

## 2021 Report

# IUCN SSC Tapir Specialist Group



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**NUMBER OF MEMBERS**  
130

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### Mission statement

The IUCN SSC Tapir Specialist Group (TSG) is a global group of biologists, zoo professionals, researchers and advocates dedicated to conserving tapirs and their habitat through strategic action planning in countries where tapirs live, information sharing, and through educational outreach that shows the importance of the tapir to local ecosystems and to the world at large.

### Projected impact 2021–2025

By the end of 2025, we want to have strong group representation in all tapir range countries in Latin America and Southeast Asia and stable, long-term research and conservation programmes in several of these countries.

### Targets 2021–2025

#### ASSESS

- T-001** Establish joint tapir research and conservation programmes including multiple tapir species and range countries.
- T-002** Establish a network of tapir research and conservation programmes representing all tapir range countries.

#### PLAN

**T-003** Publish a visual, popular version of at least two TSG action plans – Baird's Tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*) and Mountain Tapir (*Tapirus pinchaque*) – condensed, accessible and mobile for use.

#### NETWORK

- T-004** Expand the TSG fellowship.
- T-005** Integrate our education curriculum 'Tapir Tracks' with education programmes.
- T-006** Involve TSG members in at least three TSG strategic plan actions.
- T-007** Obtain a minimum of 10 new alliances between ex situ and in situ conservation efforts.

#### COMMUNICATE

- T-008** Resurrect the tapir conservation newsletter.
- T-009** Upload at least 100 scientific papers to the TSG virtual library.

### Activities and results 2021

#### ASSESS

##### Research activities

**T-001** (KSR 5)

**Number of joint programmes designed and established:** 4

**Result description:** Current joint programmes: TSG and Fondation Segre World Tapir Conservation Programme (ongoing); Baird's Tapir Conservation Alliance (ongoing); TSG Colombia Network (ongoing); Brazil Action Plan Network (ongoing).

**T-002** (KSR 5)

**Network established and maintained:** ongoing

**Result description:** The joint research and conservation programmes mentioned above also operate as regional and/or global networks focused on tapir conservation. Most Latin American countries are represented. We are working on Southeast Asia.

#### NETWORK

##### Capacity building

**T-004** (KSR 2)

**Number of people trained in conservation planning:** Ongoing.



Patrícia Medici and her team gathering genetic data from an anesthetized tapir in Brazil's Pantanal  
Photo: Patrícia Medici



Lowland Tapir, Brazil  
Photo: Patrícia Medici

**Result description:** The TSG Fellowship Programme did not operate during the pandemic (2020–2021). We are currently resuming the programme and planning for the second half of 2022 and 2023.

T-005 (KSR 2)

**Number of people trained in conservation action:** Ongoing.

**Result description:** Tapir Tracks has been translated into Portuguese and Spanish. It is currently being used systematically in Brazil and Honduras.

**Synergy**

T-006 (KSR 2)

**TSG members involved:** Ongoing.

**Result description:** This work is continuous.

T-007 (KSR 2)

**Number of 'funding' partners established and maintained:** Ongoing.

**Result description:** This work is continuous.

**COMMUNICATE**

**Communication**

T-009 (KSR 12)

**Number of publications uploaded:** Ongoing.

**Result description:** Preparation of publications is in process.

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**Summary of achievements**

**Total number of targets 2021–2025:** 9

**Geographic regions:** 9 Global

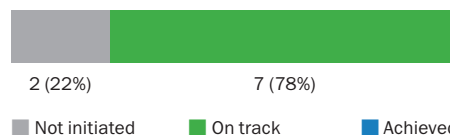
**Actions during 2021:**

Assess: 2 (KSR 5)

Network: 4 (KSR 2)

Communicate: 1 (KSR 12)

**Overall achievement 2021–2025:**



SZB Conference. Keynote Speech  
*My Friend is a Tapir Campaign*  
Photo: Patrícia Medici