



Terms of Reference 2021-2025

IUCN Species Survival Commission Steering Committee members

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

1. Relevance of the role for the IUCN SSC

The Steering Committee assists the Chair and Deputy Chair in overseeing and coordinating the activities of the Commission.

They will serve from the time of appointment to the end of the 2021-2025 quadrennium.

2. Responsibilities of members of SSC Steering Committee

- Determine the Commission's policies, guidelines, strategic plan, and work plan, and guide Commission activities within the bounds of the mandate established by the World Congress.
- Review and adopt or amend the governance documents, terms of references and guidelines for members and different leadership positions of the Commission.
- Review the performance of the Commission Chair on a regular basis.
- Review the appointment and reappointment of SSC Group Leaders.
- Evaluate the proposals for the establishment of new SSC Groups.
- Assist and promote fundraising in support of the work of the SSC and its network of experts.
- Attend annual and other meetings called by the SSC Chair, review their minutes and implement any corresponding action points.
- Upon request of SSC Chair, review IUCN SSC main publications such as policy and position statements, guidelines, standards, among others.
- Participate in working groups or other bodies to advance specific activities of the Steering Committee.
- Propose to the SSC Chair the representative for vertebrates to join the Red List Committee.
- If appointed as Chair or Co-Chair of an SSC Committee, comply with the specific terms of reference for that position.
- If appointed as Regional Vice-Chair, comply with the specific terms of reference for that position.
- Provide feedback, recommendations and expert knowledge regarding the activities of SSC.
- Other functions as may be conferred by the Commission Chair.
- Familiarize with IUCN Species Strategic Plan and SSC By-laws and other governing documents:

Governance Framework	
1	IUCN Programme 2021-2025
2	IUCN One Programme Charter
3	SSC Mandate
4	SSC By laws
5	Code of Conduct for IUCN Commissions
6	Guidance on the Code of Conduct and Practices for its Implementation
7	IUCN Species Strategic Plan, Species Conservation Cycle
8	Red List Partnership
9	Guidelines for IUCN SSC Leaders
10	Guidelines for SSC Members on Engaging in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
Terms of Reference	
11	Terms of Reference of the SSC Steering Committee members
12	Terms of Reference IUCN SSC Regional Vice-Chairs
13	Terms of Reference of the IUCN SSC Conservation Committees
14	Terms of Reference of the Chair of the IUCN Red List Committee
15	Terms of Reference of Chairs of Specialist Groups and Task Forces
16	Terms of Reference of the Red List Authority Coordinators
17	Terms of Reference of the IUCN SSC National Species Authority
18	Terms of Reference for SSC Members
19	Terms of Reference of Focal Point Ex-situ Conservation
20	Terms of Reference of Focal Point Conservation Planning
21	Terms of Reference of Focal Point Sustainable Use