



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2018/002

Geneva, 11 January 2018

CONCERNING:

Asian big cat captive facilities

1. In line with Decision 17.226, Parties in whose territory there are facilities keeping Asian big cats [clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*), Asiatic lion (*Panthera leo persica*), leopard (*Panthera pardus*) within its Asian range, tiger (*Panthera tigris*) and snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*)] in captivity are directed to:
 - a) review national management practices and controls that are in place for such facilities, to ensure that these management practices and controls are adequate to prevent Asian big cat specimens from entering illegal trade from or through such facilities; and
 - b) ensure strict application of all management practices and controls implemented to regulate the activities of facilities that keep Asian big cats in captivity, including with regard to the disposal of specimens from Asian big cats that die in captivity.
2. These Parties are requested to report to the Secretariat on the progress they have made with regard to the implementation of the obligations in paragraph 1 a) and b) above by 28 February 2018 in order for the Secretariat to implement Decision 17.229 and subsequently to report to the Standing Committee on progress with regard to the implementation of these Decisions.