

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



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**Committee II**

Asian big cats (Felidae spp.)

DRAFT DECISIONS ON ASIAN BIG CATS (FELIDAE SPP.)

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***Directed to the Parties***

- 17.A All Parties identified as being of concern in Decision 17.F are invited to welcome a mission from the Secretariat to visit facilities keeping Asian big cats in captivity.

***Directed to Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations***

- 17.B Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to provide financial and technical support to Parties requesting additional capacity and resources to implement Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP16) effectively. Parties are also encouraged to implement the relevant recommendations from relevant international forums and tools, including but not limited to the Zero Poaching Symposium outcomes and Zero Poaching toolkit and the relevant Global Tiger Initiative/Global Tiger Forum processes addressing resources that are needed to combat poaching, trafficking and illegal trade.

***Directed to all Parties with Asian big cat captive facilities***

- 17.C All Parties in whose territory there are facilities keeping Asian big cats in captivity are requested to:
- a) review national management practices and controls that are in place for such facilities, to ensure that these management practices and controls are adequate to prevent Asian big cat specimens from entering illegal trade from or through such facilities;
  - b) ensure strict application of all management practices and controls implemented to regulate the activities of facilities that keep Asian big cats in captivity, including with regard to the disposal of specimens from Asian big cats that die in captivity; and
  - c) report to the Secretariat on progress with regard to the implementation of this Decision.

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

- 17.D The Standing Committee shall review the report and recommendations of the Secretariat concerning the implementation of Decisions 17.C 17.E, 17.F and 17.G, and determine whether any further time-bound, country specific actions are necessary to ensure implementation of these Decisions.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

- 17.E Subject to external funds, the Secretariat shall:
- a) in consultation with range and consumer States, and in cooperation with partner organizations in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) and, as appropriate, other experts and organizations, continue the review of implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP16) and associated Decisions and prepare a report in consideration of:
    - i) legislative and regulatory measures;
    - ii) national law enforcement;
    - iii) demand reduction, education and awareness;
    - iv) prevention of illegal trade in parts and derivatives from facilities for keeping Asian big cats in captivity; and
    - v) management of national and privately-held stocks of parts and derivatives.
- 17.F Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall:
- a) conduct a review of the number of facilities keeping Asian big cats in captivity in the territories of Parties and the number of Asian big cats kept in these facilities;
  - b) liaise with ICCWC and other partners, as appropriate, to review legal and illegal trade in Asian big cats from or through such facilities, identifying those which may be of concern; and
  - c) undertake a mission to those Parties in whose territories there are facilities of concern with the purpose of gaining a better understanding of the operations and activities undertaken by them; and
- 17.G Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall work with the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) partner organizations, in particular INTERPOL, to further build upon the work already conducted through initiatives such as Operation PAWS II, by supporting key Parties affected by trafficking in Asian big cat specimens, to initiate, plan and carry out joint intelligence-driven national and transnational investigations, to disrupt and dismantle the criminal groups involved in trafficking in Asian big cat specimens.
- 17.F The Secretariat shall report to the Standing Committee on progress with regard to the implementation of Decisions 17.C 17.E, 17.F and 17.G, and on the basis of the report, formulate recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee.