

IUCN SSC Australasian Marsupial and Monotreme Specialist Group

2018 Report



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Number of members

29

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Mission statement

To enhance the long-term conservation outlook for the marsupials and monotremes of Australia, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Major focal areas in the 2017-20 period will be on increasing conservation efforts for marsupials and monotremes in Papua New Guinea and Indonesia; increasing the representation of stakeholders in those countries; completing conservation status assessments for the minority of species not covered by recent assessments; and seeking to catalyse research on Data Deficient species.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Red List: complete conservation status assessment for all taxa not assessed within last 10 years.

Network

Membership: (1) rebuild membership, especially to include more experts and other stakeholders for species from Papua New Guinea and Indonesia; (2) hold first face-to-face meeting with members and other interested individuals.

Synergy: review and re-establish internal structure.

Communicate

Communication: enhance communication within and beyond SSC.

Acknowledgements

We thank the previous Chair (Chris Johnson) and Deputy Chair (Chris Dickman) for their leadership of this group, and for managing conservation assessment efforts for most species in the 2015–18 period.

Summary of activities 2018

No activities reported for year 2018.



Western pygmy-possum
Cercartetus concinnus (Least Concern, stable),
Kangaroo Island
Photo: Rosemary Hohnen



Juvenile southern brown bandicoot
Isoodon obesulus (Least Concern, declining),
Kangaroo Island
Photo: Rosemary Hohnen



Northern quoll *Dasyurus hallucatus* (Endangered,
declining). Current research is addressing ways
to diminish the threats posed by feral cats and
poisoning by the introduced cane toad.
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Recovery Hub