CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Asian big cats

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

This document has been submitted by China, India, Nepal and the Russian Federation, following the discussion of agenda item 52 at the 11th session of Committee II.

Directed to the Parties

- 14.XX Asian big cat range States should strengthen their efforts to implement Resolution Conf. 12.5, and for tiger range States, report on progress at SC57, and subsequent meetings of the Standing Committee, and to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; with a review for CoP15 identifying gaps and additional measures needed;
- 14.XX Asian big cat range States should improve international cooperation in conservation and trade control through continual dialogue, and when convened, tiger range States should participate in the tiger trade enforcement workshop and the conservation strategy workshop;
- 14.XX Parties are strongly encouraged to develop or improve implementation of regional enforcement networks;
- 14.XX Parties with operations breeding tigers on a commercial scale should implement measures to restrict the captive population to a level supportive only to conserving wild tigers.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 14.XX Contingent upon availability of external funding, the Secretariat shall: convene a tiger trade enforcement meeting within 12 months of the end of COP14; and cooperate in the development of a conservation strategy workshop, to be facilitated by IUCN and Global Tiger Forum (building on recent scientific work, including the 2006 Tiger Conservation Landscape Assessment).
- 14.XX The CITES Secretariat shall consult with Parties with specialized wildlife crime units to provide technical assistance and assist with the identification of additional opportunities for technical and financial support; and
- 14.XX The CITES Tiger Enforcement Task Force shall, in conjunction with the CITES Enforcement Experts Group, establish a mechanism to regularly monitor and evaluate the scale and nature of illegal trade in Asian big cats.