

IUCN SSC Stork, Ibis and Spoonbill Specialist Group

2018 Report



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Number of members

105

Social networks

Website:

<http://storkibisspoonbill.org>



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.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

By the end of 2020, we envision a substantial advance in creating a strong network, and 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 network and promoting scientific research, meetings and conservation actions among members and partners, including other Specialist Groups, who will contribute to improve the knowledge of our species of concern and their threats.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Network

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

Proposal development and funding: obtain sponsorship for the functioning of the SIS-SG.

Synergy: facilitate communications with related waterbird Specialist Groups to help with capacity building.

Communicate

Communication: enhance wider communication and share research and conservation findings related to Stork, Ibis and Spoonbill (SIS) species worldwide.

Scientific meetings: establish at least two new working groups.

Activities and results 2018

Network

Proposal development and funding

i. We designed a proposal based on our need assessment in 2018, which will be submitted for an internal grant to SSC (First Round) at the beginning of 2019. (KSR #19)

Synergy

i. We worked to enhance synergy among the Groups and Committees of the SSC working with freshwater species, and help guide the work of the Freshwater Conservation Committee (FCC) so that it can better support the work of the other Groups, Committees, etc. (KSR #27)

Communicate

Communication

i. We have compiled 25 original articles about *Plegadis falcinellus* (Glossy Ibis) from more than 60 researchers around the world, and we are editing the first issue of *Stork, Ibis and Spoonbill Conservation*. We have published the first issue of a Special Publication series of the IUCN SSC Stork, Ibis and Spoonbill Specialist Group with the abstracts of the VII International Conference on Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*. Supplementary Material with the plenary discussion, conclusions and recommendations has also been published. (KSR #28)

Scientific meetings

i. Twenty-five Black Stork specialists from Western Palearctic countries participated in the VII International Conference on Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* at Doñana National Park, Spain, from 28–30 November 2018. A Chinese team sent their research, but they could not participate due to lack of passports. (KSR #28)



Glossy Ibis, *Plegadis falcinellus*, Tavira
 Photo: Jesús Camacho



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Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 2/5

Network **2** ||

Communicate **2** ||

Main KSRs addressed: 19, 27, 28

Resolutions addressed: WCC-2016-Res-027

KSR: Key Species Result



(Above) Glossy Ibis flock in flooded field, Kheda
 Photo: Gopi Sundar

African Openbill, *Anastomus lamelligerus*, at Okavango
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