



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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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. CoP15) on *Conservation of and trade in tigers and other Appendix-I Asian big cat species*, the Conference of the Parties instructs the Secretariat to:

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. The Conference of the Parties also adopted Decision 14.69 on the same subject, which provides as follows:

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.
3. At its 62nd meeting (Geneva, July 2012), the Standing Committee agreed that the Secretariat would issue a Notification to remind Parties of their reporting obligations under the Resolution and Decision referred to above, specifying particularly that:
 - a) All Parties with intensive operations breeding tigers on a commercial scale are requested to fully implement Decision 14.69 in respect of the number of breeding operations and also for the total number of tigers, and report to the Secretariat on the measures implemented to comply with this Decision; and
 - b) In order to facilitate the reporting of the Secretariat required under Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP15), and to enable a full assessment at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16), all Parties, and particularly range States of Asian big cats are requested to inform the Secretariat of:
 - i) all measures taken to comply with Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP15), in relation to all species of Asian big cats;
 - ii) stockpiles of captive-bred or confiscated tiger body parts and derivatives; and
 - iii) any actions proposed to deal with the stockpiles.
4. The Secretariat would appreciate receiving this information by **25 September 2012** in order to have time to collate and summarize it before the deadline for submission of documents for CoP16 (4 October 2012).