

WI-IUCN SSC Stork, Ibis and Spoonbill Specialist Group

2016-2017 Report



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Number of members

105

Social networks

Website:

<http://storkibisspoonbill.org>



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Mission statement

The Stork, Ibis and Spoonbill Specialist Group (SIS-SG) is a global network of scientists, conservationists, governmental and non-governmental institutions and people committed to the scientific understanding and conservation of SIS species and their habitats.

Main activities by Key Priority Area (2016 & 2017)

Communications

■ Communication

- i. IUCN SSC SIS-SG website is online and continuously updated by Co-Chairs and volunteers. (KSR #28)
- ii. Logo is used widely since 2016 by SG members for pertinent work. (KSR #28)
- iii. Seventy-two people (SG members and key people) receive periodical email messages of the SG.
- iv. Over 600 monthly average of website visitors. (KSR #28)
- v. Three hundred and twenty five articles/ references listed in our virtual library.

■ Membership

- i. Sixty-five members by June 2016 and 105 members by December 2017.

Conservation action

■ Research activities

- i. First issue of journal *Stork, Ibis and Spoonbill Conservation* in preparation - Monograph on Glossy Ibis papers of the scientific workshop. (KSR #43)

■ Scientific meetings

- i. Thirty-four participants attended the First International Workshop on Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*), and International Network on Glossy Ibis was established. (KSR #28)

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Targets for the quadrennium 2017-2020

Barometer of life

Capacity building: organize the First World Symposium of Stork, Ibis and Spoonbill.

Proposal development and funding: obtain sponsorship for core activities of the SIS-SG: website maintenance, attendance to key SIS events and meetings.

Scientific meetings: establish at least two new working groups to promote scientific research, meetings and networking with specific scientific and conservation targets.



Black Stork (*Ciconia nigra*), Least Concern, Spain
Photo: Juan Pablo Resino

Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*),
Least Concern, Spain
Photo: Juan Pablo Resino



Communications

Communication: establish an online journal publication about SIS species, for enhanced wider communication and sharing of research and conservation findings.

Conservation action

Synergy: facilitate communications with related waterbird Specialist Groups to strengthen capacity building and promote common conservation actions (on same habitats or facing same threats).

Projected impact for the quadrennium 2017-2020

By the end of 2020, we envision a substantial advance in creating a strong network, a sustainable and active Specialist Group based on participation of the best specialists on our species of concern worldwide. Specifically, our focus will be to raise enough resources to maintain the activity of the Specialist Group, creating a scientific networking and promoting scientific research, meetings and conservation actions among members and partners, including other specialist groups, who will contribute to improve the knowledge of the species of concern and threats.



Northern Bald Ibis (*Geronticus eremita*),
Critically Endangered, Spain
Photo: Luis Santiago Cano

Summary of activities (2016-2017)

Key Priority Area ratio: 2/7

Key Priority Areas addressed:

- Communications (6 activities)
- Research activities (2 activities)

Main KSRs addressed: 28, 43

KSR: Key Species Result