

Minutes of the Meeting held with the Ambassador of the Republic of Panama on 22.05.2025 at the Embassy of Panama in India

H.E. Ambassador of Panama in India welcomed the Director General, IBCA and its team to the Embassy of Panama in India.

2. DG, IBCA apprised H.E. 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. H.E. was further informed that the Republic of Panama, being a range country for Jaguar and Puma, can play a pivotal role in conservation of the Big Cat species in the region.

3. H.E. Ambassador of Panama stated that the Republic of Panama is keen to join IBCA and he has already shared the documents to the government for consideration. H.E. also offered IBCA to open a regional centre or Centre of Excellence in Panama on conservation of Jaguar. The Republic of Panama would provide logistic support to IBCA for opening of the centre.

4. H.E. Ambassador of Panama also informed that one of the NGOs in Panama has been actively involved in the conservation of the Jaguar. H.E. desired to know whether the NGOs can be roped in for conservation of these species.

5. The Director General, IBCA informed that the Framework Agreement of IBCA provides that the NGOs acting in the field of conservation of these species can join IBCA as Observers and contribute towards achieving the objectives of the IBCA. H.E. Ambassador of Panama appreciated the efforts made by the IBCA in conservation of the seven big cat species.

6. The Director General IBCA, informed H.E. that IBCA would be happy to involve the Republic of Panama in all of its activities on capacity building and conferences, seminars etc.

7. The meeting ended with a pleasant note that the IBCA and the Republic of Panama would work in close coordination for conservation of the big cat species.

List of participants- Embassy of the Republic of Panama

- (i) H.E. Mr. Alonso Correa Miguel, the Ambassador of the Republic of Panama in India
- (ii) Mrs. Yanytzal Karina Duarte Garibaldo, Second Secretary of the Diplomatic and Consular Career, Embassy of Panama in India

List of participants- IBCA

- (i) Dr S.P. Yadav, Director General, IBCA
- (ii) Mr. Soumitra Dasgupta, Director, IBCA
- (iii) Mr. Jerome Minz, Director, IBCA