

Mukdahan Tiger Zoo & Farm

First Visit: 16th April 2019

Though listed as a zoo this is very much a tiger farm. There was no one there when our researchers arrived bar a handful of workers. Our researchers were able to walk around the area without anyone interrupting.

The cages were set up in the same way that many facilities are in Thailand. All tigers lived in barren concrete-floored cages. Most had a small platform, but there were no ponds or enrichment. Clean water was available to all.

There were no outside enclosures nor was there any natural vegetation in any of the cages.

The social groupings of the tigers seemed to vary. Tigers that appeared to be under 2 years old were kept together. There were clear breeding pairs living together and the rest were solitary. There were lions and tigers kept together. Round the back of the compound was a large liger living with a leopard.

It appears that this facility could also be linked with Hua Hin Safari Park.

For the most part the tigers were in good shape, most had good body condition scores. A lot of the tigers were very friendly, coming over to interact with the researchers. However, a lot of **pacing was also observed.**