

IUCN SSC Asian Species Action Partnership Group

2018 Report



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80 partner organizations

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Asian Species Action Partnership
Conserving species on the brink

Mission statement

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

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

By the end of 2020, we envision a number of Asian Species Action Partnership (ASAP) species (Critically Endangered land and freshwater vertebrates found in Southeast Asia) will have benefited from effective conservation action. ASAP will have: created an enabling environment to catalyse effective conservation action for ASAP species with a focus on those most neglected; increased funding available for the conservation of ASAP species; developed a comprehensive capacity building and training strategy to improve Southeast Asian leadership and conservation capacity; and developed appropriate tools and mechanisms to raise the profile of ASAP species, increasing understanding and awareness of the urgent need to avert ASAP species extinctions.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Plan

Planning: (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 three ASAP species; (3) ex situ Working Group with clearly defined goals created.

Network

Capacity building: capacity building and training strategy developed and priorities agreed.

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

Synergy: at least 80 organisations are official ASAP Partners.

Communicate

Communication: ASAP species communication strategy developed and being implemented.

Activities and results 2018

Plan

Planning

- i.** The ASAP 5-year strategy has been finalised and first year implemented in 2018; the official strategy launched in March 2019. (KSR #31)
- ii.** A conservation action plan for *Rhinoplax vigil* launched in 2018; a regional conservation action plan for *Manis javanica* has been produced; a conservation needs assessment was carried out as part of a Red Listing workshop for Asian Tortoises and Freshwater turtles. (KSR #31)
- iii.** Co-chairs of the ASAP *ex situ* working group are in place and identifying ASAP species to initiate *ex situ* conservation efforts and partnerships. (KSR #25)



Mekong Giant Catfish (*Pangasianodon gigas*)
Photo: Wildlife Reserves Singapore/David Tan



Celebes Crested Macaque (*Macaca nigra*)
Photo: Wildlife Reserves Singapore/David Tan

Vietnamese Pond Turtle/Annam Leaf Turtle
(*Mauremys annamensis*)
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Network

Capacity building

i. A capacity development and training strategy has been developed. Priorities and roadmap are to be agreed in 2019. (KSR #17)

Proposal development and funding

i. We have been engaging with ASAP partners and donors to increase funding for ASAP species conservation. Work is ongoing into development of a new funding mechanism for ASAP species conservation. (KSR #30)

Synergy

i. At the end of 2018, we had 80 organisations signed up as ASAP Partners. (KSR #28)

Communicate

Communication

i. A communication strategy has been developed with planned implementation to start in 2019. (KSR #28)

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Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 3/5

Plan	3	
Network	3	
Communicate	1	

Main KSRs addressed: 17, 25, 28, 30, 31

Resolutions addressed: WCC-2016-Res-009

KSR: Key Species Result