



Nepal Enters the International Big Cat Alliance

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Nepal has officially joined the **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)**.

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- **About:** IBCA is an **India-led global multi-country, multi-agency coalition** of more than 90 big cat range and non-range countries dedicated to conserving **7 big cat species and their habitats**.
 - It was proposed by the **Prime Minister of India in 2019**, officially launched in **April 2023 (Mysuru, Karnataka)** on the **50th anniversary of Project Tiger**.
- **Founding Members (16):** India, Armenia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ecuador, Kenya, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Suriname, & Uganda.
- **Focus Species:** Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma.
 - India hosts **5 of the 7 (Puma and Jaguar are not found in India)**.
- **Objective:** To **curb illegal wildlife trade, conserve natural habitats, mobilise financial and technical resources**, mitigate climate change impacts on big cats.
- **Governance:** Modelled on the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** and comprises an **Assembly of Members** as the main decision-making body, a **Standing Committee** for policy execution, and a **Secretariat based in India (New Delhi)**.



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