



Terms of Reference 2021-2025

IUCN Species Survival Commission Regional Vice-Chairs

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1. Relevance of the role for the IUCN SSC

The role of IUCN SSC Regional Vice-Chairs is to support the Chair of the IUCN Species Survival Commission to facilitate efficient engagement and communication between relevant SSC Group Chairs and members, IUCN members, and national and regional SSC initiatives. Specific activities will be driven by regional needs and context.

Eight regional Vice-Chairs, one for each of the IUCN Statutory Regions (Africa, Meso and South America, North America and the Caribbean, West Europe, South and East Asia, West Asia, Oceania, and East Europe, North and Central Asia)

Regional Vice-Chairs will be appointed among members of the SSC Steering Committee. They will serve from the time of appointment to the end of the 2021-2025 quadrennium.

2. Responsibilities of members of SSC Regional Vice-Chairs

- Design and implement processes for expanding the SSC membership within their regions. This may span from seeking and encouraging potential candidates to apply for admission into SSC Groups, to establishing informal SSC national groupings as stepping-stones for future incorporation into SSC Groups, as well as strengthening SSC presence and activities within the region.
- Actively seek individuals within their regions that are emerging as possible future leaders in SSC. Try to build a one-on-one interaction with them, in order to find the best possible match between their interests and the different groups within SSC. Likewise, make contact with Chairs of SSC Groups or other SSC Leaders and inform them of these emerging figures so that they are aware of them and consider including them in the group's activities.
- Establish contact with IUCN Member institutions in their region and keep them informed of the activities of SSC, identifying opportunities for partnerships, joint activities, and active participation of the IUCN membership in the 2021-2025 Species Strategic Plan. It is encouraged to engage especially with National and Regional Committees of IUCN Members, through their regular meetings, the quadrennial regional forums, and catalyzing SSC input into regional programmes.
- Engage with IUCN Regional and National Offices, to facilitate and promote contact with SSC

Groups in support of each other's projects and activities in the region, as well as to jointly support national and regional policies for species conservation.

- Engage with regional/national/sub-national governments in their regions to encourage the adoption of knowledge products mobilized by IUCN. Key applications of these tools are the design and implementation of biodiversity strategic planning efforts, as well as reporting progress of their commitments to international agreements, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- 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