

IUCN SSC Conservation Translocation Specialist Group

2018 Report



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Number of members

93

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Mission statement

The IUCN SSC Conservation Translocation Specialist Group (CTSG) aims to make a profound difference by empowering responsible conservation translocations that save species, strengthen ecosystems, and benefit humanity.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Advancements of the Conservation Translocation Specialist Group in terms of conservation science, policy development, and action are integral to the mission of the IUCN generally and the Species Survival Commission specifically. Strategic alignment of increased guideline translocations, increased science, hosting the second global conference, and upscaling training programmes will result in more effective conservation translocations around the world. By 2020, responsible conservation translocations will continue to increase for more species, in more places, more of the time for benefits to nature and humanity. Such positive conservation actions, which help to restore species and ecosystems, will continue to increase global optimism that conservation is worthwhile, effective, and worthy of increased investments around the world.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Research activities: begin soliciting case studies for another Reintroduction Perspectives book, to be published in 2020.

Act

Conservation actions: (1) IUCN Reintroduction Perspectives book document will be submitted to the IUCN Editorial Board for sign-off by end of 2017 or early 2018; (2) encourage translation of the IUCN *Guidelines for Reintroductions and Other Conservation Translocations* into two more languages; (3) respond to global issues regarding conservation translocation policy or practice as they arise.

Network

Capacity building: run training courses on IUCN *Guidelines for Reintroductions and Other Conservation Translocations* on four continents by 2020.

Communicate

Scientific meetings: (1) host Reintroduction Conference in Chicago, USA, 10 years after the first conference in 2008; (2) begin to work with individuals from SSC and CTSG to launch a 2020-2030 CTSG Strategic Plan at the 2020 World Conservation Congress in France.

Activities and results 2018

Assess

Research activities

i. Many case studies for a 2020 Reintroduction Perspectives book are lined up already, and the publication process has begun. (KSR #43)

Act

Conservation actions

i. IUCN *Global Reintroduction Perspectives: 2018* book completed and published. (KSR #24)

ii. Chinese translation of the IUCN *Guidelines for Reintroductions and Other Conservation Translocations* now complemented by Czech translation. (KSR #24)



Oregon silverspot butterfly
Photo: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Sera Rhino Sanctuary
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Reintroduced scarlett macaws in Costa Rica
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iii. Assisted on programmes around the world, including jaguars in Ecuador, gorillas in Congo/Gabon, endangered bird programmes in Oceania, vultures in South Africa, tigers in Cambodia, Bald Ibis in Europe, Extinct in the Wild herps in Oceania, Extinct in the Wild Guam Kingfisher, etc. Regarding policy, have made amendments for Pakistan's National Wildlife Code which are expected to come into effect imminently. (KSR #24)

Network

Capacity building

i. Training course on IUCN Guidelines for Reintroductions and Other Conservation Translocations completed in Chicago, USA. This now increases the number of continents on which training courses have been run since 2016 to three, with Australia, Europe and North America. In 2019, a training course will take place in Costa Rica and in 2020, in Brazil. (KSR #18)

Communicate

Scientific meetings

- i. Reintroduction Conference in Chicago completed, as a huge success. (KSR #28)
- ii. A Future Reintroduction Conference is planned for Perth in 2021 and planning is well advanced with West Australian government agencies. (KSR #28)

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Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 4/5

Assess	1	
Act	3	
Network	1	
Communicate	2	

Main KSRs addressed: 18, 24, 28, 43

KSR: Key Species Result