

IUCN SSC Chameleon Specialist Group

2016-2017 Report



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12



Mission statement

The mission of the Chameleon Specialist Group is to improve the conservation status and sustainable use of wild chameleons.

Main activities by Key Priority Area (2016 & 2017)

Barometer of life

■ Red List

- i. South African *Bradypodion* species published on the Red List for the first time (17 species). (KSR #1)
- ii. All chameleon assessments are < 10 years old on the IUCN Red List. (KSR #1)

Bolster work at national scales

■ Research activities

- i. AZEs for all chameleons provisionally identified through online consultations. (KSR #43)

Policy

■ Technical advice

- i. Regular contributions (Animals Committee, Standing Committee, Conference of Parties) on chameleon-related issues in support of the implementation of CITES. (KSR #43)

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Targets for the quadrennium 2017-2020

Barometer of life

Red List: (1) ensure all newly described chameleons are assessed on the IUCN Red List; (2) ensure all chameleon assessments are re-assessed before 10 years old.

Bolster work at national scales

Research activities: AZE for chameleons identified and approved.

Policy

Technical advice: support implementation of CITES.

Projected impact for the quadrennium 2017-2020

By the end of 2020, IUCN Red List assessments of chameleons will have contributed to key decisions at the policy and action levels that benefit individual species, sites, governments and communities.



Parson's Chameleon (*Calumma parsonii*), Near Threatened
Photo: Sibylle Stofer



Antsingy Leaf Chameleon (*Brookesia perarmata*), Endangered
Photo: Richard Jenkins

Summary of activities (2016-2017)

Key Priority Area ratio: 3/7

Key Priority Areas addressed:

- Barometer of life (2 activities)
 - Bolster work at national scales (1 activity)
 - Policy (1 activity)
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Main KSRs addressed: 1, 43

KSR: Key Species Result