Workshop on Transboundary Conservation of Big Cat Species in North-East Asia

29 July 2019, Harbin, China

Venue: Conference Room 1101, ChengDong Building, Northeast Forestry University

Provisional Programme

08:10 – 08:30 Registration

08:30 – 08:40 Opening
  • Opening Remarks by Mr. Sangmin Nam, Deputy Head of ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office/NEASPEC Secretariat
  • Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Wu Zhimin, Director General, Department of Wildlife Conservation, National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China

08:40 – 10:30 Session 1: Progress review on scientific assessment on big cat species and their habitats
This session will review the latest progress on scientific assessment to conserve big cat species and their habitats in North-East Asia and discuss how to institutionalize cooperation on scientific assessment.

  • Moderator: Mr. Sangmin Nam, ESCAP ENEA/NEASPEC Secretariat
  • Presenters:
    o “Proposals for Sino-Russia tiger and leopard conservation”, Prof. Jiang Guangshun, Feline Research Centre, National Forestry and Grassland Administration, China
    o “Ensure transboundary cooperation between neighbouring protected areas”, Dr. Yury Darman, Deputy Director of Science, Land of the Leopard National Park
    o “Conservation research and practice for big cats of China in the context of internationalization”, Prof. Shi Kun, Director of Wildlife Institute, Beijing Forestry University
    o “Transboundary scientific research of the Far eastern Leopard and Amur tiger”, Dr. Aleksei Kostyria, Senior Coordinator, WWF-Russia Amur Branch
    o “The wild cat species in Mongolia: Research and Conservation”, Dr. Munkhtsog Barushaa, Associate Professor, Institute of General and Experimental Biology, Mongolia Academy of Sciences
    o “A conceptual framework for the Amur Leopard Restoration in the Republic of Korea”, Dr. JeongEun Lim, Senior Researcher, Research Center for Endangered Species, National institute of Ecology, Republic of Korea

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee break

10:50 – 12:00 Session 2: Roundtable discussion to develop a platform for transboundary cooperation
This session will discuss a follow-up NEASPEC project to establish a platform for joint scientific assessment and information sharing.

  • Moderator: Mr. Sangmin Nam, ESCAP ENEA/NEASPEC Secretariat
• **Panelists:**
  o Prof. **Jiang Guangshun**, Northeast Forestry University
  o Prof. **Shi Kun**, Beijing Forestry University
  o Dr. **Yury Darman**, Land of the Leopard National Park
  o Dr. **Munkhtso Bariushaa**, Mongolia Academy of Sciences
  o Dr. **JeongEun Lim**, National Institute of Ecology
  o Mr. **Oleg Kobiakov**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation

• **Discussion topics:**
  o What would be the most urgent issue for joint scientific research to be conducted under NEASPEC?
  o How to mitigate conflicts between big cat conservation and community development?
  o What would be the main bottlenecks for establishing a transboundary cooperation mechanism on the conservation of big cat species?
  o What could be international collaborative strategies for conservation and monitoring of cross-border distribution of big cats in Northeast Asia?