IUCN Species Strategic Plan 2017 - 2020

Our vision: A just world that values and conserves nature through positive action to reduce the loss of diversity of life on earth.

Our **Network** drives efforts to value and conserve biodiversity through three essential functions: **Assess, Plan and Act.** Our results are **communicated** to a wide variety of audiences.

Species Conservation Cycle components:

Assess

Focus on monitoring species and informing the world about the status and trends of biodiversity, thus providing measures for the health of our biosphere.

Plan

Aims to enhance collaborative, inclusive, and science-based strategies, including policy change, to ensure the most effective species conservation actions.

Act

Improve the status of biodiversity, by convening and mobilizing actions involving governments, academia, civil society and the the private sector.

Network

Enhances and supports the SSC network to further significant outcomes across the species conservation cycle.

Communicate

The effectiveness of IUCN's species conservation work is enhanced through strategic and targeted communications.

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IUCN SSC Species Survival Commission

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Species are critical to the health of the planet, but face threats to their survival: habitat destruction, invasive species, overexploitation, illegal wildlife trade, pollution and climate change

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Is a membership Union founded in 1948, uniquely composed of both government and civil society organizations. It provides public, private and non-governmental organizations with the knowledge and tools that enable human progress, economic development and nature conservation to take place together.

The IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC)

With over 8,000 members, the Species Survival Commission (SSC) is the largest of the six expert commissions of IUCN and enables IUCN to influence, encourage and assist societies to conserve biodiversity by building knowledge on the status and threats to species, providing advice, developing policies and guidelines, facilitating conservation planning, and catalysing conservation action. Members of SSC belong to one or more of the 140 Specialist Groups, Red List Authorities and Task Forces, each focusing on a taxonomic group (plants, fungi, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fishes and invertebrates), or a disciplinary issue, such as sustainable use and livelihoods, reintroduction of species, wildlife health, climate change and conservation planning (for a full list, see here).

The IUCN Global Species Programme (GSP)

Managed from IUCN's international headquarters in Gland, Switzerland, the Global Species Programme (GSP) has technical units based in: Cambridge, UK (Red List Unit and Freshwater Biodiversity Unit) and near Washington DC, USA (Biodiversity Assessment Unit). The GSP team works hand in hand with SSC at the forefront of the global fight to save species from extinction. GSP also supports the activities of SSC and its constituent Specialist Groups, and acts as Secretariat focal point for SSC.

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