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**PANTHERA MEDIA DIRECTOR STEVE WINTER WINS SECOND
CONSECUTIVE “GLOBAL VISION AWARD” FROM PICTURES OF THE
YEAR INTERNATIONAL**

*Winning photographs taken in Indonesia, Thailand and India show endangered wild
tigers and the threats to their survival*



The 69th annual Pictures of the Year International awarded its Global Vision Award for the second year in a row to [Steve Winter, Panthera’s Media Director](#). Winter was honored with the prestigious award for a series of 40 images made in Sumatra, Thailand and India that show both the beauty and natural history of tigers—and documents the conflicts between tigers and the people that share their habitats. The photos and story of Steve’s journey to capture them were featured in the December 2011 National Geographic article “[A Cry for the Tiger](#).”

“It is a great honor to receive this distinguished award for my work documenting tigers,” said Steve Winter. “I wanted to show both the majesty of these animals and the threats they face. My hope is that these photos will move people to action to help organizations like Panthera and our [Tigers Forever](#) program which is working to save these awe-inspiring creatures in the wild.”

To make this [winning collection of images](#), Winter traveled to Sumatra to find and photograph the rare and elusive Sumatran tigers; to Thailand’s Huai Kha Kaeng Wildlife Refuge, where armed enforcement patrols are deterring poachers; and to India, where Winter snapped a captivating image of a mother and her cub, relaxing in the jungle.

“It is pictures like Steve’s that will circle the globe, telling the tiger’s story in a poignant and enigmatic way,” said [Panthera CEO Alan Rabinowitz](#). “The Global Vision Award is proof that Steve’s photography inspires people and compliments the scientific and conservation work Panthera does on the ground to save big cats around the globe.”



Building upon its hands-on and scientific approach in the field, Panthera recently partnered with National Geographic’s Big Cats Initiative to conserve the endangered tiger

and mitigate key threats such as poaching. In this [presentation on Nat Geo Live!](#), Winter discusses his experiences photographing tigers over a two year period.

[Click here to view a gallery of Steve Winter's photos from the POYi Global Vision Award for 2011 and 2012.](#)

[Read Steve Winter's recent interview in the Washington Post, where he talks about using his photography to encourage wildlife conservation.](#)

About Panthera

Panthera, founded in 2006, is the world's leading organization devoted exclusively to the conservation of wild cats and their ecosystems. Utilizing the expertise of the world's premier cat biologists, Panthera develops and implements global conservation strategies for the largest, most imperiled cats – tigers, lions, jaguars and snow leopards. Representing the most comprehensive effort of its kind, Panthera works in partnership with local and international NGOs, scientific institutions, local communicates and governments. Visit <http://www.panthera.org/>

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