

Minutes of the Meeting held with Ambassador of Republic of Tajikistan
on 9.12.2024 at IBCA, 118 Jor Bagh, New Delhi

The Interim Director General, International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) welcomed His Excellency Ambassador of Republic of Tajikistan in India in the meeting. The Ambassador appreciated the leading role played by Republic of India for establishment of International Big Cat Alliance for conservation of seven big cats in the world viz, Lion, tiger, Leopard, Snow-leopard, Puma, Jaguar and Cheetah.

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. The Ambassador elaborated about conservation of Snow-Leopards in Tajikistan. He also mentioned that Caspian Tigers were found in Tajikistan till 70s of the 20th Century. The Ambassador also stated that Tajikistan is committed for maintaining ecological balance in the World. He assured to actively participate in the collective efforts to take forward the objectives of IBCA. He also mentioned that for conservation of glaciers, they are planning to hold a Conservation Day on 21st March, 2024.

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 Interim DG, IBCA requested the Ambassador to take up the matter with his Government for Tajikistan to formally join IBCA. It was also informed that there is no membership fee to join IBCA. The Ambassador assured to take up the matter with his Government. The Interim DG, IBCA also thanked His Excellency Ambassador, Republic of Tajikistan and his team for their support and guidance for taking forward IBCA.

List of participants-Embassy of Republic of Tajikistan

- (i) H.E. Mr. Lukmon Bobokalonzoda, Ambassador of Republic of Tajikistan, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi
- (ii) Mr. Daler A. Habibov, Second Secretary, Embassy of Republic of Tajikistan

List of participants- IBCA

- (i) Dr S.P. Yadav, Interim DG, IBCA
- (ii) Mr Soumitra Dasgupta, Director (Programme)
- (iii) Mr Juglal Singh, Admn & Communication Analyst