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Dear Digambar-

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I am writing to you with the request for declaring the Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary situated in Sattari Taluk of North Goa as a tiger reserve. There is evidence to show that tigers in Goa are not merely transient animals but are a resident population as well. Mhadei is a contiguous tiger landscape to Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka to its south-east and to Anshi Dandeli Tiger Reserve to its south which has around 35 tigers.

2. In a study carried out in 2008, the Wildlife Institute of India had pointed out that the protected areas of Goa and their contiguous forests in Karnataka and Maharashtra are possibly some of the best potential tiger habitats in the Western Ghats region and they are in need of protection.

3. I understand that there is considerable local community support for the creation of a tiger reserve and for wildlife conservation. By declaring Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary as a tiger reserve, we would also ensure the long-term protection of biodiversity-rich areas.

4. I urge you to give this idea the most serious consideration and submit a proposal to us so that we can take it forward quickly. You may also want to consider expanding the tiger reserve beyond the existing Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary.

With regards,  
*Jairam Ramesh*

Yours sincerely,

*Jairam Ramesh*  
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