

## 2016-2017 Report



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### Number of members

95

### Social networks

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### Mission statement

The mission of the Antelope Specialist Group (ASG) is to promote the conservation of the world's antelope diversity and to contribute to the mission of SSC.

### Main activities by Key Priority Area (2016 & 2017)

#### Barometer of life

##### ■ Red List

i. Completed 147 antelope reassessments. (KSR #1)

##### ■ Research activities

i. ASG electronic database (ASGPO): data on 93 antelope species inputted. (KSR #1)

#### Bolster work at national scales

##### ■ Synergy

i. Met with several Directors related to wildlife conservation: Director and Head of Research, Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority, Mozambique (ANAC), Namibia (MET), Senegal (DFNP), Tanzania (TAWA and TAWIRI). (KSR #29)

#### Capacity building

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i. Co-organized training workshop on gazelle husbandry; trained 45 people from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. (KSR #17)

#### Communications

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- i. Two issues of *Gnusletter* produced per year. (KSR #28)
- ii. Factsheet on North African-Arabian antelopes produced in collaboration with IUCN-Med Office. (KSR #28)
- iii. ASG Facebook page launched. (KSR #28)
- iv. Produced one special issue of *Gnusletter* on African Buffalo. (KSR #28)

#### ■ Scientific meetings

- i. Co-organized conference on antelopes, giraffes and hippos: Prague, Feb. 2017. (KSR #28)
- ii. Participated in the EAZA AGTAG meeting, Sept. 2017. (KSR #28)
- iii. Co-organized the 2nd African Buffalo Workshop, Windhoek, Namibia, Sept. 2016. (KSR #28)
- iv. Co-prepared the 3rd African Buffalo Workshop, South Africa, 2018. (KSR #28)

#### Conservation action

##### ■ Conservation activities

- i. Cuvier's gazelle Action Plan published. (KSR #15)
- ii. Co-organized workshop for Regional Action Plan for Addax and Dama gazelle (Chad/Niger). (KSR #15)
- iii. Worked on Western Derby eland (CR) planning with Senegal government agency and partners. (KSR #15)
- iv. Provided scientific advice on Hirola (CR) sanctuary, management in reserves. (KSR #27)
- v. Co-facilitated Saiga Conservation Workshop, Moscow, Aug. 2017. (KSR #15)
- vi. Facilitated Antelope Rescue Centre Workshop and produced a report on rehabilitation and captive breeding options for the government, Somaliland, Aug. 2017. (KSR #15)
- vii. Co-organized and facilitated workshop and completed Regional Action Plan for Addax and Dama gazelle for Chad and Niger. (KSR #15).

##### ■ Proposal development and funding

i. Five grant proposals to funding agencies supported. (KSR #30)

#### ■ Scientific meetings

i. Attended annual meetings of Sahelo-Saharan Interest Group.

##### ■ Synergy

i. Dama gazelle network kept up to date on all developments and conservation action. (KSR #29)



African buffalo (*Syncerus caffer*), Least Concern  
Photo: Mathieu Bourgarel

ii. Active Slender-Horned gazelle network established and kept up to date on all developments and conservation action.

iii. Liaison with Sustainable Use and Livelihoods SG to provide advice on sustainable use of antelopes. Also with Wildlife Health SG to provide advice on antelopes health (KSR #29)

#### Increasing diversity of SSC

##### ■ Synergy

i. Update contact details of ASG members and respond to requests. (KSR #29)

##### Policy

##### ■ Policy advice

i. Responded on requirements for key species (Saiga and Tibetan antelope) from Animals and Standing Committee of CITES and actively participated on CITES CoP17 in Johannesburg in 2016. (KSR #26)

ii. Responded to requests on listings and status of antelopes to CMS. (KSR #26)

iii. Published and distributed policy on Intensive Genetic Manipulation. (KSR #26)

##### ■ Research activities

i. Published ASG Taxonomy Policy, version 2. (KSR #43)

##### ■ Technical advice

i. Attended government workshop on Intentional Genetic Manipulation, Namibia, Aug. 2016. (KSR #27)

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#### Targets for the quadrennium 2017-2020

##### Barometer of life

Green List: complete Green List assessments for 93 species.

Red List: (1) maintain regular updates of 93 species Red List datasheets; (2) complete all (144) Red List reassessments.

Research activities: (1) enter baseline data for all species and subspecies (143) into Antelope e-database; (2) expand fields of Antelope e-database.

##### Communications

Communication: (1) produce policy statements as appropriate; (2) publish six *Gnusletter* regular issues (2 per year) and special issues; (3) relaunch website; (4) maintain Facebook page with one post per month; (5) create a Twitter account and a blog.

Scientific meetings: co-organize 3rd and 4th African Buffalo workshops.

##### Conservation action

Agreements: sign MoU with RZSS on genetics and planning.

Conservation activities: (1) publish the ASG planning guidelines; (2) develop the Global Antelope Strategy; (3) publish action plans for eight key antelope taxa; (4) enhance link between Red List assessments and species planning; (5) review KBA sites for antelopes.

Proposal development and funding: support preparation of grant proposals as requested.

#### Increasing diversity of SSC

Membership: increase regional and gender diversity of members of the ASG.

##### Policy

Policy advice: (1) revise Intensive Genetic Manipulation Policy; (2) liaise annually with CMS; (3) provide advice to SSC Chair and IUCN.

Synergy: liaise annually with CITES AC, SC and COP; attend two standing meetings a year, for two species.

#### Projected impact for the quadrennium 2017-2020

By the end of 2020, we expect that: ASG's global framework for antelope conservation; road maps for all threatened taxa; action plans for key species; updated Red List assessments; advice to IUCN, CITES, CMS, governments and INGOs; support for project proposals; and dissemination of information will collectively have made a significant contribution to stabilizing and/or improving the status of antelopes and also to specific targets on the SSC Strategic Plan.

#### Summary of activities (2016-2017)

Key Priority Area ratio: 7/7

Key Priority Areas addressed:

- Barometer of life (2 activities)
- Bolster work at national scales (1 activity)
- Capacity building (1 activity)
- Communications (8 activities)
- Conservation action (12 activities)
- Increasing diversity of SSC (1 activity)
- Policy (5 activities)

Main KSRs addressed: 1, 15, 17, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 43