

**Virtual meeting between International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) and  
Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change,  
Republic of Uzbekistan at 3.00 p.m(IST).**

At the instance of Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Republic of Uzbekistan and Ministry of External Affairs, Republic of India, a virtual meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 between the officials of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), New Delhi and Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Republic of Uzbekistan to discuss about the role of IBCA in big cat conservation and the modalities for becoming the member of IBCA.

2. Dr. S.P. Yadav, Interim Director General, IBCA briefed about the need for establishing an international organization like IBCA for international collaboration in big cat conservation and highlighted India's success in increasing the population of big cats and the other endangered species. He also highlighted the aims and objectives of the International Big Cat Alliance and the role which IBCA would play globally in the conservation and protection of the seven big cats in the world viz. Lion, Tiger, Leopard, Snow-Leopard, Jaguar, Puma and Cheetah. He also elaborated the process/ modalities for joining the Alliance.

3. Mr Javokhir Abdukhalikov, Chief Specialist, International Department, Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Republic of Uzbekistan, expressed his eagerness to learn from India's experience and improve their own big cat conservation efforts, particularly for the elusive snow leopard. He also informed that their Government is planning for reintroduction of Cheetah in the country. He also requested to share the list of the countries, organizations who have consented to join the IBCA network for consideration of joining the Alliance.

The meeting marked a significant step towards strengthening international cooperation in big cat conservation.

**List of Participants-International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)**

- (i) Dr. S.P. Yadav, Interim Director General
- (ii) Mr. Jerome Minz, Director (Operations & Finance)
- (iii) Mr. Juglal Singh, Admn. and Communication Analyst
- (iv) Mr. Aditya Bisht, Program Associate

**List of Participants-** Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Republic of Uzbekistan

- (i) Mr Javokhir Abdukhalikov, Chief Specialist, International Department
- (ii) Mr Makhmud Khaydarov, Chief Specialist, International Department.

**Officials of the Embassy of India in Tashkent, Uzbekistan**