



# IUCN Species Strategic Plan 2021-2025

*Our vision: A just world that values and conserves nature through positive action to both prevent the loss and aid recovery of diversity of life on earth.*

## Snapshot of 2021-2025 targets

Download the complete plan [here](#) and to access an interactive visualization of the plan click [here](#).

### Assess

**263** new scientific publications about species research.

**99** publications produced in internal journals.

**288** research projects completed.

**62,097** new biodiversity assessments/ reassessment:

- › **27,366** new global Red List assessments.
- › **18,470** global Red List reassessments.
- › **8,524** new national Red List assessments.
- › **2,678** national Red List reassessments.
- › **5,059** green list assessments.

### Plan

**358** new conservation plans/strategies developed.

**49** conservation plans/strategies updated.

**113** conservation plans invited/endorsed by national governments/conservation authorities.

**78** policies where SSC members provided technical input for conservation.

**57** documents provided to support/guide policy-making.



Species Conservation Cycle

### Act

**307** technical consultations provided to support conservation actions.

**957** threatened species benefiting from *in-situ* conservation action and **26** from *ex-situ* conservation action.

**656** species benefiting with an increase or prevented decrease in population or range size, as a result of conservation actions.

**246** actions addressing major drivers/emerging threats of species or population loss.

**143** areas under management for species or groups of species.

**86** conservation translocations conducted.

**138** sustainable use practices supported and **11** unsustainable use practices tackled.

### Communicate

Transversal component

**440** digital communication outputs developed in relation to specific taxonomic groups.

**238** Species e-bulletin, Save Our Species newsletter, SSC Groups' newsletter editions.

**146** communication products using innovative tools.

### Network

Transversal component

**3,903** new SSC members to be recruited by 2025.

**2,034** new people trained:

- › **988** in assessment tools.
- › **546** in conservation planning.
- › **326** in conservation action.
- › **20** in communication skills.
- › **36** in management skills.
- › **118** in other fields.

**37** governments supported to develop species conservation policies.

**10** Reverse the Red pilot countries implementing assess-plan-act to deliver post-2020 conservation targets.

## The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Founded as a membership Union in 1948, IUCN is 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 10,500 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 168 Specialist Groups, Red List Authorities, Conservation Committees 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, translocation of species, wildlife health, climate change and conservation planning (for a full list, see [here](#)).

## The IUCN Secretariat

The IUCN Secretariat has around 900 staff in more than 50 countries. Seventy percent of staff members are from developing countries. Accountable to the IUCN Council, the Secretariat is led by a Director General. The Secretariat has a decentralized structure with regional, outpost, country and project offices around the world. IUCN's headquarters are in Gland, near Geneva, Switzerland. The IUCN Secretariat team works hand in hand with SSC at the forefront of the global fight to save species from extinction and supports the activities of SSC and its constituent Specialist Groups.



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