# IUCN SSC Mediterranean Plant Specialist Group



2020 Report



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68

#### **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 the 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 complete 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. 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 the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) and of the IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation.

### Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

#### Assess

 $\label{eq:RedList} \textit{Red List:} complete \textit{thirty Red List assessments}.$ 

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

# **Activities and results 2020**

#### Assess

#### Red List

i. Sixty-five (65) Red List assessments were accomplished. (KSR #1)

Vulnerable Cedar of Lebanon, Cedrus brevifolia (Hook.f.) Elwes & A. Henry Photo: Bertrand de Montmollin IUCN/SSC/MPSG





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# **Summary of activities 2020**

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 1/5

Assess 1

Main KSRs addressed: 1

KSR: Key Species Result





Near Threatened Theophrastus's Date Palm, Phoenix theophrasti Greuter Photo: Bertrand de Montmollin IUCN/SSC/MPSG