

IUCN SSC Antelope Specialist Group



2020 Report



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95

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Mission statement

The mission of ASG is to promote the conservation of the world's antelope diversity and to contribute to the mission of SSC.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

By the end of 2020, we expect: the Antelope Specialist Group's (ASG) global framework for antelope conservation; road maps for all threatened taxa; action plans for key species; updated Red List assessments; advice to IUCN, CITES, the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), governments and INGOs; support for project proposals; and dissemination of information will collectively have made a significant contribution to stabilising and/or improving the status of antelopes and also to specific targets on the SSC Strategic Plan.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Green List: complete Green List assessments for 93 species.

Red List: (1) maintain regular updates of 93 species' Red List datasheets; (2) complete all 144 Red List reassessments.

Research activities: (1) enter baseline data for all 144 species and subspecies into the Antelope e-database; (2) expand fields of the Antelope e-database.

Plan

Planning: (1) publish the ASG planning guidelines; (2) develop the Global Antelope Strategy; (3) publish action plans for eight key antelope taxa; (4) enhance the link between Red List assessments and species planning.

Policy: (1) revise the Intensive Genetic Manipulation Policy; (2) liaise annually with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS); (3) provide advice to the SSC Chair and IUCN; (4) liaise annually with the CITES Animals Committee, Standing Committee and Conference of the Parties, and attend two standing meetings per year for two species, as well as additional events *ad hoc*; (5) liaise with, and provide advice to, national government agencies.

Act

Conservation actions: review Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) sites for antelopes.

Network

Agreements: sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) on genetics and planning.

Membership: increase regional and gender diversity of members of the ASG.

Proposal development and funding: support preparation of grant proposals as requested.

Synergy: liaise with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) for the Global Eradication Campaign of "Peste des Petits Ruminants" (PPR GEP).

Communicate

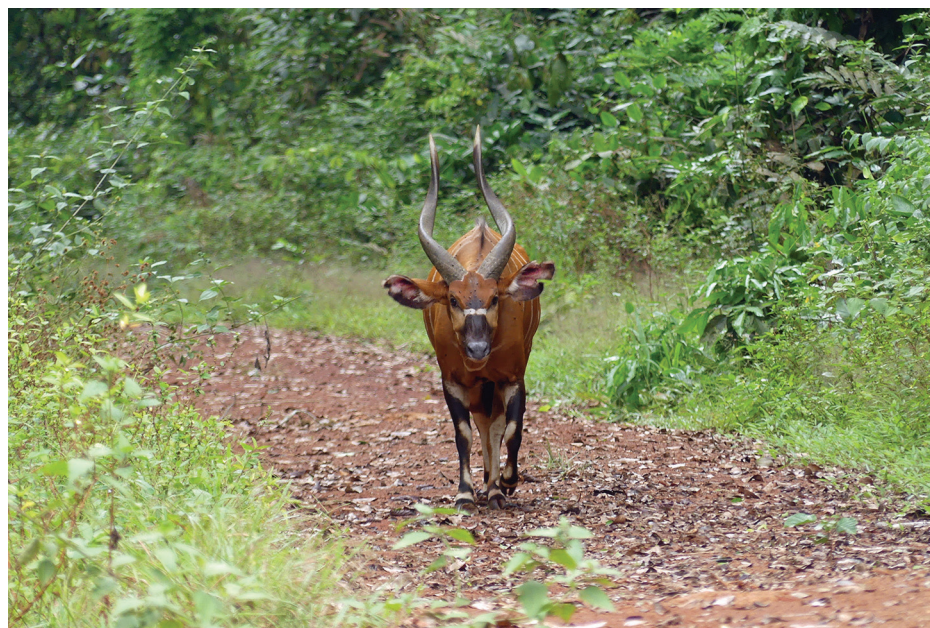
Communication: (1) produce policy statements as appropriate; (2) publish *Gnusletter* regular issues (2 per year) and special issues; (3) re-launch website; (4) maintain Facebook page with one post per month; (5) create a Twitter account and a blog; (5) publish book project entitled *The African Buffalo: ecology and management*, containing 20 chapters and 100,000 words.

Scientific meetings: co-organise the 3rd and 4th African Buffalo (*Syncerus caffer*) workshops.

Least Concern Lichtenstein's Hartebeest, *Alcelaphus buselaphus lichtensteinii*, and Least Concern Nyassa Wildebeest, *Connochaetes taurinus johnstoni*, Selous Game Reserve, Southern Tanzania
Photo: Robert J. Ross



Near Threatened Lowland or Western Bongo, *Tragelaphus eurycerus eurycerus*, adult male, Southern Cameroon
Photo: Charles Dugas / Faro Loboke Conservation Cameroon



Activities and results 2020

Assess

Red List

i. Threatened species datasheets were updated. (KSR #1)

Plan

Planning

i. The Action Plan for Slender-horned Gazelle (*Gazella leptoceros*) is completed; the Action Plan for Addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*) has been started; funds were obtained for the Ethiopia National Antelope Action Plan, but progress was delayed by COVID-19. (KSR #15)

Policy

i. Liaison with CITES, Animals Committee, Standing Committee and Conference of the Parties accomplished. We responded to CITES on Saiga (*Saiga tatarica*) and Tibetan Antelope (*Pantholops hodgsonii*). (KSR #26)

ii. Liaised with CMS on: 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CMS (CMS COP13) in February 2020; Central Asia Mammals Initiative; Saiga MoU; Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna Concerted Action (including collaboration on grant application to Government of Germany focused on Addax). (KSR #26)

iii. We responded to all requests formulated by IUCN and the SSC Chair. (KSR #26)

iv. We worked with the government of Niger on Addax conservation. (KSR #26)

Act

Conservation actions

i. The target focused on review of KBA sites for antelopes was dropped as responsibility for KBAs lies with National Committees. (KSR #22)

Network

Membership

i. New members were invited to join the ASG.

Proposal development and funding

i. Several projects were supported, two successful.

Synergy

i. Liaison with FAO and OIE for the PPR GEP (Global Eradication Campaign of "Peste des Petits Ruminants") accomplished. (KSR #23)

Communicate

Communication

i. *Gnusletter* issues 37.1 and 37.2 were published in 2020. (KSR #28)

ii. A contract was signed in November 2020 with Cambridge University Press for publication of the book *Ecology and Management of the African Buffalo*. (KSR #28)

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Summary of activities 2020

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 5/5

Assess	1	
Plan	5	
Act	1	
Network	3	
Communicate	2	

Main KSRs addressed: 1, 15, 22, 23, 26, 28

Resolutions addressed: WCC-2016-Res-041, WCC-2016-Res-100

KSR: Key Species Result