

IUCN SSC Tuna and Billfish Specialist Group

2018 Report



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Number of members

30



Mission statement

To bring together a variety of stakeholders to increase knowledge on the global status and conservation of the world's tuna and billfish species.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Reassessments of the world's tunas and billfishes will greatly improve and consolidate the current state of knowledge of these species around the globe. Many regional and national fisheries management organisations, in addition to other sustainable seafood and research organisations, are relying on these data to inform and update current policies and management recommendations.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Red List: complete reassessments for 51 scombrids and 10 billfishes.

Research activities: complete the book *Tunas and Billfishes of the World*.

Activities and results 2018

Assess

Research activities

i. Book *Tunas and Billfishes of the World* by Bruce Collette and John Graves, John Hopkins University Press, was completed and is in press. (KSR #43)

Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 1/5

Assess **1** 

Main KSRs addressed: 43

KSR: Key Species Result



Sailfish (*Istiophorus platypterus*) off Cancun
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