

Chang Puak Camp

First Visit: 5th April 2019

There were two ligers as well as three tigers at the camp. Two of these tigers were white and had crossed eyes. One of the white tiger was Christmas, a cub we had seen at Hua Hin Safari Park in 2018.

Ligers and white tigers are only possible through inbreeding and cross-breeding, neither of which should be promoted in a facility. All of the animals were on short chains out in an enclosure. The tigers are either on paving stones or grass but cannot really stand up and walk around easily due to the length of the chain.

The enclosures are built on the same lines as those at Hua Hin Safari Park. There is grass and a few trees but these are protected so the tigers cannot reach the trunks to scratch. There were no ponds and no enrichment provided. It is unclear whether these tigers get to enjoy these enclosures off the chain.

Cages line the side of the enclosures. These are the standard Thai style cage – barren with a concrete floor.

No water was provided for the tigers outside and one was panting and fidgety. The overall body condition was poor – most of them were overweight.

