



## IBCA Headquarters in India

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India has been formally designated as the **headquarters and secretariat** of the [International Big Cat Alliance \(IBCA\)](#).

- **About IBCA:** It is a **treaty-based intergovernmental organization**, launched by India on the **50th anniversary of Project Tiger** (April 2023).
- **Objective:** It is focused on the conservation of **seven big cats** i.e., **tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar, and cheetah**.
- **Legal Status:** IBCA became a full-fledged **global legal entity** after ratification by **five countries** i.e., **India**, Liberia, Eswatini, Somalia, and Nicaragua.
  - India officially joined in **September 2023**.
- **Membership:** Membership is **open to all United Nations** member states, including **range countries** where these species **naturally occur** and **non-range countries** interested in **supporting big cat conservation**.
- **Governance Structure:** It includes an **Assembly of Members**, a **Standing Committee**, and a **Secretariat** based in **India**.

# INTERNATIONAL BIG CAT ALLIANCE

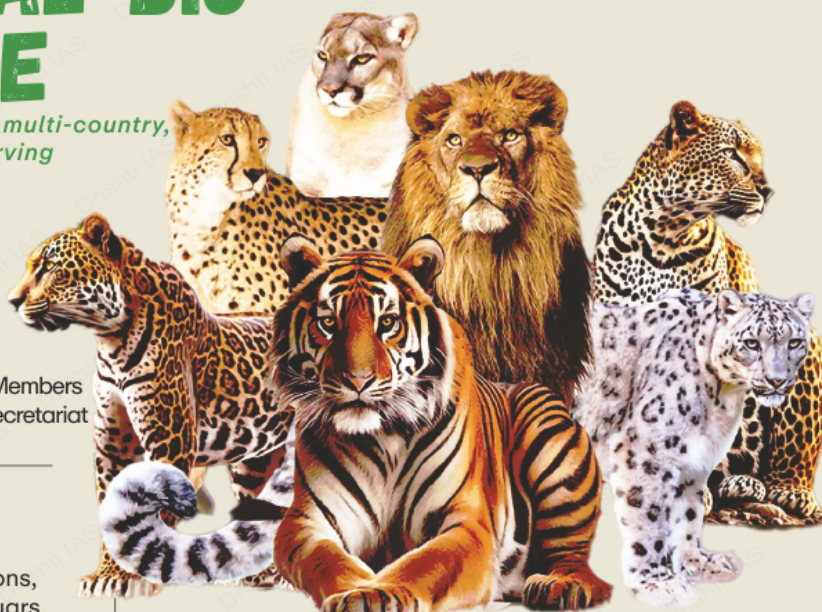
The International Big Cat Alliance is a multi-country, multi-agency coalition aimed at conserving big cat species and their habitats.

**Launched by**  
India (2023)

**Headquarters**  
India

**Member states**  
**96** countries

**Structure**  
Consists of Assembly of Members  
Standing Committee & Secretariat



## FUNCTIONS

- Secure the future of big cats (Tigers, Lions, Leopards, Snow Leopards, Pumas, Jaguars, and Cheetahs)
- Mitigate the adverse effects of climate change
- Advocate for policy initiatives
- Attain the United Nations-mandated Sustainable Development Goals

## THREATS TO BIG CATS

- Poaching
- Habitat loss & fragmentation
- Human-Leopard conflict
- Climate change & Deforestation

## Conservation Status of Big Cats

Species	Scientific Name	IUCN Red List	CITES	Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
<b>Tigers</b>	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	Endangered	Appendix-I	Schedule-I
<b>Lions</b>	<i>Panthera leo</i>	Vulnerable	Appendix-I	Schedule-I
<b>Leopards</b>	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	Vulnerable	Appendix-I	Schedule-I
<b>Snow Leopards</b>	<i>Panthera uncia</i>	Vulnerable	Appendix-I	Schedule-I
<b>Pumas</b>	<i>Puma concolor</i>	Least Concerned	Appendix II (P. c. Costaricensis and cougar: Appendix-I)	NA
<b>Jaguars</b>	<i>Panthera onca</i>	Near Threatened	Appendix-I	NA
<b>Cheetahs</b>	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Vulnerable	Appendix-I	Schedule-I

## Other Conservation Efforts in India

- Project Tiger (1973)
- Project Snow Leopard (2009)
- Asiatic Lion Reintroduction Project (2004)
- Project Cheetah (2022)



Read More: [International Big Cat Alliance](#)

