



Thomas Couvreur

Chair

Thomas Couvreur ⁽¹⁾

Red List Authority Coordinator

Ariane Cosiaux ⁽²⁾

Location/Affiliation

⁽¹⁾ Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, UMR DIADE, Montpellier, France

⁽²⁾ Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland

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)

Network

Synergy

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

Acknowledgements

We thank the following donors: Environment Agency of Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) via the Chair of the IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC); the French Foundation for Research on Biodiversity (FRB) and the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region (PACA) region via the Centre for Synthesis and Analysis of Biodiversity data (CESAB) RAINBIO research project; Agence Nationale de la Recherche, France (grant number ANR-15-CE02-0002-01); Agropolis Fondation under the reference ID 1403-026 through the «Investissements d'avenir» programme (Labex Agro: ANR-10-LABX-0001-01).



NV *Borassus aethiopum*, Least Concern, Bafia
 Photo: TLP Couvreur

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