

IUCN SSC Bustard Specialist Group

2018 Report



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Number of members

20



Mission statement

In process of creation.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Detailed status review of all six Asian species of bustard, and enumeration and promotion of appropriate necessary interventions. Consultation with Rajasthan officials over the preservation of the Great Indian Bustard (*Ardeotis nigripes*). Continuing programme of research on the Asian Houbara (*Chlamydotis macqueenii*).

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Red List: feed information into Red List reassessments of all bustard species.

Research activity: (1) inspire immediate management interventions on a grand scale for all six species of Asian bustards; (2) generate key data on Asian Houbara (*Chlamydotis macqueenii*).

Act

Conservation actions: provide advice on the conservation of the African Houbara (*Chlamydotis undulata*) in Lanzarote.

Technical advice: provide policy advice on Asian Houbara.

Communicate

Communication: (1) deliver weekly news and research output updates; (2) create a website for the Asian Houbara project.

Technical advice: develop guidelines for the optimal management of power lines in bustard areas to minimise mortalities caused by collisions.

Activities and results 2018

Assess

Red List

i. Red List reassessments of all bustard species are ongoing. (KSR #2, 4)

Research activity

i. A large and detailed multi-authored paper was published and widely circulated to promote a better understanding of threats to the species and the interventions needed to reduce the threat. (KSR #12)

ii. Generation of key data on the Asian Houbara is ongoing. (KSR #12)

Act

Technical advice

i. Policy advice on the Asian Houbara continues. (KSR #27)

Communicate

Communication

i. A weekly news and research output update is provided. (KSR #28)

ii. A website for the Asian Houbara project has been created and launched. (KSR #28)

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Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 3/5

Assess **3** |||

Act **1** |

Communicate **2** ||

Main KSRs addressed: 2, 4, 12, 27, 28

KSR: Key Species Result

Lesser Florican (*Sypheotides indicus*), Endangered
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