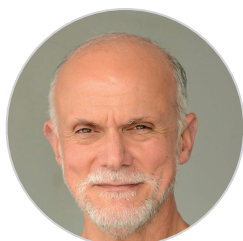


IUCN SSC Caprinae Specialist Group

2019 Report



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Number of members

35

Social networks

Facebook:
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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 (CSG) 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: (1) advise and support administrations, NGOs and other bodies on Caprinae conservation initiatives; (2) conduct Caprinae reassessment.

Research activities: publish a paper on the effects of trophy hunting banning in the journal *Science*.

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: (1) edition of *Caprinae News*, one issue per year; (2) produce communications using public media.

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



A Nilgiri tahr suckling
Photo: Shri T. Anil Kumar

Ovis aries musimon
Photo: André Ríos,
Ungulata Research Team



Two subadult females of Nilgiri tahr
Photo: Shri T. Anil Kumar



Activities and results 2019

Assess

Red List

i. The reassessment of 29 Caprinae species was initiated and coordinated by the CSG. These included new taxonomic concepts for two *Ovis* (split), one *Capricornis* (merger) and *Naemorhedus* species (merger). By the end of 2019, assessors had been identified for all species. The work will continue in 2020 and by March the reassessments for 20 species should be submitted. (KSR #1) 07483 114587

Research activities

i. Article published: Dickman, A., Cooney, R., Johnson, P.J., Louis, M.P., Roe, D., and 128 signatories. (2019). Trophy hunting bans imperil biodiversity. *Science* 365(6456):874. (KSR #32, 34, 37)

Network

Technical advice

i. Several letters were written to national and international bodies, including national CITES authorities and the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) Secretariat. (KSR #27)

Communicate

Communication

i. An article was published in *The Guardian*, one of the most important newspapers in the UK: Abisai, L., Du Preez, B., Dickman, A., Breitenmoser, C., Angula, V., Araeb, E., et al. (2018). 'The complex issue of big game trophy hunting', *The Guardian*, 20 December. Available at: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/dec/20/the-complex-issue-of-big-game-trophy-hunting> (Accessed 22 September 2020) (KSR #28)

Scientific meetings

i. We organised and participated in the 7th World Mountain Ungulate Conference, Bozeman, Montana. (KSR #28)

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Summary of activities 2019

Components of Species Conservation Cycle: 3/5

Assess	2	
Network	1	
Communicate	2	

Main KSRs addressed: 1, 27, 28, 32, 34, 37

KSR: Key Species Result