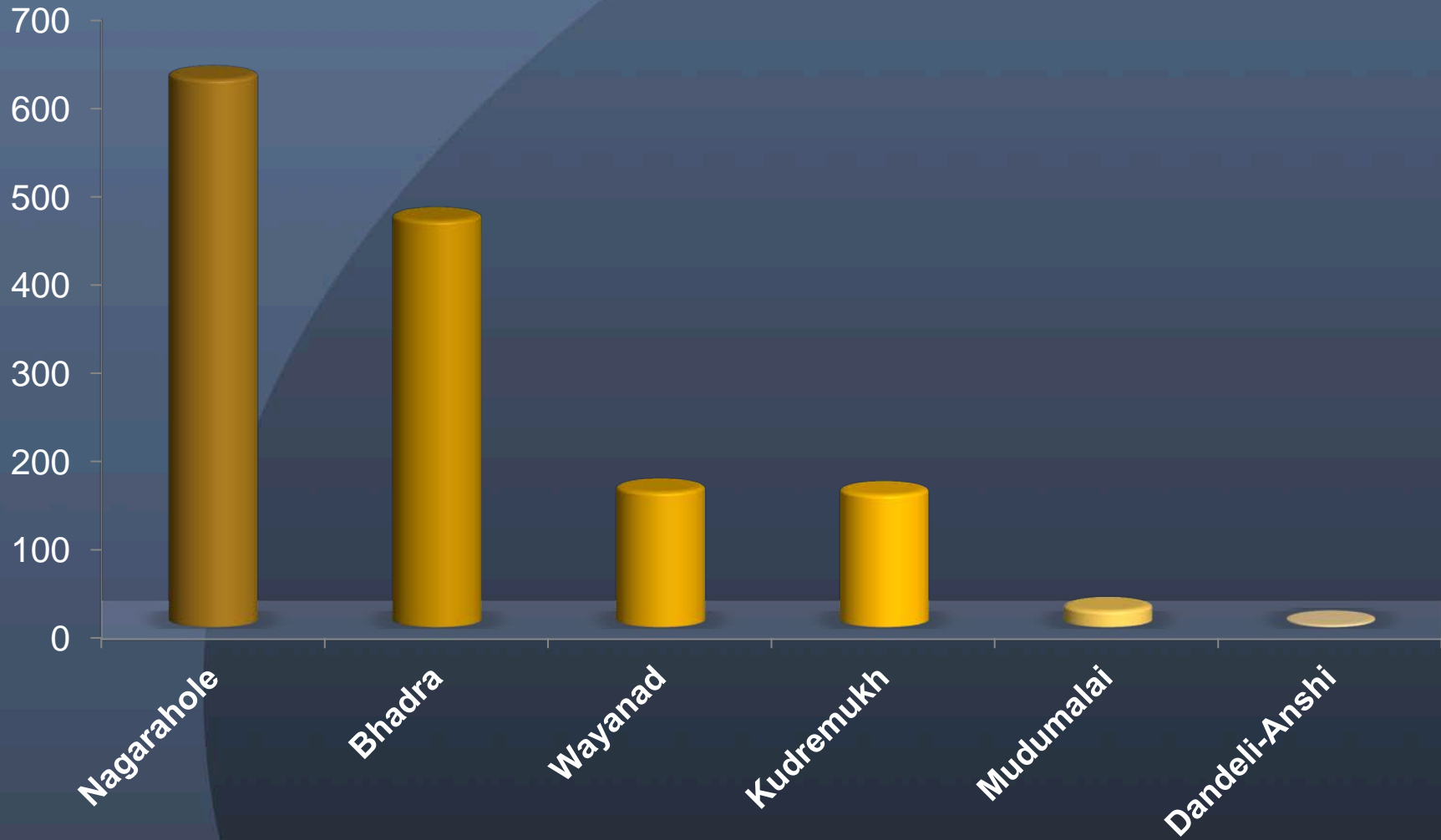
Improved housing



Improved agriculture opportunities

Households Resettled

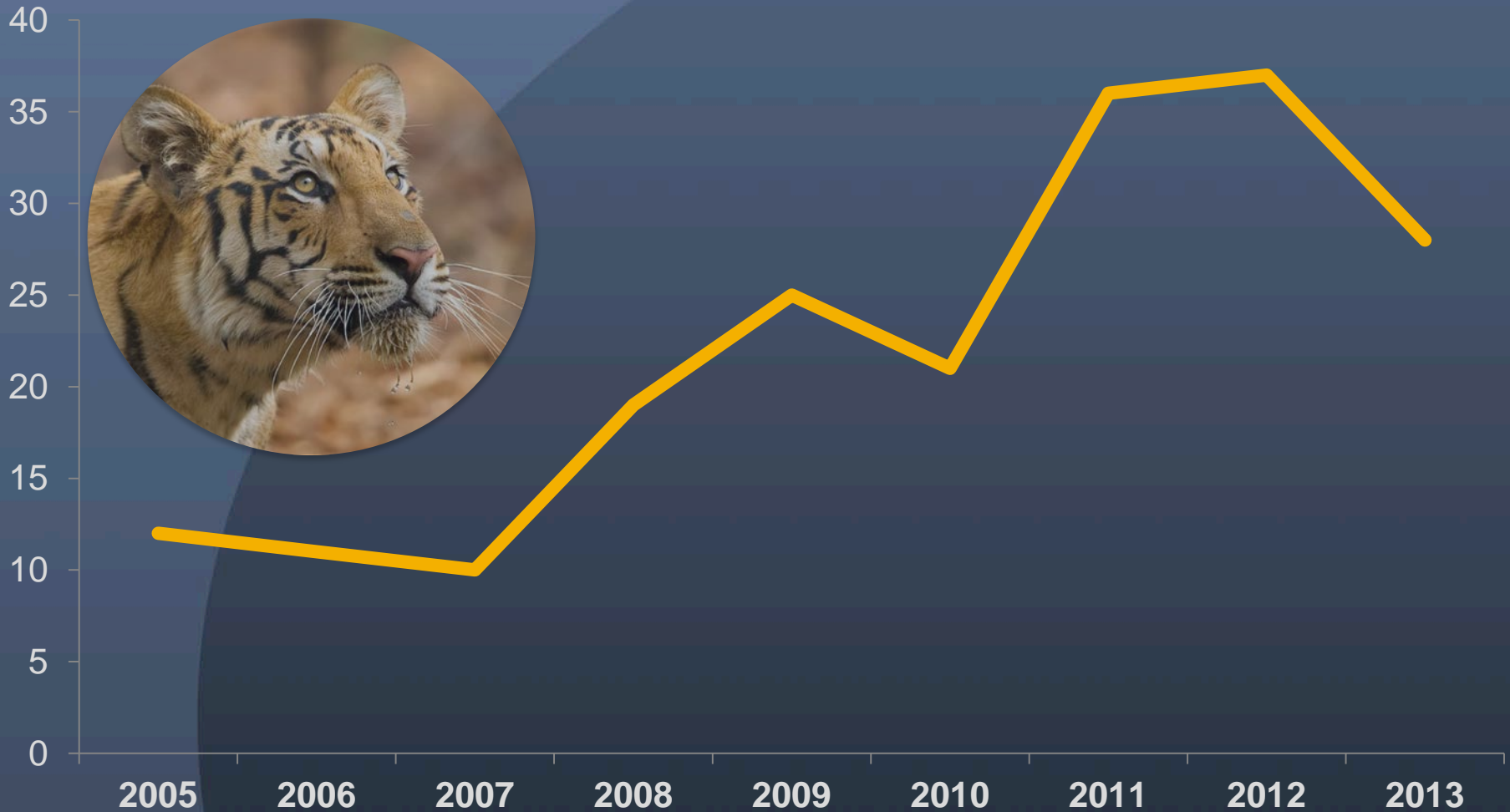
WCS-Government partnership





Ungulate numbers increase

Tiger Numbers



Bhadra Tiger Reserve



Summary

Recognize parks as essential for the conservation of many species of megafauna

Consider using fair, transparent, voluntary resettlement in parks to create win-win solutions for wildlife & people

Acknowledge the changing needs and aspirations of local communities within a dynamic economic context



Thank You.

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