

2016-2017 Report



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Number of members

107



Mission statement

The mission of the Deer Specialist Group (DSG) is to contribute to biodiversity conservation through improvement of the welfare and sustainability of deer populations around the world. Our challenge is to find conservation alternatives to mitigate conflict to enable rare and threatened species to survive.

Main activities by Key Priority Area (2016 & 2017)

Barometer of life

■ Research activities

- Completed Mammals Guide Book on South-west China, including multiple deer species. (KSR #43)

Communications

■ Scientific meetings

- We participated in the Mammals Conference at Perth, Australia, in 2017, updating the biological data of endangered deer.

Conservation action

■ Policy advice

- In Argentina, we advised the Ministry of Environment about *ex situ* conservation policies to recover the Pampas Deer (*Ozotoceros bezoarticus*). (KSR #17)

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Targets for the quadrennium 2017-2020

Barometer of life

Red List: complete assessment of 71 deer species.

Scientific meetings: conduct genetic analyses of widespread species to identify and acknowledge key populations from widespread populations that should be recognized for conservation action.

Projected impact for the quadrennium 2017-2020

Our aims are: to explore new collaborations to evaluate possible monitoring methodologies to survey the deer species of the world. We will be seeking to share experiences and survey methodologies and how to create a data base. We will be focused on promoting capacity building of new field deer biologists to obtain biological data to update the species information and advice policymakers on critical species and ecosystems, as well as problematic overabundant populations and generate appropriate management guidelines.



Male Pampas Deer (*Ozotoceros bezoarticus*), Near Threatened, Uruguay
Photo: Susana González

Summary of activities (2016-2017)

Key Priority Area ratio: 3/7

Key Priority Areas addressed:

- Barometer of life (1 activity)
 - Communications (1 activity)
 - Conservation action (1 activity)
 - Policy (1 activity)
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Main KSRs addressed: 17, 43

KSR: Key Species Result