

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
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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:**
 - “Proposals for Sino-Russia tiger and leopard conservation”, Prof. **Jiang Guangshun**, Feline Research Centre, National Forestry and Grassland Administration, China
 - “Ensure transboundary cooperation between neighbouring protected areas”, Dr. **Yury Darman**, Deputy Director of Science, Land of the Leopard National Park
 - “Conservation research and practice for big cats of China in the context of internationalization”, Prof. **Shi Kun**, Director of Wildlife Institute, Beijing Forestry University
 - “Transboundary scientific research of the Far eastern Leopard and Amur tiger”, Dr. **Aleksei Kostyria**, Senior Coordinator, WWF-Russia Amur Branch
 - “The wild cat species in Mongolia: Research and Conservation”, Dr. **Munkhtsog Bariushaa**, Associate Professor, Institute of General and Experimental Biology, Mongolia Academy of Sciences
 - “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
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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.

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- *Panelists:*
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 - Prof. **Shi Kun**, Beijing Forestry University
 - Dr. **Yury Darman**, Land of the Leopard National Park
 - Dr. **Munkhtsog Bariushaa**, Mongolia Academy of Sciences
 - Dr. **JeongEun Lim**, National Institute of Ecology
 - Mr. **Oleg Kobiakov**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation

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