

IUCN SSC West Africa Plant Red List Authority



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NUMBER OF MEMBERS

17

Mission statement

The IUCN SSC West Africa Plant Red List Authority (WAPRLA) aims to increase the number of assessments of West African plant species at a faster rate than the present. We also aim to network with West African and international specialist researchers, conservationists, policymakers and other stakeholders, communicate our group's work to diverse audiences and contribute to conservation planning and actions, in a region that suffers one of the most dramatic losses of tropical forest in the world.

Projected impact 2021–2025

WAPRLA aims to increase the knowledge on extinction risk of plants in West Africa, followed by conservation planning and action, particularly in Guinea, to deliver a conservation action plan for threatened trees and work with communities to protect those species through effective collaboration and practical approaches.

Targets 2021–2025

ASSESS

T-002 Assess the extinction risk of 50 West African plant species.

T-003 Conduct reassessments of 25 West African tree species.

T-004 Publish two scientific publications acknowledging SCC affiliation.

PLAN

T-005 Prepare a Threatened Trees of Guinea Conservation Action Plan.

T-006 Develop nine Conservation Action Plans for endemic species of Guinea (subject to funding).

ACT

T-007 Carry out conservation of threatened trees of Guinea.

T-008 Involve six villages on the edge of Tropical Important Plant Areas in Guinea in species conservation and sustainable use (subject to funding).

NETWORK

T-001 Train 20 West African collaborators in IUCN Red List assessment tools.

COMMUNICATE

T-009 Write four blog posts on threatened trees of Guinea and West African plants.

Activities and results 2021

ASSESS

Red List

T-003 (KSR 6)

Number of global Red List reassessments completed: 5

Result description: The team has been working with the Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) Global Trees programme to identify and reassess threatened tree species.

PLAN

Planning

T-005 (KSR 8)

Number of conservation plans/strategies developed: 0

Result description: Discussions have taken place and the Guinea Working Group is collaborating with the SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group and BGCI to put this together.

ACT

Synergy

T-014 (KSR 11)

Number of rural communities involved in species conservation programmes and sustainable use practices: 1

Talbotiella cheekii
Photo: Xander van der Burgt



Omphalocarpum fruit
Photo: Charlotte Couch



Collecting seed of threatened tree species in Guinea
Photo: Charlotte Couch



Calophyllum africanum
Photo: Xander van der Burgt

Result description: One tree nursery has been installed in the village of Tomboya and they are planning to install a fire break to protect the forest of Kakiwondi Tropical Important Plant Area (TIPA).

NETWORK

Capacity building

T-001 (KSR 2)

Number of people trained in assessment tools: 0

Result description: Funding for an online workshop has been attained through the SSC. The workshop will take place from 7–17 March 2022 and target the French speaking West African countries.

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Summary of achievements

Total number of targets 2021–2025: 9

Geographic regions: 1 Global, 8 Africa

Actions during 2021:

Assess: 1 (KSR 6)

Plan: 1 (KSR 8)

Act: 1 (KSR 11)

Network: 1 (KSR 2)

Overall achievement 2021–2025:

