

NGO Considerations for Tiger Conservation in the Year of the Tiger

A side meeting was held on 25th January 2010 to discuss NGO collaboration and support to tiger conservation in the Year of the Tiger and to prepare a presentation to the AMC SOM on our collective thoughts on the Tiger Summit process. Representatives from Freeland Foundation, IUCN, TRAFFIC, WCS and WWF were present.

The road to Vladivostok

The NGO's endorse Minister Suwit's suggestion for a high-level 'Tiger Council' to support and oversee implementation of national Action Plans and Tiger Summit Pledges.

Suggested actions to be taken between the AMC and the Tiger Summit

- SOM dialogue to draft Tiger Summit pledges
- SOM dialogue to design a governance structure for a range-wide recovery of tiger populations
- Country dialogues to articulate and get government commitment to, and appropriations for, national pledges
- Negotiation of financial support for pledge implementation where required.

Suggested outcomes from the AMC and Tiger Summit

- A commitment to double the number of wild Tigers by 2022, setting clear and measurable national targets
- Develop and implement range-wide standards on law enforcement effectiveness and population monitoring
- Endorse a set of CITES Decisions to go to CoP 15 from tiger-range countries
- Pledge to increase safeguards to mitigate negative impacts of infrastructure development
- Engage with a core group of donors to support national Action Plans and Tiger Summit Pledges.

Support that NGOs can provide to tiger-range states in Tiger Summit pledge implementation

NGOs can bring technical expertise and support on key elements:

- Best-practice standards:
 - Monitoring of tiger populations
 - Protected area management
 - Law enforcement effectiveness, anti-poaching and anti-trafficking
- Strengthening of laws, taskforces and Wildlife Enforcement Networks
- Capacity building and training
- Demand Reduction
- Community Engagement.
- Help in convening a core group of donors.

The NGOs endorse and encourage leadership from tiger-range country governments.