

IUCN SSC Rust and Smut Specialist Group

2019 Report



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9

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Mission statement

The mission of the Rust and Smut Specialist Group (RSSG) is to promote the study and conservation of the rust and smut fungi by: (1) increasing current knowledge on the taxonomy of the species, (2) identifying and documenting threats to the survival of the species, and (3) assessing and monitoring their conservation status.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

The conservation status of 50 species of rust and smut fungi will be assessed.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Red List: Complete assessment of 50 species of smut fungi (subphylum *Ustilaginomycotina*) and rust fungi (subphylum *Pucciniomycotina*). The geographic regions considered for assessments include Europe; Central, East, and South Asia; Australasia; Africa; and Central and South America.

Activities and results 2019

Assess

Red List

i. The assessments of six species are at an advanced stage. (KSR #1)

Summary of activities 2019

Components of Species Conservation Cycle: 1/5

Assess **1** |

Main KSRs addressed: 1

KSR: Key Species Result



Ustilago suddiana from South Sudan
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