



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2013/037

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CONCERNING:

Conservation of and trade in tigers and  
other Appendix-I Asian big cat species

1. In Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP16) (*Conservation of and trade in tigers and other Appendix-I Asian big cat species*) the Conference of the Parties:

*INSTRUCTS the Secretariat to:*

- a) *report to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties on the status of Asian big cats in the wild, their conservation, and trade controls in place in Parties, using information provided by the range States on measures taken to comply with this Resolution and related relevant Decisions and any relevant additional information provided by relevant countries.*
2. At its 16th meeting (Bangkok, 2013), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 16.68-70 on *Asian big cats* (Felidae spp.) as follows:

***Directed to the Parties, especially Appendix-I Asian big cat range States***

16.68 *All Parties, particularly Appendix-I Asian big cat range States, are encouraged to:*

- a) *support the activities to be conducted in compliance with Decision 16.70, paragraph c), to enable the Secretariat to prepare a report with findings and recommendations, including reporting on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP16) (Conservation of and trade in tigers and other Appendix-I Asian big cat species), at the 65th meeting of the Standing Committee; ...*

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

16.69 *The Standing Committee shall review the conservation of and trade in Appendix-I Asian big cat species at its 65th and 66th meetings, and determine any actions deemed necessary to combat illegal trade in Asian big cats.*

***Directed to the Secretariat***

16.70 *The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funds, in cooperation with partner organizations in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime and, as appropriate, other experts and organizations:*

...

- c) *in consultation with Appendix-I Asian big cat range and consumer States, conduct a review of implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP16) in relation to all Asian big cats and prepare a report providing its findings and recommendations for the 65th meeting of the Standing Committee; ...*

3. The Secretariat invites all Parties, in particular Appendix-I Asian big cat range States, to report on their implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP16), in compliance with Decision 16.68, paragraph a).
4. To assist Parties in compiling their reports, and to provide a standard approach, the Secretariat has prepared a questionnaire, which is contained in the Annex to this Notification. The Secretariat requests that, in compiling their reports, Parties follow the format of this questionnaire, providing detailed information wherever requested. This will facilitate the preparation of the Secretariat's report for the 65th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC65, Geneva, July 2014), in compliance with Decision 16.70, paragraph c).
5. Management Authorities that are not in a position to provide all the information requested in the questionnaire independently are encouraged to consult all relevant national enforcement authorities to collect the missing information. Parties are further encouraged to engage with national and international organizations, if necessary, to ensure that all relevant information is collected. The Secretariat is aware that some Parties have already done a considerable amount of work as part of their activities related to, for example, the Global Tiger Initiative or in preparation for the *Global Snow Leopard Conservation Forum* to be hosted in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, from 11 to 15 September 2013. The information compiled through this work could be relevant to some questions in the questionnaire and could be drawn upon as appropriate.
6. The reports from Parties should not contain any nominal or sensitive information. Should a Party wish to bring such information to the attention of the Secretariat, it should be provided separately.
7. Parties are requested to submit their reports to the Secretariat by 31 December 2013.