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To: Mr. John M. Sellar CITES Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland
Fax: (+4122) 7973417
From: The CITES Management Authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Re: Conservation of and trade in tigers and other Appendix-1 Asian big cat species

Dear Mr. Sellar!

Referring to your enquiry on conservation of Asian big cat species would like to inform about the following:

Of Asian big cat only the snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*) is represented in the nature of Kazakhstan.

The snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*) populates high mountain ranges of the southern Altay in the Northeast to the Western Tien Shan in the South. The total estimated population is 180-200 of animals.

Uncia uncia is included into the Red Data Book of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and since 1975 it is included into Annex 1 of CITES.

The major number of *Uncia uncia* is located at the especially protected natural territories in the South and the East of Kazakhstan and withdrawal of them is prohibited by the legislation of Kazakhstan.

Scientific-research and cultural-educational activities for the local population, as well as activities on public awareness raising on *Uncia uncia* conservation in the nature of Kazakhstan at educational institutions, are being implemented at the especially protected natural territories populated by *Uncia uncia*.

The Forestry and Hunting Committee and CITES Administrative Body in the Republic of Kazakhstan intend to draw attention of non-governmental nature protection organizations to the activities on public awareness raising and interaction with the local population on *Uncia uncia* conservation at habitat areas.

Till 1970-80 the cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus* Schreder) populated the Mangystau Oblast but there have been no any information about cases of meeting this animal in the mentioned region for the last 30 years.

No any cases of poaching and illegal movement of parts and derivatives of *Uncia uncia* и *Acinonyx jubatus* Schreder across the customs border of the Republic of Kazakhstan have been registered.

In Kazakhstan the amount of compensation for damage made by infringement of the legislation on protection, reproduction and use of animal species is:

snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*) – 2184000 tenge (17190 USD);

cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus* Schreder) - 2184000 tenge (17190 USD).

It should be mentioned that criminal punishment of offenders for illegal shoot off the mentioned animals is stipulated by Kazakhstan legislation.

Sincerely Yours,

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of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

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