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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.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

We envision to have increased Red Listing of palm species worldwide, in particular Least Concern status.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Red List: (1) expedite assessment of Least Concern palms (work led by Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew); (2) Red Listing of Indian palms for Indian palm website; (3) Red Listing of western Ecuadorian palm species.

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

Network

Synergy: refresh the Palm Specialist Group in this quadrennium.

Activities and results 2019

Assess

Red List

i. Within the PALMS 2020 congress, we plan to submit a preliminary estimate of Least Concern palms. (KSR #1)

Network

Membership

i. We added 12 new members to our group, mainly from southern countries. This allowed us to keep our member numbers stable given 13 old members were deleted from the list.

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Summary of activities 2019

Components of Species Conservation Cycle: 2/5

Assess 1 |

Network 1 |

Main KSRs addressed: 1

KSR: Key Species Result

Bactris gasipaes var. *gasipaes*,
Manabi, Ecuador
Photo: Couvreur TLP



Heterospathe fernandoi, Samar, Phillipines
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Phytelephas aequatorialis, Pichincha, Toachi
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