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Mitsuaki Iwago. A Rendezvous with Royalty.

In India today, the mighty Bengal tiger that once roamed the jungles freely now finds itself an endangered species confined to ever-shrinking habitats and threatened with extinction. Here, in the dense jungle of Ranthambore National Park, photographer Mitsuaki Iwago encountered a young Bengal tiger napping on the splayed roots of a massive tree. Marveling at the magnificent intricacy of the tiger's stripe pattern, Iwago couldn't help but admire the creature's noble beauty. Elsewhere in

India, rising sea levels attributed to global warming are encroaching upon the Sundarbans, another irreplaceable habitat of the Bengal tiger. Iwago could only pray that these incredible beings and the lush jungles that sustained them would last forever.

Shot in Ranthambore National Park in India, on May 22, 2007, at 9:06 a.m., with the Olympus E-1, Zuiko Digital ED 300 mm, f2.8, 1/320 sec.

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Mitsuaki Iwago, born in Tokyo in 1950, is an internationally renowned wildlife photographer whose work has won many awards and has appeared in and on the cover of *National Geographic*.



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