

Minutes of the Meeting held with Minister Agricultural Attache, Embassy of Argentine Republic on 31.1.2025 at First Floor 118, IBCA Secretariat, New Delhi

The Interim Director General, International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) welcomed His Excellency Minister Agricultural Attache, Embassy of Argentine Republic in India and briefed him about establishment of International Big Cat Alliance, with headquarters in India.

2. It 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. With a strong legal and Government support with practical policies to dovetail conservation in the course of development are also considered important in the present status of forest and wildlife. In view of this, India has a lot to offer (best practices and expertise) to other range countries for conservation of big cats. IBCA would be a platform through which the expertise and best practices could be shared with all the range countries.

4. Interim DG also sought cooperation and support of Argentine Republic to take forward the initiative for conservation of the seven big cat species and also requested that Argentine Republic to consider joining the IBCA. H.E. Minister Agricultural Attache assured to take up the matter with his Government to join IBCA.

5. Minister Agricultural Attache requested for facilitating relocation of tigers and lions from Argentine zoo to the Reliance Facility at Jamnagar, as their population in Argentina is exceeding the carrying capacity of the zoo.

**List of participants-Embassy of Argentine Republic**

- (i) H.E. Mr. Mariano Beheran, Minister Agricultural Attache

**List of participants- IBCA**

- (i) Dr S.P. Yadav, Interim DG, IBCA
- (ii) Mr. Soumitra Dasgupta