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688

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Mission statement

The mission of the Primate Specialist Group (PSG) is to maintain the current diversity of the order Primates by ensuring the survival of threatened species wherever they occur and providing effective protection for large numbers of primates in areas of high primate diversity and abundance. In essence, the PSG has a Zero Extinction policy for all primate species.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

During this quadrennium, we will continue to support primate conservation activities worldwide through the maintenance of networks, especially our newsletters and journals, finalise Red Listing for all primate species, and continue to fund primate conservation projects through existing sources and new ones to be identified. There will also be a strong emphasis on stimulating appropriate primate ecotourism as a tool for primate conservation through the production of new field guides, pocket guides, apps, and other tools to facilitate primate-watching and primate life-listing. The ultimate goal of all our activities is zero extinctions for primates, i.e. not allowing any named taxon to go extinct.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Red List: (1) reassessment of all the species of primates; (2) complete assessment of 112 lemur species and subspecies.

Research activities: (1) maintain a taxonomic, geographic and conservation status (Red List) database for primates; (2) publish articles on the taxonomy, geographic distributions, surveys and conservation status of primates.

Plan

Planning: elaboration of action plans for the conservation of primate species and species groups.

Act

Conservation actions: (1) stimulate primate ecotourism, i.e. primate-watching and primate life-listing, as a major conservation tool for primates; (2) fundraising: dramatically increase funding for primates by 2020.

Network

Capacity building: promote, organise, and participate in field courses for primate field research and conservation.

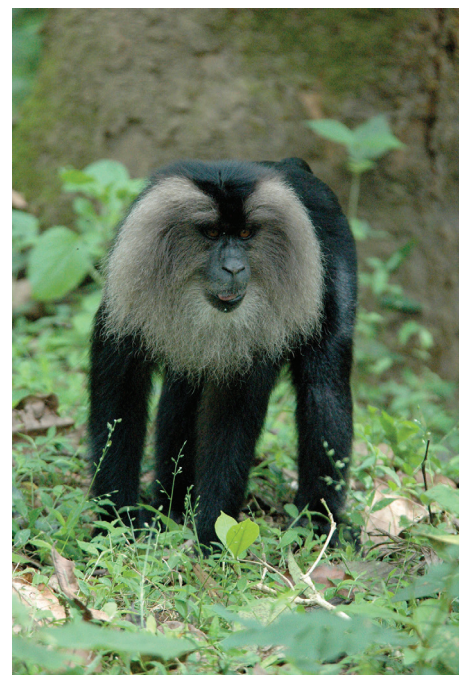
Proposal development and funding: (1) manage the Primate Action Fund, a small grants scheme for primate conservation, monitoring, surveys, research, and education; (2) manage the Lemur Conservation Action Fund, a small grants scheme for lemur conservation, monitoring, surveys, research, and education.

Communicate

Communication: (1) compile and edit regional newsletters/journals for the Neotropics, Africa, Asia, and Madagascar: *Neotropical Primates*, *African Primates*, *Asian Primates Journal*, *Lemur News*; (2) edit and publish the journal *Primate Conservation*; (3) maintain a list of the 25 Most Endangered Primates; (4) produce field guides and pocket field guides for primates; (5) launch of the first Lemur-Watching App.

Research activities: publish articles on the taxonomy, geographic distributions, surveys and conservation status of primates.

Lion-tailed Macaque (*Macaca silenus*), Endangered
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White-footed Sportive Lemur (*Lepilemur leucopus*),
Endangered, in daytime sleeping site (tree hole),
Berenty, Madagascar
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Greater Bamboo Lemur (*Prolemur simus*),
Critically Endangered, in patch of bamboo,
Kianjavato, Madagascar
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Activities and results 2018

Assess

Red List

i. Red List assessments completed for 111 lemur taxa (one species synonymised); national (regional) assessments completed for 22 taxa of Ecuador. (KSR #1)

Research activities

- i.** Maintenance of taxonomic, geographic and conservation status (Red List) database for primates accomplished. (KSR #14)
- ii.** Seventy-one scientific articles published on the taxonomy, geographic distributions, surveys and conservation status of primates. (KSR #43)

Plan

Planning

- i.** National Action Plan for the Conservation of Ecuadorian Primates published.
- ii.** Several action plans are ongoing: (1) Red Colobus Action Plan, (2) Mangabeys and Mandrillus Action Plan, (3) Primates of Argentina Action Plan, and (4) Western Chimpanzee, *Pan troglodytes verus*, Action Plan. (KSR #15)

Act

Conservation actions

i. Applications for primate-watching and primate life-listing are ongoing for lemurs and in preparation for Asian primates. (KSR #36)

Proposal development and funding

- i.** Small grants scheme for primate conservation, monitoring, surveys, research, and education (Primate Action Fund): 34 grants awarded in 2017-2018, 43 grants awarded in 2018-2019. (KSR #30)
- ii.** Small grants scheme for lemur conservation, monitoring, surveys, research, and education (Lemur Conservation Action Fund): 21 grants awarded. (KSR #30)
- iii.** Fundraising summary: \$25,000 to support the 25 Most Endangered Primates workshop at the 2018 International Primatological Society Congress: Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation; \$25,000 to support production of scientific illustrations and images to promote the conservation of primates: Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation; \$150,000 Primate Action Fund: Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation and Primate Partnership Fund; \$10,000 layout, printing and distribution of *Primate Conservation*: Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation; \$98,954 Lemur Conservation Action Fund: SOS – IUCN; \$49,000 Primates of Fouta Djallon, Guinea: Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation and Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund; \$96,800 Documentary film of Western Chimpanzees, Guinea: Arcus Foundation; \$25,000 Support for Lemur Conservation Network: Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation; \$5,000 Mangabeys and Mandrillus Action Plan: Nacey Maggioncalda Foundation; \$25,000 Red Colobus Action Plan: Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund; \$24,000 Primate Survey in the Udzungwa Mountains, Tanzania: Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation.

Network

Capacity building

i. Field courses held for primate field research and conservation: two in Madagascar, one in Brazil and one in Mexico. (KSR #18)

Communicate

Communication

- i.** Compilation and edition of newsletters and regional journals in 2018: *Lemur News* Volume 21; *Neotropical Primates* Volume 24(1) and 24(2); and *Asian Primates Journal* Volume 7(1). (KSR #28)
- ii.** Edition and publication of issue 32 (2018) of the journal *Primate Conservation*. (KSR #28)
- iii.** 25 Most Endangered Primates list: 2016-2018 published, 2018-2020 In press. (KSR #28)
- iv.** Publication of Pocket Guide of the Primates of Colombia (2018) and Pocket Guide of the Primates of East Africa (2018). (KSR #28)

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Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 5/5

Assess	3	■■■
Plan	2	■■
Act	4	■■■■
Network	1	■
Communicate	4	■■■■

Main KSRs addressed: 1, 14, 15, 18, 28, 30, 36, 43

KSR: Key Species Result