

2021 Report

IUCN SSC Asian Species Action Partnership Specialist Group



Asian Species Action Partnership
Conserving species on the brink



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202

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Mission statement

Avert the extinctions of Critically Endangered land and freshwater vertebrates in Southeast Asia.

Projected impact 2021–2025

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, and increased funding available for the conservation of ASAP species. ASAP Partners will be better able to improve conservation outcomes of ASAP species through enhanced skills and capabilities, with a growing number of conservation leaders ready to take on the challenges of species conservation. The conservation needs of ASAP species will be more widely understood and acknowledged and greater conservation action occurring with the increased awareness of the urgent need to end ASAP species extinctions.

Targets 2021–2025

PLAN

T-003 Identify and prioritise, by 2022, a list of ASAP species that would benefit from ex situ intervention.

ACT

T-004 Catalyse an ex situ species recovery project for at least one ASAP species by 2024.

T-005 Fund the conservation of at least five 'neglected' ASAP species by 2023.

T-006 Provide technical advice and support to at least ten ASAP Partners by 2025.

NETWORK

T-001 Increase the ASAP Partnership to at least 200 Partner organisations by 2025.

T-002 Hold at least two training sessions by 2023 for ASAP Partners in skills to build capacity for ASAP species conservation (e.g. project management, strategy development).

COMMUNICATE

T-007 Publish four ASAP Newsletters annually.

T-008 Raise the profile of ASAP species conservation and/or ASAP Partners through at least five articles or social media campaigns by 2023.

Activities and results 2021

ACT

Conservation actions

T-005 (KSR 10)

Number of threatened species benefiting from in situ conservation action: 7

Result description: Seven projects were funded supporting in situ conservation action of neglected ASAP species.

Technical advice

T-006 (KSR 10)

Number of technical consultations provided to support conservation actions: 8

Result description: ASAP continues to support the partnership with advice and support and connects ASAP Partners with external stakeholders to allow them to access the relevant support they need.

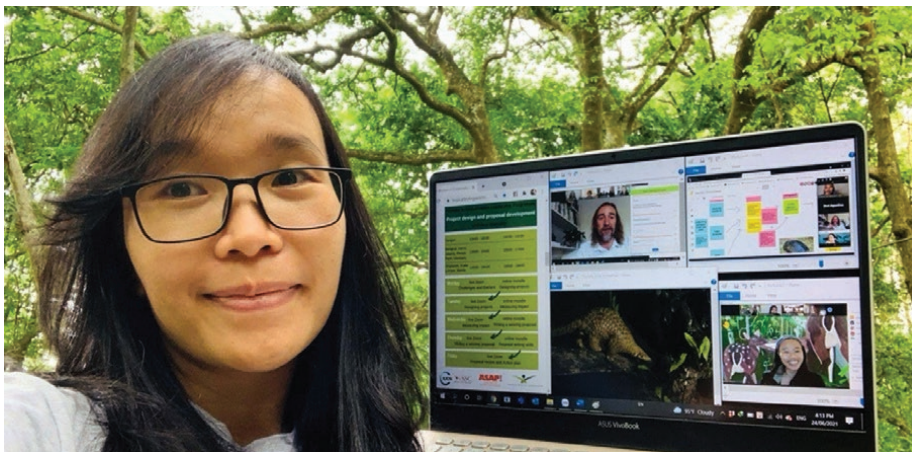
NETWORK

Capacity building

T-002 (KSR 2)

Number of people trained in management skills: 30

Result description: Project management for wildlife conservation training was carried out for 16 participants from ASAP Partner organisations. The ASAP Women in Conservation Leadership Programme launched in 2021 with 14 participants completing three training modules.



ASAP Women in Conservation Leadership Programme participant
Photo: Lan Ho/Save Vietnam's Wildlife



Forsten's Tortoise (*Indutestudo forstenii*)
from Central Sulawesi
Photo: Sheherazade/PROGRES



ASAP Partner PROGRES engaging with the local community as part of their Talaud Bear Cuscus conservation outreach efforts
Photo: Sheherazade/PROGRES

Membership

T-001 (KSR 2)

Number of SSC members recruited: 42

Result description: An additional 42 organisations joined as ASAP Partners in 2021, bringing membership to 202 ASAP Partners.

COMMUNICATE

Communication

T-007 (KSR 13)

Number of digital communication outputs developed in relation to specific taxonomic groups: 3

Result description: Three newsletters were produced in 2021.

T-008 (KSR 13)

Number of digital communication outputs developed in relation to specific taxonomic groups: 3

Result description: We publish ongoing social media posts and ASAP website articles (see <https://www.speciesonthebink.org/news/articles/>). A feature in ASEAN Focus magazine was published (see https://www.iseas.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/ASEANFocus_Sept_2021_FA_Digital_Compressed.pdf), along with an IUCN Position Paper on the Conservation of the Saola.

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Summary of achievements

Total number of targets 2021–2025: 8

Geographic regions: 8 Asia

Actions during 2021:

Act: 2 (KSR 10)

Network: 2 (KSR 2)

Communicate: 2 (KSR 13)

Overall achievement 2021–2025:

