

# IUCN SSC Conservation Translocation Specialist Group



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**NUMBER OF MEMBERS**  
98

**SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE**  
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## Mission statement

The IUCN SSC Conservation Translocation Specialist Group (CTSG) aims to empower responsible conservation translocations that save species, strengthen ecosystems and benefit humanity.

## Projected impact 2021–2025

In alignment with CTSG's 10-year strategic plan, available at [iucn-ctsg.org](https://iucn-ctsg.org), the group will progress in each of its six strategic pillars, bringing advancements in Science, Guidance, Policy, Training, Action, and Outreach, respectively. Overall, we endeavour to advance knowledge to innovate solutions to problems that endangered species and ecosystems face. We will create guidelines of best-practice on emerging globally relevant topics, and work with taxon specialist groups to advance customized best practice documents. We will work with governments to entrench guidance documents in regional or national policies. We will expand our international training program to five continents in person, while accelerating the content and accessibility of online training information. Ultimately, we are focussed on actions that arise from the aforementioned strategies and will work with stakeholders globally to advance responsible, efficient, and effective conservation translocations that aid species and recipient ecosystems. Finally,

we will escalate the opportunity to share the stories, the challenges, and ultimately the successes that arise when courageous action is taken to actively restore species and ecosystems.

## Targets 2021–2025

### PLAN

T-003 Launch the CTSG Plan to 2030, with new mission, vision and logo.

T-005 Launch the Global Amphibian Conservation Translocation Guidelines.

T-007 Assist the development and launch of the English government's Code for Conservation Translocations.

T-010 Enhance online conservation translocation training.

T-011 Produce a Guiding Principle Document for Responsible Use of Confiscated, Rehabilitated, or Rescued Organisms for Responsible Conservation Translocations.

### ACT

T-004 Publish a 2021 Global Conservation Translocation Perspective Case Study Book.

T-006 Publish a 'Conservation Translocation' book with Cambridge University Press.

T-008 Support the planning, development and implementation of conservation translocations in the wild for 50+ species.

### NETWORK

T-001 Host a Global Conservation Translocation Conference.

T-002 Support a Global Plant Conservation Translocation Conference.

T-009 Give in-person training on three continents.

## Activities and results 2021

### PLAN

#### Planning

T-003 (KSR 8)

**Number of conservation plans/strategies developed: 1**

**Result description:** The plan was launched and the new vision, mission and logo are in place.

T-005 (KSR 8)

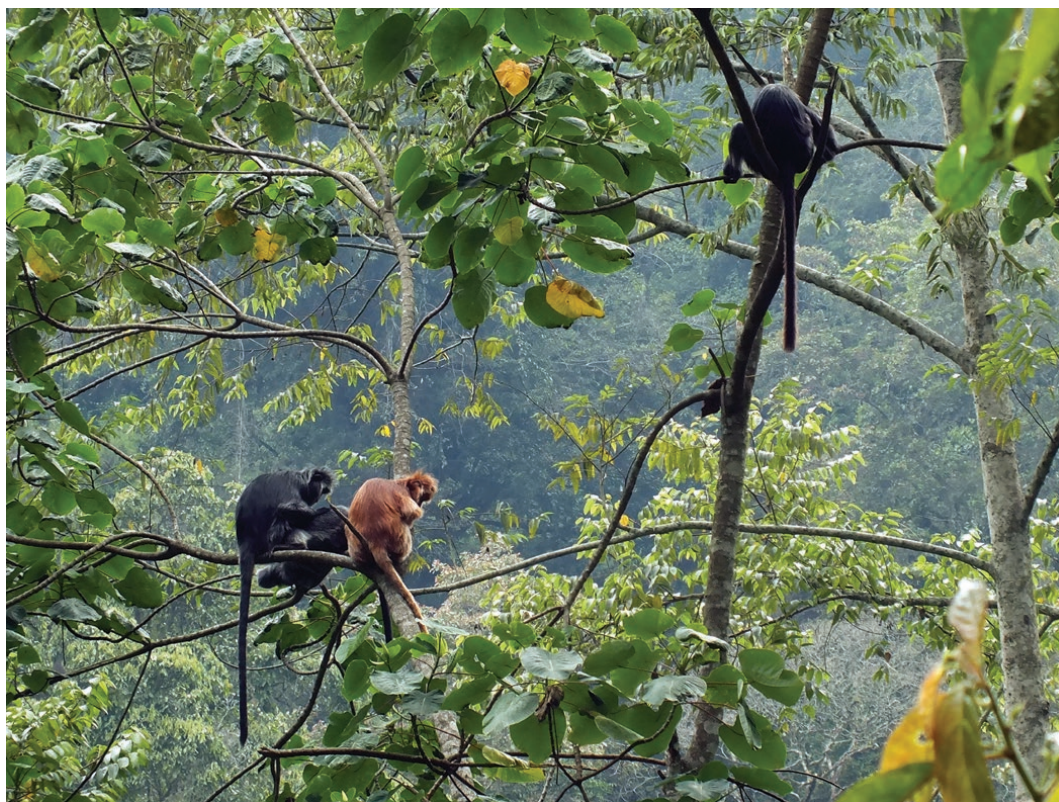
**Number of conservation plans/strategies developed: 1**

**Result description:** We had a successful launch of the *IUCN Guidelines for amphibian reintroductions and other conservation translocations* (available at: <https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/49485>).

T-010 (KSR 8)

**Create and post CTSG training modules on CTSG website to enhance online training for global governments and practitioners: 1**

**Result description:** Refreshed new content for extensive CTSG modules was online



Group of released Javan Ebony Langurs at Coban Talun  
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by 31 December (available at: <https://iucn-ctsg.org>), with contributors from New Zealand, Spain, Italy and Canada.

#### Policy

T-007 (KSR 9)

**Number of policies where SSC members provided technical input: 1**

**Result description:** There was a successful launch of the English *Reintroductions and other conservation translocations: code and guidance for England*, which apply our IUCN *Guidelines for Reintroductions and Other Conservation Translocations*. The Code was developed with Natural England and the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). See: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reintroductions-and-conservation-translocations-in-england-code-guidance-and-forms>.

T-011 (KSR 9)

**Number of documents provided to support/guide policy making: 1**

**Result description:** We have made excellent progress; initial draft documents are completed. We are working towards SSC Steering Committee approval in 2022.

#### ACT

##### Conservation actions

T-004 (KSR 10)

**Number of technical documents provided to support conservation actions: 1**

**Result description:** *Global conservation translocation perspectives: 2021. Case studies from around the globe* was published and distributed worldwide. It is available for download at <https://iucn-ctsg.org>.

T-006 (KSR 10)

**Number of technical documents provided to support conservation actions: 1**

**Result description:** The book *Conservation Translocations* has been submitted to Cambridge University Press. Anticipated publication is in December 2022.

T-008 (KSR 10)

**Number of conservation translocations conducted: 5**

**Result description:** Advanced planning/action took place for: (1) Guam Kingfisher (*Todiramphus cinnamominus*) – Guam; (2) Mountain Bongo (*Tragelaphus eurycerus isaaci*) – Kenya; (3) Eurasian Beaver (*Castor fiber*) – Greece; (4) Hawaiian honeycreepers – US; (5) Scottish Wildcat (*Felis silvestris silvestris*) – Scotland.

#### NETWORK

##### Synergy

T-001 (KSR 3)

**Conference held: 1**

**Result description:** Planning is well advanced for a conference in Perth in November 2023.

T-002 (KSR 3)

**Conference supported spearheaded by Rome academic partners: 1**

**Result description:** The conference is set for Rome in June 2022.

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#### Summary of achievements

**Total number of targets 2021–2025: 11**

**Geographic regions:** 5 Global, 1 America, 1 Asia, 3 Europe, 1 Oceania

**Actions during 2021:**

Plan: 5 (KSR 8, 9)

Act: 3 (KSR 10)

Network: 2 (KSR 3)

**Overall achievement 2021–2025:**

