

# IUCN SSC Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group



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## Mission statement

The Mission of the IUCN SSC Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group (TFTSG) is to identify and document threats to the survival of all species of tortoises and freshwater turtles, and to help catalyse conservation action to ensure that none become extinct and that sustainable populations of all species persist in the wild.

## Projected impact 2021–2025

We intend to complete assessments of all 360 species and 485 taxa by the end of the current quadrennium. There are also multiple species for which captive breeding and in situ projects are expected to make a measurable impact on preventing in situ extinction of those species.

## Targets 2021–2025

### ASSESS

T-001 Annual regional Red List assessments: 75% total species assessed.

## Activities and results 2021

### ASSESS

#### Red List

T-001 (KSR 6)

**Number of national Red List reassessments published:** ongoing

**Result description:** We are in transition between two Red List Coordinators, and about to undertake a long list of new assessments covering the Amazon region and then elsewhere. Assessments of the South American region are now underway by new Red List Coordinator Vivian P. Páez.

## Summary of achievements

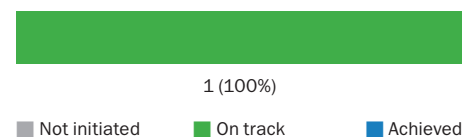
**Total number of targets 2021–2025:** 1

**Geographic regions:** 1 America

**Actions during 2021:**

Assess: 1 (KSR 5)

**Overall achievement 2021–2025:**





Critically Endangered Radiated Tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), Madagascar  
Photo: Craig Stanford



Eduardo Reyes does conservation fieldwork in Chiapas, Mexico  
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