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"Conservation by Murder- Man Eaters of Sundarbans" By Sudipt Dutta

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'Conservation by Murder' is authored by Shri Sudipt, a former journalist (with The *Telegraph* and *Business India* magazine) and a keen amateur wildlife enthusiast and environmentalist. In this book Sh. Dutta narrated the plight of tigers and their conventional blood thirsty man-eater image in Sundarbans forest of the Gangetic delta where almost 95 per cent of world's tiger attacks occur. The poor sufferers are people living in fringe villagers, fishermen, honey collectors, etc. Author has analyzed the various reasons of villagers sufferings from tigers attack and shown disagreement with its blood thirsty image and given wisdom on these tigers. Ignorance, lack of research, political and bureaucratic will and silence of the conservation community has permitted these people to die horrific death. Sh. Dutta identified key issues that leads to man-eater attacks and suggests some ways to encourage conservation of the unique mangrove forests, increase tiger numbers and curb man-eater tiger attacks in the Sunderbans. Author has suggested ways to streamline fishing, honey collection, tourism activities and also tiger pugmark census. Sh. Dutta advocated measures or scheme for tackling man-eaters and tiger attack on humans and also to deal with larger conservation agenda and a plan to improve forest and environment management in Sunderbans so that it creates a better environment for an increased numbers of tigers and also enhance welfare to the marginal peoples living in fringe villages.

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