



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2009/029

Geneva, 22 July 2009

CONCERNING:

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

1. At its 14th meeting (The Hague, 2007), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 14.65 and 14.69 as follows:

Decision 14.65

Asian big cat range States shall strengthen their efforts to implement Resolution Conf. 12.5 and, for tiger range States, report on progress at the 57th meeting of the Standing Committee, and subsequent meetings of the Standing Committee, and at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15), with a review for CoP15 identifying gaps and additional measures needed.

Decision 14.69

Parties with intensive operations breeding tigers on a commercial scale shall implement measures to restrict the captive population to a level supportive only to conserving wild tigers; tigers should not be bred for trade in their parts and derivatives.

- 2. At its 58th meeting (Geneva, 6-10 July 2009), the Standing Committee noted that a significant number of tiger range States had failed to comply with the reporting requirement in Decision 14.65. It also noted that only one Party had submitted a report regarding Decision 14.69.
- 3. The Standing Committee directed the Secretariat to issue a Notification to the Parties calling upon relevant Parties to submit reports complying with the above Decisions within 90 days of this Notification, so that they can be considered at the 59th meeting of the Standing Committee, ahead of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 4. Relevant Parties are, therefore, requested to submit reports by 20 October 2009. The Secretariat suggests that reports relating to Decision 14.65 be prepared in such a way as to describe what Parties have done to implement the various actions called for in Resolution Conf. 12.5, following the ordering of the relevant paragraphs.