

IUCN SSC Asian Species Action Partnership Group

2016-2017 Report



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276

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Mission statement

Avert the extinctions of Critically Endangered land and freshwater vertebrates in Southeast Asia.

Main activities by Key Priority Area (2016 & 2017)

Communications

■ Conservation activities

i. Attended ASEAN Working Group on Biodiversity and Nature Conservation meeting to raise the profile and needs of ASAP species conservation.

Conservation action

■ Conservation activities

i. Regional Conservation Strategy and Action Planning Workshop held in Sarawak, Malaysia in May 2017 and facilitated by IUCN CPSG for the Helmeted Hornbill. Document in final stages and due to be finalised and available before end 2017. Regional Conservation Strategy and Action Planning Workshop held in Singapore in June 2017 for the Sunda pangolin and facilitated by IUCN CPSG. Document in progress with IUCN SSC Pangolin SG taking the lead. (KSR #15)

ii. A 3-day Strategy Development Workshop was held at the end of November 2017 to develop a robust 5 year strategy for ASAP moving forward. Pre-workshop preparation included interviews and surveys with ASAP Partners, IUCN SSC bodies, donors and other relevant stakeholders and it is hoped to be completed by the end of 2017 or early 2018. (KSR #31)

Increasing diversity of SSC

■ Membership

i. Sixty organisations are now signed up to the ASAP Partnership with 27 being nationally based organisations.

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Targets for the quadrennium 2017-2020

Capacity building

Capacity building: strategy guides role of ASAP in building Southeast Asian capacity and leadership for ASAP species conservation.



IUCN Strategy Planning meeting,
November 2017

IUCN ASAP Strategy Planning meeting,
November 2017

Communications

Communication: ASAP species communication strategy developed and being implemented.

Conservation action

Conservation activities: (1) ASAP strategy developed and priorities agreed; (2) conservation action of ASAP species promoted with increased implementation (ongoing) and specific conservation strategy and action plans developed for at least 3 ASAP species; (3) *ex situ* working group with clearly defined goals.

Proposal development and funding: an increase in funding available to support ASAP species conservation and prevent extinctions.

Synergy: at least 80 institutions partners of ASAP.



Projected impact for the quadrennium

2017-2020

By the end of 2020, we envision a number of ASAP species (Critically Endangered land and freshwater vertebrates found in Southeast Asia) will have benefited from effective conservation action. ASAP will have initiated a fund specifically supporting the conservation of ASAP species, ASAP will have developed appropriate tools and mechanisms to raise the profile of ASAP species amongst all stakeholders to increase understanding and awareness of the urgent need and actions to avert ASAP species extinctions, ASAP will have developed a comprehensive capacity building and training strategy to improve Southeast Asian leadership and conservation capacity, and ASAP will create an enabling environment to catalyse effective conservation action for ASAP species with a focus on neglected species.

Summary of activities (2016-2017)

Key Priority Area ratio: 3/7

Key Priority Areas addressed:

- Communications (1 activity)
- Conservation action (2 activities)
- Increasing diversity of SSC (1 activity)

Main KSRs addressed: 15, 31

KSR: Key Species Result