IUCN SSC Caprinae Specialist Group



2020 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 (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: start and conduct Caprinae reassessment

Network

Documents review: 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.

Activities and results 2020

Assess

Red List

i. We have progressed and nearly completed the Caprinae reassessment. In 2020, we conducted 21 reassessments, our main activity during this period. (KSR #1)

Network

Documents review

- i. We completed a review of a Global Wildlife Conservation book. (KSR #35)
- **ii.** We completed a review of a Matthew Richardson book. (KSR #35)

Technical advice

- i. A Texas University survey was conducted on trophy hunting. (KSR #27)
- ii. The CSG has advised on Walia Ibex (Capra walie), World Heritage Site, Simien National Park. (KSR #27)

Near Threatened Siberian Ibex, *Capra sibirica* Photo: Khalil Karimov



Endangered Western Tur, *Capra caucasica* Photo: Zurab Gurielidze



Communicate

Communication

 ${f i.}$ One issue of Caprinae News was published. (KSR #28)

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Summary of activities 2020

Components of Species Conservation Cycle: 3/5

Assess 1

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Network 4

Communicate 1

Main KSRs addressed: 1, 27, 28, 35

KSR: Key Species Result



Adult female and two kids of the Least Concern Mountain Goat, *Oreamnos americanus*, in summer at Caw Ridge, Alberta, Canada Photo: Édouard Bélanger @MountainGoatProject, Université Laval