

Minutes of the Meeting held with Ambassador of Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on 21.1.2026 at the Embassy, New Delhi

H.E. the Ambassador, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam after welcoming H.E. the Director General IBCA, requested for elaborating the background of establishment of IBCA and its objectives. He also wanted to know the procedure for becoming member of IBCA.

2. The Ambassador was informed that IBCA is established with a Mission and Vision to provide platform for partnership and cooperation among big cat range countries so as to ensure a viable population of big cats. It was also informed that India has five (5) out of seven (7) big cats and is global leader in Tiger, Lion, Leopard and Snow Leopard conservation.

3. India has gained extensive experience in habitat restoration, increase in forest cover and wildlife conservation. The intensive management of wildlife areas, mitigation of human wildlife conflict, eco-tourism biodiversity conservation, community involvement are considered key to the improved state of affairs. India has also demonstrated successful intercontinental wild to wild Cheetah translocation from African countries and its reintroduction in India.

4. The ambassador was informed that as of now, nineteen (19) countries have joined IBCA and eighteen (18) countries have consented to become member of IBCA. Three countries have opted to be Observers. H.E. the Ambassador was informed that for becoming member of IBCA, a Framework Agreement may be signed and submit Instrument of Ratification, Acceptance or Approval.

5. It was informed that the IBCA is mandated to:

- To create synergy through a collaborative platform for increased dissemination of benchmarking big cat conservation best practices.
- To Provide access to central common repository of technical know-how and corpus of funds to enhance the status of habitats, prey

and big cats in order to secure our ecological future and mitigate adverse effects of climate change.

- The IBCA's multi-pronged approach will enhance linkages, promote knowledge sharing, capacity building, networking, advocacy, finance, research, technical support, insurance against failures, education, awareness, employment, and sustainable local livelihoods.

8. The DG, IBCA also thanked His Excellency Ambassador, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and his team for their support and guidance for taking forward IBCA.

List of participants-Embassy of Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

- (i) H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Hai, Ambassador
- (ii) Mr. Tran Cao Son (Dan), Political-Economic Counsellor

List of participants- IBCA

- (i) H.E. Dr S.P. Yadav, DG, IBCA
- (ii) Mr. Juglal Singh, Additional Director (IC)