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**CMS JAGUAR INITIATIVE (*Panthera onca*)**

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*Acknowledging* that the Jaguar (*Panthera onca*) has been declared an emblematic species in the Americas given its importance for conservation of natural landscapes and ecosystem functionality, as well as for representing a spiritual/cultural icon of many people throughout its distribution range, and as a symbol of the fight against illegal trade of wildlife (Lima Declaration, 2019),

*Recognizing* document UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.27.1.2, which attests to the inclusion of the Jaguar in Appendices I and II of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), and Article IV, paragraph 4 of the Convention,

*Recognizing* all decisions in the Future Structure process framework (including all activities in Resolution 10.9 (UNEP/CMS/COP11/Doc.16.1)), wherein the Parties are urged to "identify any opportunities for local/national-level cooperation/coordination through the creation of geography-based synergies", and "seeking opportunities to build synergistic relationships (either geography or species grouping-based)", such as is the case with the development of a common conservation program,

*Concerned* by the studies concluding that, in spite of a persistently large Jaguar sub-population in the Amazon, 33 of the 34 Jaguar sub-populations meet the criteria for the Endangered or Critically Endangered categories, due to their small size, isolation, deficient protection, and high density of human population in the surrounding areas,

*Acknowledging* the significance of collaboration between the Jaguar Range States in order to carry out actions favoring connectivity and feasibility of jaguar populations and the obligation to endeavor to reach cooperation agreements for transborder conservation of migratory species (Appendix II, CMS), and

*Considering* the 2030 Jaguar Roadmap as a broad effort that seeks to unite 16 governments of countries in the Jaguar range, non-governmental/inter-governmental organizations, local communities, and the private sector with the purpose of establishing a Jaguar corridor in the species' distribution area, securing 30 priority landscapes by 2030,

*The Conference of the Parties of the  
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Acknowledges* that the Jaguar (*Panthera onca*) needs concerted efforts of regional conservation, including knowledge and community awareness, due to loss and growing fragmentation of its range and habitat, and increased poaching and trafficking in parts. This more severely affects endangered, isolated sub-populations;

2. *Establishes* the CMS Jaguar Initiative (Initiative) as the framework to foster coordination and cooperation between all CMS Jaguar Range States, in order to enable joint action for conservation of the species and its habitat;
3. *Recommends* all Party Range States and invites non-Party Range States (including all CITES Parties in the Jaguar range) to officially join this Initiative, with the aim of creating a Joint CITES-CMS Jaguar Initiative, allowing greater cooperation in view of the threats faced by the Jaguar and the deterioration of the habitat and illegal trade;
4. *Agrees* that the objective of the Initiative consists of maintaining the integrity of large/mid-sized/small Jaguar populations along its distribution and connectivity between each other and between transboundary populations, considering the needs of and means of support to local communities coexisting with the Jaguar;
5. *Acknowledges* that the Initiative is a tool for:
  - a) coordinating regional efforts and plans for the conservation of the Jaguar in order to leverage synergies and avoid duplication of activities and associated expenses;
  - b) strengthening a coordinated approach to improve knowledge regarding the Jaguar, particularly to better understand movement patterns of individuals;
  - c) leveraging financing opportunities and generating resources for the conservation of the Jaguar;
  - d) supporting and expanding sub-national/national, and regional Jaguar conservation programmes, prioritizing those with a holistic and inclusive approach;
  - e) creating spaces and systems to exchange experiences and standardized information regarding the Jaguar and any threats thereto;
  - f) increasing the interest of non-Party countries to work with CMS Parties in Jaguar conservation efforts, laying the foundations to unify said efforts through the Joint CITES – CMS Jaguar Initiative;
6. *Agrees* that the Initiative shall focus on:
  - a) creating and strengthening strategic alliances and bilateral/regional agreements for Jaguar conservation (including transformation of this Initiative into a Joint CITES-CMS Jaguar Initiative), in line with the 2030 Jaguar Roadmap with its respective Work Programme;
  - b) preparing proposals and materials enabling funding for conservation of the species, and analyzing potential mechanisms for the optimal use of funds and capacities of the Initiative, and through the creation of a Jaguar fund;
  - c) defining the current distribution, per the available knowledge on the species per state of its geographical range with prioritization of significant transborder areas, connectivity corridors, and a species preservation hub to feed all other handling steps to be developed;
  - d) preparing and implementing Jaguar conservation strategies in order to address threats to their survival—especially in view of trade in illegal parts, poaching, and retaliation due to human conflicts, and loss of habitats, dams, and connectivity;
  - e) adopting actions that allow and ensure connectivity between Jaguar populations (including the creation and official designation of biological corridors), as well as effective handling of protected areas, indigenous territories, and other effective area-based conservation action;
  - f) promoting coexistence between Jaguars and local communities through efforts for changing behaviors, and adoption of productive practices and Jaguar-friendly means

- of support — especially in priority zones for connectivity and for the reduction of hunting/trafficking;
- g) developing the capacity of Range States to handle the conservation, management, monitoring, and enforcement of species-related law, reviewing and updating national conservation plans, and other strategies and legal frameworks, as required;
  - h) improving education and awareness of local communities and the overall population on the state of conservation and any threats to the Jaguar;
  - i) widening all efforts to evaluate the state of local/regional conservation of jaguar populations and any trends thereof over time - especially of shared/transborder populations, and monitoring any threats thereto;
  - j) fostering and enabling communication and exchange of information between Range States, and other stakeholders for species conservation (including generation of standardized systems for data collection and analysis on Jaguars and the threats thereof);
7. *Agrees* that the Initiative shall be implemented through a Programme of Work considering concrete actions framed by clear objectives and quantifiable goals;
  8. *Requests* the Secretariat to hold regular meetings of the Range States with the objective of evaluating the implementation of the Programme of Work, as required, and supervise the Initiative's functionality;
  9. *Encourages* Parties, all 2030 Jaguar Roadmap partners, intergovernmental, non-governmental and other institutions, communities, donors and individuals linked to the conservation of the Jaguar to contribute to the Initiative's objectives, and to support the Initiative by providing human/financial/technical resources; and
  10. *Requests* the Secretariat to report on the implementation of this Resolution to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.