

IUCN SSC Asian Species Action Partnership Group

2019 Report



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Number of members

99 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 vertebrate species 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 institutions become partners of ASAP.

Communicate

Communication: ASAP species communication strategy developed and being implemented.

Activities and results 2019

Plan

Planning

i. The ASAP strategy is being implemented. (KSR #31)

ii. The first ever regional conservation strategy for Sunda Pangolins was published in 2019; Assess to Plan for freshwater fishes in the Sunda Basin was carried out as part of a Red Listing workshop to identify priority conservation actions. (KSR #31)

iii. Further work needs to go into the structure and operations of the *Ex Situ* Working Group. This will be followed by a focused assessment of how to best identify priority ASAP species needing *Ex Situ* conservation actions. (KSR #25)



Jullien's Golden Carp, *Probarbus jullieni*
Photo: David Tan, Wildlife Reserves Singapore



Rote Snake-necked Turtle, *Chelodina mccordi*
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Sunda Pangolin, *Manis javanica*
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Network

Capacity building

i. Report and roadmap finalised: *Building capacity for species conservation: An assessment of needs and opportunities for ASAP*. (KSR #17)

Proposal development and funding

i. Partnerships are being developed with donors and behind-the-scenes technical support is provided. (KSR #30)

Synergy

i. Partnerships grew from 80 to 99 Partner organisations over 2019. (KSR #28)

Communicate

Communication

i. The ASAP species communications strategy has been developed and is being implemented, including improvements to the ASAP website and initiation of quarterly newsletters. (KSR #28)

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Summary of activities 2019

Components of Species Conservation Cycle: 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