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PROTOCOL ON THE CONSERVATION OF THE TIGER  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Peoples' Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties").

Aiming to consolidate and further promote the friendly and cooperative relations between the people of the two countries:

Being Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora: and

Endeavouring to enhance the cooperation on the protection of tiger and making joint efforts to halt the trend of decimation of tiger population to ensure the survival and sustainable development of the species;

Having agreed on the following:

Article I

The Parties shall take measures jointly to crack down on the illegal activities of poaching of tiger, smuggling and selling tiger, tiger bones and other parts of tiger as well as its derivatives.

Article II

The Parties shall launch a national and worldwide educational programme to stop the illegal activities of poaching, smuggling and selling tiger, tiger bones and other parts of tiger as well as its derivatives.

Article III

The Parties shall establish bilateral research and training programme and exchange between the two parties appropriate technologies and research data for scientific wildlife management, especially the management of the tiger and its habitat.

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Article IV

Encourage on an experimental basis, captive breeding activities with a view to release of the species into the wild.

Article V

The Parties shall provide reports to each other on measures taken to stop the current trade in the parts and derivatives of tiger.

Article VI

The Parties shall review and assess periodically the impact of the measures taken for the protection of the species.

Article VII

The Protocol shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be automatically renewed for a subsequent period of five years at a time unless either Party gives to the other a written notice six months in advance of its intention to terminate the Protocol before the date of its expiry.

The present Protocol may be modified or amended by mutual agreement.

Done at *Beijing* on this *2nd* day of *March*, 1995 in two originals each in the Hindi, Chinese and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of any doubt, the English text will prevail.

For the Government  
of  
The Peoples' Republic of China.

  
For the Government  
of  
The Republic of India.

