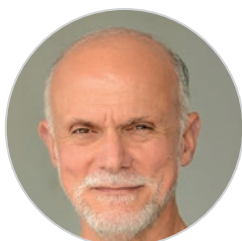


# IUCN SSC Caprinae Specialist Group



## 2018 Report



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### Number of members

35

### Social networks

Facebook:

IUCN Caprinae Specialist Group - CSG

Website:

<http://iucncaprinaesg.weebly.com/>



### Mission statement

To promote conservation of wild Caprinae and their environments, in collaboration with IUCN itself, international and local agencies, NGOs and anybody who struggles for the same objective of participating, endorsing and helping in any initiative that helps to promote the status and habitat of these species.

### Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

We plan to increase connections between stakeholders and specialists on Caprinae conservation. We plan to inform both Caprinae Specialist Group members and other interested people about the results of relevant research, management and conservation initiatives through our revived newsletter *Caprinae News*. One topic several of us have been working on is the consequences of current climatic changes on the distribution and numbers of mountain-dwelling herbivores, especially wild sheep, goats and goat-antelopes. Furthermore, several of us have been working on the evolutionary effects of trophy hunting on the hunted populations and several papers on this very important, controversial issue will be published. New and ongoing conservation initiatives will be furthered. The 7th World Mountain Ungulate Conference will be organised in Bozeman (Montana, US) in September 2019 and the Caprinae Specialist Group will cooperate in its organisation.

### Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

#### Assess

Red List: advise and support administrations, NGOs and other bodies on Caprinae conservation initiatives.

### Network

Documents review: advise and support administrations, NGOs and other bodies on Caprinae conservation initiatives.

Synergy: advise and support administrations, NGOs and other bodies on Caprinae conservation initiatives.

Technical advice: advise and support administrations, NGOs and other bodies on Caprinae conservation initiatives.

### Communicate

Communication: edition of *Caprinae News*, one issue per year.

Scientific meetings: organise the 7th World Mountain Ungulate Conference, Bozeman, Montana, US.

### Activities and results 2018

#### Assess

##### Red List

i. Arabian Tahr *Arabitragus jayakari* reassessment undertaken by Steve Ross. (KSR #1)

#### Network

##### Documents review

i. Advising Philip McGowan on a scientific paper regarding Caprinae. (KSR #27)

##### Synergy

i. Letters of support provided for: Blue Sheep *Pseudois nayaur*, Urial *Ovis vignei*, Caprinae. (KSR #27)

ii. Consultation of CITES scientific and management authorities with regard to the importation of Caprinae hunting trophies. Jointly with SULi, organization of workshop on sustainable management of wildlife in Central Asia with contributions by SG members on the conservation and hunting management of Caprinae species. (KSR # 27)

A saddleback individual of Nilgiri-Tahr *Nilgiritragus hylocrius*. As the males grow old they develop silvery saddle like patch on the rump  
 Photo: Shri T. Anil Kumar



Two magnificent male Kashmir Markhors *Capra falconeri*, Near Threatened  
 Photo: Imran Shah



Eastern Tur *Capra cylindricornis*, Near Threatened  
 Photo: Zurab Gurielidze

**Technical advice**

- i.** Inform CITES captive breeding working group. (KSR #25)
- ii.** Inform the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals. (KSR #27)
- iii.** Inform the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law Ethics Specialist Group. (KSR #27)

**Communicate**

Communication

- i.** Publish *Caprinae News* bulletin 2018. (KSR #28)

Scientific meetings

- i.** Support organisation of the 7th World Mountain Ungulate Conference, to be held in Bozeman, Montana, US. (KSR #28)

**Summary of activities 2018**

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 3/5

Assess	1	█
Network	6	██████
Communicate	2	██

Main KSRs addressed: 1, 25, 27, 28

KSR: Key Species Result