



# Terms of Reference 2021-2025

## IUCN Species Survival Commission Members

*As revised and adopted by the SSC Steering Committee, 4 September 2020*

### 1. Relevance of the role for the IUCN SSC

The SSC is a professional network conformed for experts specialized in different areas who contribute to build knowledge on the status and threats to species, provide advice, develop policies and guidelines, facilitate conservation planning, and catalyse conservation action in an unique global scientific community. The SSC Members bring a wide range of perspectives to contribute to the formation of IUCN SSC policies, the prioritization of programmes and the capacity to implement them for conservation species.

### 2. Profile description

The members are scientists, practitioners, researchers, government officials, wildlife veterinarians, zoo and botanical institute employees, protected area managers and species experts who volunteer their time and expertise to produce the scientific and practical foundation on which the effective delivery of conservation is built, and conduct research and implement a range of conservation activities.

The appointment of SSC Members is approved by the corresponding group leader, and the members must clearly understand and agree to such a governance structure at the time they are appointed.

### 3. Responsibilities of the SSC Members

- Embrace the [Code of Conduct](#) and support its implementation and building awareness among other members.
- Support the achievement of [SSC Vision, Mission and Objectives](#).
- Proactively seek opportunities to advance the mission of their group.
- Contribute to deliver the quadrennial targets of their group towards achieving the IUCN Species Strategic Plan 2021-2025.
- Support their group leaders in reporting about the activities of the group and any other tasks delegated by their group leaders for the management of the group.
- Actively engage in meetings of their group and in the delivery of meeting agreements.
- Register through the IUCN Commission System and Union Portal.
- It is strongly encouraged that all SSC members include, in addition to their primary affiliation, their SSC affiliation in the products of their research and conservation work (e.g. publications,

engagement in conservation projects, participation in congresses and conferences, email signatures, among others).

- Familiarize with the [Guide to IUCN SSC Membership](#), IUCN Species Strategic Plan and [SSC By-laws](#) and other governing documents:

Governance Framework	
1	IUCN Programme 2021-2025
2	SSC Mandate
3	SSC By laws
4	Code of Conduct for IUCN Commissions
5	Guidance on the Code of Conduct and Practices for its Implementation
6	IUCN Species Strategic Plan 2021-2025
Terms of Reference	
7	Terms of Reference for SSC Members

#### 4. Communication line in the IUCN SSC Governance structure

SSC members respond directly to their SSC Group leaders. Members are responsible to maintain contact with their group leaders and respond in a timely manner to requests that help the SSC Group to pursue its objectives.