

Tasmanian Tiger

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Why in news?

- Tasmania's Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) has recently released a document detailing eight reported sightings of the Tasmanian tiger, or thylacine, in the last three years.

About it:

- The Tasmanian Tiger or thylacine (a dog-headed pouched dog) was an exclusively carnivorous marsupial that **is considered to be extinct according to the IUCN.**
- It is a **mammal** of an order whose **members are born incompletely developed and are typically carried and suckled in a pouch on the mother's belly.**
- Marsupials are **found chiefly in Australia and New Guinea, and also in America.**
- It was confined to Tasmania in recent times and **disappeared from mainland Australia over 2000 years ago.**
- The last known thylacine died in captivity over 80 years ago, in Tasmania's Hobart Zoo in 1936.
- It is **also known as the Tasmanian Wolf and bears some resemblance to a dog.**