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It was a call for justice and it did not go unanswered. The Allahabad additional district judge awarded 12 tiger poachers three-year rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 10,000 each under Section 51 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. Though the punishment may not seem strong enough it is hoped this judgement will go a long way, in protecting the wild cat. Ten of these poachers, who belong to Katni in Madhya Pradesh, are women. The 12 were arrested in December 2007 in Allahabad. Three tiger skins and 75 kg of tiger bones were seized from the poachers.

IN NEED OF PROTECTION : *Save the tiger.*

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