

Questionnaire on the implementation of Recommendations (f) - (n) on Asian big cats, endorsed by the 65th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee (SC65, Geneva, July 2014)*

For the purpose of this questionnaire information should be provided by all Parties and for all Asian big cat species (tiger (*Panthera tigris*), snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*), clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*), all subspecies of leopard (*Panthera pardus*) within its Asian range, and Asiatic lion (*Panthera leo persica*)). The term 'specimen' as used in this questionnaire is as defined in Article I, paragraph b) i) and ii) of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.[†] For the purposes of this questionnaire the intersessional Working Group on Asian Big Cats considers the term "internal trade" to mean "internal sale, purchase, possession and utilization"

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1	CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY MEASURES
1.1	SC65 Recommendation f) encourages Parties to review all relevant national legislation to ensure that national measures restricting internal and international trade in Asian big cat parts and derivatives are comprehensive in that, recalling Decision 14.69, parts and derivatives obtained from specimens bred in captivity are included
1.1.1	Has your country adopted legislation restricting activities concerning the internal sale, purchase, possession and utilization of, and international trade in parts and derivatives of Asian big cats obtained from specimens bred in captivity?
1.1.2	If your answer to 1.1.1 is 'yes', please specify the titles and provisions of such legislation including penalties that can be imposed. If such legislation is publically available, please indicate how it can be accessed by providing a link, reference or additional information.
1.1.3	If your answer to 1.1.1 is 'no', please explain how internal sale, purchase, possession and utilization of, and international trade in parts and derivatives of Asian big cats obtained from specimens bred in captivity is regulated.

* Recommendations (f) - (n) on Asian big cats in document SC65 Com. 4, as endorsed by SC65 with amendments in document SC65 Sum. 9 (Rev. 1)

† b) "Specimen" means:
(i) any animal or plant, whether alive or dead;
(ii) in the case of an animal: for species included in Appendices I and II, any readily recognizable part or derivative thereof; . . .

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1.2	SC65 Recommendation g) recalling Decisions 14.66 (Rev. CoP15) and 14.69, as well as Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP16), requests all Parties where internal and international trade in Asian big cats and their parts and derivatives is permitted, to report at the 66th meeting of the Standing Committee on what legal trade is allowed, the species and trade volume involved, and describe how such trade is monitored and enforced, and to inform about measures taken to prevent illegal exports
1.2.1	Is any legal internal sale, purchase, possession and utilization of, and international trade in Asian big cat specimens permitted by your country?
1.2.2	If your answer to 1.2.1 is 'yes', please specify i) in what circumstances and/or for what purposes legal internal sale, purchase, possession and utilization of, and international trade in Asian big cat specimens is permitted ii) the legal and/or administrative requirements that must be complied with for such trade. iii) the species and trade volumes involved (where possible, this information should cover the past five years). iv) if any measures have been implemented to prevent illegal exports.
2 CONCERNING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	
2.1	SC65 Recommendation h) encourages Parties to engage with e-commerce trading site companies and to encourage them to ensure that no online advertisements are made for illegal specimens of protected species
2.1.1	Have any activities been undertaken in your country to engage with e-commerce trading site companies to encourage them to ensure that no online advertisements are made for illegal specimens of protected species, in particular Asian big cat specimens? If 'yes', please describe these activities, including any results achieved or best practices identified.
2.1.2	Have any measures been implemented by e-commerce trading site companies in your country to prevent online advertisements for illegal specimens of protected species of Asian big cats? If 'yes', please describe these measures, including any results achieved and best practices identified.
2.2	SC65 Recommendation i) encourages Parties to take note of the recommendations of INTERPOL's 2014 assessment of enforcement responses to tiger crime
2.2.1	Are national agencies responsible for wildlife law enforcement aware of the recommendations made in INTERPOL's 2014 assessment of enforcement responses to tiger crime [†] ?
2.2.2	If your answer to 2.2.1 is 'yes', please specify if any activities have been undertaken or are planned to implement any of the recommendations of the assessment? If so, please provide a brief description of these.

[†] <http://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-media/News/2014/N2014-055/>

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2.3	SC65 Recommendation j) encourages Parties to share images of seized tiger skins with range States with photographic identification databases so as to assist in the identification of the origin of the illegal specimen
2.3.1	Do your country's enforcement agencies undertake any activities to photograph and catalogue specimens of seized tiger skins? If yes, has your country established any photographic identification databases that can assist to determine the origin of seized illegal Asian big cat specimens?
2.3.2	If your answer to 2.3.1 is 'yes', are these images shared with other range States to encourage and promote determining the origin of the illegal Asian big cat specimens seized? Please also provide information on any incidents where origin was successfully determined as a result of images that were shared with other range States, if any.
2.3.3	If your answers to 2.3.1 and 2.3.3 are 'no', please describe the reasons and whether any further action is being planned.
3 CONCERNING DEMAND REDUCTION, EDUCATION AND AWARENESS	
3.1	SC65 Recommendation k) recalling Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP16), urges Parties to address the growing use of Asian big cats, including as pets, parts and derivatives as luxury items through targeted demand reduction strategies, including behavioural change interventions, and to strengthen demand reduction efforts
3.1.1	Has your country undertaken any activities aiming at behavioural change and demand reduction to address the use of Asian big cat specimens, including as pets, and parts and derivatives as luxury items?
3.1.2	If your answer to 3.1.1 is 'yes', was any research conducted to provide an objective and scientific basis for identifying drivers of consumption and to prioritize target consumer groups that need to be addressed? If so, please provide a brief description of this research and indicate whether the research identified any key consumer groups, e.g. traditional medicine users, business community, youth, etc. Where possible, please also list the research projects or report title, which organizations conducted it, when it was conducted, together with relevant citations or bibliographies and web links.
3.1.3	If your answer to 3.1.1 is 'yes', please indicate which stakeholders, partners or influencers were involved in the development and/or implementation of the programmes, including other government departments and other fields such as sociology, behavioural economics, social marketing, advertising, the private sector, corporate leaders, non-governmental organizations, media outlets, etc.
3.1.4	If your answer to 3.1.1 is 'yes', please indicate what impact was achieved by behavioural change and demand reduction activities thus far. This could be in terms of measurable reduction in consumption, changes in market availability, consumer research results, measurements of the awareness raised, etc.
3.1.5	Please indicate if any challenges or inhibiting factors were identified or experienced in your country that prevented the implementation of behavioural change and demand reduction activities.

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4	CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL TRADE IN PARTS AND DERIVATIVES FROM BREEDING FACILITIES
4.1	SC65 Recommendation I) recalling Decision 14.69, urges Parties to develop and implement regulatory controls for Asian big cat breeding facilities to prevent illegal trade, including oversight of any international trade to ensure non-commercial purposes, and monitored destruction of the specimens that die in captivity
4.1.1	Are Asian big cats bred in captivity in your country?
4.1.2	If your answer to 4.1.1 is 'yes', has your country adopted legislation or other regulatory controls specifically regulating activities concerning trade in Asian big cats by the facilities that breed them?
4.1.3	If your answer to 4.1.2 is "yes", please specify the titles and provisions of such legislation and/or other regulatory controls including penalties that can be imposed.
4.1.4	If your answer to 4.1.2 is "no", please explain whether captive breeding facilities can undertake trade in Asian big cat specimens from such facilities and how such trade is regulated.
4.1.5	Please provide information on the management practices and controls that have been implemented to prevent Asian big cat specimens from entering into illegal trade through breeding facilities?
4.1.6	Please provide information on the management practices and controls that have been implemented in your country to keep record of Asian big cat specimens bred in captivity?
4.1.7	Please provide information on the management practices and controls that have been implemented in your country to ensure any international trade is for non-commercial purposes?
4.1.8	Has your country established regulations or procedures for managing, storing or disposing of specimens from animals that die in captivity in Asian big cat breeding facilities?
4.1.9	If your answer to 4.1.8 is 'yes', please indicate how these regulations or procedures apply to the disposal of specimens from Asian big cats that die in captivity.

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4.2	SC65 Recommendation m) encourages Parties developing DNA registration, photographic identification, or other types of identification databases of captive Asian big cats to make this information available outside national borders for law enforcement purposes to assist forensic determination of the origin of seized specimens, and encourages the Secretariat and Parties with financial resources and technical expertise to assist, through in-country activities, Parties that have yet to establish national registries or identification databases for Asian big cats to do so
4.2.1	Does your country have DNA registration, photographic identification, or other types of identification databases on captive bred Asian big cats? If so, please briefly describe the implementation of these systems.
4.2.2	If your answer to 4.2.1 is 'yes', is information from these systems made available outside national borders for law enforcement purposes to assist forensic determination of the origin of seized specimens? If so, please provide some brief information on how this information was used and has there been any successful enforcement actions based on it.
4.2.3	Briefly describe any challenges or other factors that prevented the development of DNA registration, photographic identification or other types of identification databases, or the effective implementation of these systems.
5 CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL AND PRIVATELY-HELD STOCKS OF PARTS AND DERIVATIVES	
5.1	SC65 Recommendation n) in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP 16), requests all Parties with national or privately held stockpiles of captive-bred or confiscated Asian big cat body parts and derivatives to report to the Secretariat on the volume of these stockpiles, measures taken to guarantee the security of these stockpiles and, if applicable, actions to destroy such stockpiles with the exception of those used for educational or scientific purposes
5.1.1	Does your country have any national or privately-held stockpiles of captive-bred or confiscated Asian big cat body parts and derivatives?
5.1.2	If your answer to 5.1.1 is 'yes', does your country maintain an inventory of these stockpiles that will be adequate for the purpose of reporting to the Secretariat in accordance with the provisions of SC65 Recommendation n)?