

Stray tigress caught in the Sunderbans

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KOLKATA: A tigress that had strayed into a village and taken shelter in a hut in the Sunderbans created panic before it was tranquillised and caught by the authorities of

the Tiger Reserve early Sunday morning.

The tigress had strayed into a village near Budhbarer Bazaar at Kumirmari in South 24-Parganas district on Saturday night. Villagers found that it had taken shel-

ter in a hut and informed the Reserve authorities at 5 a.m., Subrat Mukherjee, STR field director, told *The Hindu* over telephone.

"A team was rushed to the spot and it was tranquillised and caught. The veterinarian

has certified the animal to be fit for release, so it shall be freed in Baghmara, which is deeper in the forest, after being kept in observation for 24 hours," Mr. Mukherjee added.

Mr. Mukherjee said that a

radio collar will not be affixed to the animal as the reserve authorities were still awaiting the Wildlife Institute of India to send the equipment which was expected to come by the end of the month.