

IUCN SSC Mediterranean Plant Specialist Group

2018 Report



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Number of members

70

Mission statement

Implementation of field conservation projects for Critically Endangered Mediterranean plants with authorities and local populations / Identification of Important Plant Areas in Mediterranean countries / Raising plant conservation profile in the Mediterranean / Networking with botanists and conservationists / Sharing best practices in plant conservation / Education and raising awareness of the public and stakeholders at regional, national and local levels.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

For the end of the quadrennium, the Mediterranean Plant Specialist Group (MPSG) intends to continue to make IUCN Red List assessments of the most threatened restricted endemic taxa, as well as to implement *ex situ* and *in situ* conservation actions with a special focus on non-European Union Mediterranean countries. The networking of specialists in the conservation of Mediterranean flora will be strengthened. The MPSG will continue to offer multilateral programmes for the conservation of flora and raise awareness among donors and policy makers. MPSG will continue to be a partner and adviser of CEPF (Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund) and of the IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation.



Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Red List: complete thirty Red List assessments.

Act

Conservation activities: (1) *in situ* conservation measures implemented for 30 threatened plants; (2) *ex situ* conservation measures implemented for 50 threatened plants; (3) identify 50 Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) for plants.

Activities and results 2018

Assess

Red List

i. Twenty-two Red List assessments and reassessments sent to the Red List Unit. (KSR #1)

Act

Conservation activities

i. Twenty-five *in situ* plant conservation projects implemented. (KSR #31)

ii. Thirty-five *ex situ* plant conservation projects implemented. (KSR #31)

iii. Thirty KBAs for plants identified. (KSR #22)

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Paeonia morisii, Endemic of Sardinia
Photo: Aline Perez-Graber



Genista aetnensis, Endemic of Sicily,
Sardinia and Corsica
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Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 2/5

Assess 1 |

Act 3 |||

Main KSRs addressed: 1, 22, 31

KSR: Key Species Result



In situ conservation of *Rhamnus persicifolia*, an extremely
rare endemic tree of Sardinia (CARE MEDIFLORA Project)
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