

## Passage 4

## **Tasmanian Tigers**

Scientists and researchers from across the globe have devoted much of their time and research to find whether the Tasmanian Tigers still exist or not. The Tasmanian tiger, also known as the Thylacine, has been declared extinct 23 years back but was wiped off from the Australian mainland even much before in the 1940's.

Researchers like Dr Austin from the Australian Centre for Ancient DNA collected animal droppings that were found around Tasmania in the late 1950's and even in the 60's and conserved them in the Art Gallery and Tasmanian Museum. Dr Austin, who took



the body. When chasing their preys, these animals primarily depended on 3<u>stamina</u> to prevail. Their stomach could inflate so



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they could eat large amount of food each time to 4<u>compensate</u> a period lack of food.

The diet of the Tasmanian tiger included the 5<u>sheep</u> and 6<u>poultry</u>, and this resulted in mass killing of the tigers by people in the twentieth century. Indeed, these creatures were shy and timid. They seldom set up some 7<u>resistance</u> in front of the foes and used to die out of fear when captured.

There were several factors contributing to the extinction of the Tasmanian tiger. Another kind of wild animal called 8 <u>Dingo</u> was its rival for habitats and food sources. The 9 <u>European Settlers</u> destroyed the forests and grassland where the tigers lived, and these native animals could not cope with this change.



翻译: 很多科学家都认为他们能够从一份自1866













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