IUCN SSC Palm Specialist Group



2018 Report



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Number of members

36



Mission statement

To conserve palms by assessing the threats that they face and developing programmes to protect palm species for the future.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Red List: expedite assessment of Least Concern palms (work led by Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew).

Research activities: study the ethnoecology of *Raphia mambillensis* in North Western Cameroon.

Network

Synergy: refresh the Palm Specialist Group in this quadrennium.

Activities and results 2018

Assess

Red List

i. Red Listing of palms is continuing. All African palm species have been published on the IUCN Red List in 2018. Regional assessments in Colombia are being finalised. Several Haitian palms have also been assessed. (KSR #1)

Research activities

i. A PhD has started on this project in 2019. (KSR #43)

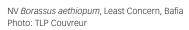
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Synergy

i. We have updated our member list, adding 13 new members, mainly young researchers.

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NV *Borassus aethiopum* Bafia Photo: TLP Couvreur

Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 2/5

Assess 2

Network 1

Main KSRs addressed: 1, 43

KSR: Key Species Result





Raphia sp Oyem Gabon Photo: TLP Couvreur