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Number of members

110

Social networks

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IUCN Pangolin Specialist Group

Instagram:

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Mission statement

To work within the framework of the IUCN SSC to secure a future for wild pangolins through advancing knowledge on pangolin status, threats and conservation priorities, and by catalysing action to conserve them.

Main activities by Key Priority Area (2016 & 2017)

Communications

■ Communication

i. Our Research Interns, among many other things, has greatly improved our online communications presence. (KSR #28)

Conservation action

■ Conservation activities

i. Developed regional conservation strategy for the Sunda pangolin (*Manis javanica*), due for publication in 2018. (KSR #15)

ii. With partners, developed national strategy for conservation of the Sunda pangolin (*M. javanica*) in Singapore, due for publication in 2018. (KSR #15)

iii. With partners, developed national strategy for conservation of the Chinese pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*) in Taiwan, due for publication in 2018. (KSR #15)

Increasing diversity of SSC

■ Membership

i. Our membership for 2017-2020 is expanded and more diverse. We have 110 members from 35 countries, including 75 men and 35 women.

Policy

■ Policy advice

i. We submitted an Inf. doc to CITES CoP17 on the status, trade and conservation of pangolins and took part in Committee II discussions. (KSR #26)

ii. We completed a report for the CITES Secretariat through consultation through the IUCN Global Species Programme, and which provided direction on pangolin conservation in CITES. (KSR #26)

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Targets for the quadrennium 2017-2020

Barometer of life

Red List: re-assess all species of pangolin for the IUCN Red List.

Bolster work at national scales

Synergy: build relationships with range state governments.

Capacity building

Capacity building: provide technical support for implementation of existing national/regional strategies.

Communications

Communication: (1) develop position statements on key issues facing pangolins; (2) communicate the Pangolin SG's conservation work through strategic and targeted communication;



Sunda pangolin (*Manis javanica*) on branch
Photo: Dan Challender

(3) document and communicate successful local community engagement case studies to catalyse such engagement in other places; (4) document and communicate successful law enforcement effort through case studies; (5) develop educational resource packs to educate and inspire young people about pangolin conservation; (6) maintain and enhance where possible communications with members, donors and other key stakeholders.

Scientific meetings: convene Pangolin SG members to strengthen the network.

Conservation action

Conservation activities: (1) hold workshop to develop a regional conservation strategy for the Sunda pangolin; (2) hold workshop to develop a national conservation strategy for the Philippine pangolin in the Philippines; (3) hold workshop to develop a national conservation strategy for the Chinese pangolin in Taiwan; (4) hold workshop to develop a national conservation strategy for the Sunda pangolin in Singapore; (5) hold workshops to develop regional conservation strategies for pangolins; (6) hold workshops to develop national conservation strategies for pangolins.

Proposal development and funding: finances secured to support Pangolin SG priorities and conservation work.

Technical advice: (1) develop a pangolin trade resource kit for CITES parties; (2) provide technical advice on rehabilitation and husbandry of pangolins; (3) provide technical advice on methods for detecting and monitoring pangolin populations to key stakeholders; (4) hold workshop to determine most appropriate methods for detecting and monitoring pangolin populations; (5) research papers published on most suitable methods for monitoring wild pangolin populations; (6) provide technical guidance on collecting, storing and transporting samples for genetic

analyses; (7) serve as a hub of knowledge and best practice on pangolin conservation.

Increasing diversity of SSC

Membership: increase membership of the group to include at least one individual from each range state.

Policy

Policy advice: (1) completion of authoritative report on the status, trade, conservation and legislation affording protection to pangolins for CITES SC69 meeting; (2) contribute scientific and technical expertise to CITES meetings.

Research activities: research to investigate the impact of pangolin farming on demand and wild populations.

Projected impact for the quadrennium 2017-2020

By 2020, subject to secured resources, we envision publication of updated assessments for each species of pangolin on The IUCN Red List and a greater number of conservation strategies for pangolins developed at the national and regional level, to complement global conservation planning and guide investment in reducing the extinction risk to pangolins. The Pangolin Specialist Group will be a global hub of knowledge and best practice on pangolins and their conservation, including the rehabilitation of trade-confiscated pangolins and applicable ecological monitoring methods. It will continue to provide technical and scientific expertise to CITES, having developed a pangolin trade resource kit to assist countries in combating illegal trade in pangolins and their parts. We envision a larger, more diverse, proactive membership that readily collaborates with other stakeholders and communicates effectively internally and externally with diverse audiences.



Black-bellied pangolin (*Phataginus tetradactyla*)
Photo: Sangha Pangolin Project

Summary of activities (2016-2017)

Key Priority Area ratio: 4/7

Key Priority Areas addressed:

- Communications (19 activities)
- Conservation action (3 activities)
- Increasing diversity of SSC (3 activities)
- Policy (5 activities)

Main KSRs addressed: 15, 26, 28

Resolutions 2016 WCC: 015

KSR: Key Species Result