

SSC Chair's Citation of Excellence

1. Selection Criteria

The SSC Chair's Office is going to recognize SSC groups for their outstanding contributions to any of our SSC Key Species Results (KSR) allocated throughout the five components of the Species Conservation Cycle:

I. Assess category:

This category focus on recognizing the groups that have significantly contributed to monitor species and inform the world about the status and trends of biodiversity, thus providing measures for the health of our biosphere.

Specifically, we are recognizing the groups that had extraordinary results achieving the following targets:

- Number of assessments and reassessments completed.
- Number of research projects in progress or completed.
- Number of scientific results published.

II. Plan category:

This category recognizes the groups that have developed collaborative, inclusive, and science-based strategies and conservation action plans including policy change initiatives, to ensure the most effective species conservation actions.

We are recognizing the groups that had extraordinary results achieving the following targets:

- Number of conservation action plans and strategies developed.
- Number of international or regional conventions organized and attended where the species conservation perspective has been strengthened.

III. Act category:

Under this category we are recognizing SSC groups that have improved the conservation status of biodiversity, by convening and mobilizing actions involving governments, academia, civil society and the private sector.

Specifically, we are recognizing the SSC groups that have achieved extraordinary results in terms of:

- Number of target species that have been the focus of conservation projects.
- Number of ongoing or accomplished conservation projects.
- Number of conservation projects advised.
- Number of alliances established for conserving species.

IV. Network category:

This category focus on recognizing the groups that have enhanced and supported the SSC network to further significant outcomes across the species conservation cycle.

Specifically, we are recognizing the SSC groups that had extraordinary results achieving the following targets:

- Number of members recruited and countries represented.
- Number of capacity building initiatives implemented.
- Number of people trained through specific capacity building programs conducted.

V. Communicate category:

This category recognizes the groups that have enhanced their conservation work through strategic and targeted communications.

Specifically, we are recognizing the SSC groups that had extraordinary results achieving the following targets:

- Number of group newsletters and alike periodicals published.
- Number of scientific meetings organized and held.
- Participation through the media and social networks.

2. Eligibility

SSC groups eligible to participate in this recognition program are those who have completed their SSC DATA reports during the 2017-2018 period.

3. Award

This award is going to be a certificate.

4. Selection Process

SSC groups will be evaluated on the basis of activities and results reported in SSC DATA 2017 and 2018.

The groups are going to be considered first by SSC group category (Taxonomic Specialist Groups, Disciplinary Specialist Group, Red List Authority, Task Forces, Committees, Working Group, and Action Partnership).

Specifically, for Taxonomic Specialist Groups we are going to subdivide based on membership size (> 50 members and < 50 members). Subsequently, within each of these categories we are going to consider the different Taxonomic groups (Mammals, amphibians and reptiles, plants, fish, etc.) to promote broad representativeness across Taxonomic groups.

Finally, in order to come with a final top list of awarded groups, in the case of multiple tied groups, we will use the criterion of number of Species Conservation Cycle components addressed (Assess, Plan, Act, Network, Communicate).

5. Communication

The SSC members be notified of their Citation of Excellence Award during the 4th IUCN SSC Leaders Meeting.