

2021 Report

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NUMBER OF MEMBERS
30

Mission statement

To conserve native plants of the Mascarene Islands.

Projected impact 2021–2025

For La Réunion island, set up: (1) a system for automatic assessment of the status of protected plant populations, according to the different concrete actions (new plantations), at (a) the level of managed areas and (b) the island scale; (2) a series of localised arboreta (at the watershed-wide, for relevance to ecotypes and traceability), including rare, protected species, for future conservation action projects. For Mauritius: an increasing number of the endemic flora of Mauritius and Rodrigues assessed for the IUCN Red List; multiple collaborations between local NGO, private, government, and international institutions initiated or reinforced; improved capacity and increasing initiatives to save most threatened plants from extinction; institutions and members contributing to key national policies and dialogues; and raising awareness of the increasing threat of development, alien species, deforestation to biodiversity.

Targets 2021–2025

ASSESS

T-001 Conduct Red List assessment for 25 endemic plants of Mauritius and Rodrigues by 2025.

NETWORK

T-002 Recruit three new members annually in Mauritius and Rodrigues.

Activities and results 2021

ASSESS

Red List

T-001 (KSR 6)

Number of species that have been assessed through the different tools: 13

Result description: Thirteen (13) species assessments were submitted to the Red List Unit or are being reviewed.

NETWORK

Membership

T-002 (KSR 2)

Number of SSC members recruited: 5

Result description: Five new members were recruited to the group in 2021.

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Bois Pasner (*Zanthoxylum paniculatum*) was, for the first recorded time ever, successfully propagated by graft in Rodrigues
Photos: Alfred Begue

Summary of achievements

Total number of targets 2021–2025: 2

Geographic regions: 2 Africa

Actions during 2021:

Assess: 1 (KSR 6)

Network: 1 (KSR 2)

Overall achievement 2021–2025:



2 (100%)

■ Not initiated ■ On track ■ Achieved

