

IUCN SSC Standards and Petitions Committee



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NUMBER OF MEMBERS
 7

Mission statement

The Standards and Petitions Committee is responsible for ensuring the quality and standards of the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, developing guidelines for the application of the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria and ruling on petitions against the listings of species on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

Projected impact 2021–2025

The impact of the Standards and Petitions Committee (SPC) on conservation is indirect, through its efforts to maintain and increase the credibility and reliability of the IUCN Red List as the most authoritative source of the conservation status of species.

Targets 2021–2025

ASSESS

T-001 Provide support to the SSC groups and Red List Unit in the Red List assessment process, addressing their petitions, misunderstandings and problems.

Activities and results 2021

ASSESS

Red List

T-001 (KSR 6)

Assistance provided to SSC Groups and Red List Unit: ongoing

Result description: The Red List guidelines revision has started and will hopefully be published in early 2022. One petition was received. We reviewed the two African Elephant species, contributed to two articles and responded to a lot of comments and questions on applying the Red List Categories and Criteria. These comments can affect the revision of the Red List guidelines. We also participated in two meetings, including the Red List and Climate Change Specialist Group meetings.

Summary of achievements

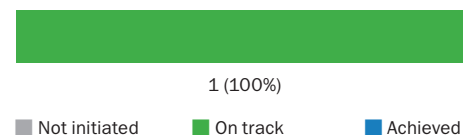
Total number of targets 2021–2025: 1

Geographic regions: 1 Global

Actions during 2021:

Assess: 1 (KSR 6)

Overall achievement 2021–2025:



■ Not initiated ■ On track ■ Achieved



Standards and Petitions Committee at a meeting
in November 2015 at the University of New South Wales,
Sydney, Australia
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