

IUCN SSC Conifer Specialist Group

2020 Report



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42

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Mission statement

The Conifer Specialist Group helps promote the long-term survival of the world's conifers through rigorous conservation assessments, which help to guide conservation planning and conservation action.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Red List: complete Red List assessments of 50 conifer species.

Act

Conservation actions: (1) continue the ex situ conifer conservation programme in the UK; (2) restore the forests of the threatened conifer Chinese Swamp Cypress (*Glyptostrobus pensilis*) in Lao PDR.

Activities and results 2020

Assess

Red List

i. Due to global and national travel restrictions, the revision of existing assessments (50) has been the main priority. It is likely to be the main focus during 2021. (KSR #1)

Summary of activities 2020

Components of Species Conservation Cycle: 1/5

Assess **1** |

Main KSRs addressed: 1

KSR: Key Species Result





Fruit of Least Concern Buddhist Pine,
Podocarpus macrophyllus
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