

IUCN SSC Dragonfly Specialist Group



2016-2017 Report



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54

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Mission statement

The mission of the IUCN SSC Dragonfly Specialist Group is to increase the knowledge on taxonomy, ecology and biogeography of all Odonata (damselflies and dragonflies). Based on this information, we are currently working on the final steps towards assessing all species globally against the criteria of The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, while outdated assessments are updated. In parallel, we help conservationists and countries to protect threatened species.

Main activities by Key Priority Area (2016 & 2017)

Barometer of life

- Red List
- i. Global dragonfly assessment. (KSR #1)

Bolster work at national scales

- Policy advice
- i. Dragonflies included in Uganda's National Red List. (KSR #7)

Capacity building

- Capacity building
- i. Trained people as facilitators for red listing from Japan, South America and Europe. (KSR #5)

Conservation action

- Proposal development and funding
- i. Species specific conservation plans.

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Targets for the quadrennium 2017-2020

Barometer of life

Red List: global dragonfly assessment.

Bolster work at national scales

Red List: National Red Lists (focus on Africa and South America).

Capacity building

Capacity building: capacity building and training of facilitators to conduct Red List assessments.

Conservation action

Conservation activities: formulate species specific conservation plans.

Projected impact for the quadrennium 2017-2020

By the end of 2020, we want to see all Odonata being assessed on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. We hope to be able to help more countries with their National Red Lists and their endeavours with the Biodiversity Action Plans. Hopefully, more conservation projects and capacity building, not only for threatened species, can be established. Another goal is to establish dragonflies as "guardians of the watershed", enabling a better understanding of biodiversity, a healthy environment and human well-being.



Tanzania Jewel (*Platycypha auripes*), Vulnerable,
Usambara Mountains, Tanzania
Photo: Viola Clausnitzer



Kenya Jewel (*Platycypha amboniensis*), Critically
Endangered, Mount Kenya, Kenya
Photo: Viola Clausnitzer



Green-banded Sparklewing (*Umma declivium*), Vulnerable,
Usambara Mountains, Tanzania
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Summary of activities (2016-2017)

Key Priority Area ratio: 4/7

Key Priority Areas addressed:

- Barometer of life (1 activity)
 - Bolster work at national scales (1 activity)
 - Capacity building (1 activity)
 - Conservation action (1 activity)
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Main KSRs addressed: 1, 5, 7

KSR: Key Species Result