IUCN SSC Standards and Petitions Committee



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Number of members

6

Mission statement

The Standards and Petitions Committee is responsible for ensuring the quality and standards of the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, developing guidelines for the application of the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria and ruling on petitions against the listings of species on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

The impact of the Standards and Petitions Committee (SPC) on conservation is indirect, through its efforts to maintain and increase the credibility and reliability of the IUCN Red List as the most authoritative source of the conservation status of species.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Red List: Production of a new version of guidelines for application of the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria.

Activities and results 2019

Assess

Red List

i. An update of version 14 of the Red List Guidelines was published in August 2019. (KSR #4)

II. We provided guidelines on how to list species as Extinct and Possibly Extinct. (KSR #4)

III. We dealt with several issues from the Red List Unit on misapplication of the Red List Guidelines. (KSR #4)

Summary of activities 2019

Components of Species Conservation Cycle: 1/5

Assess 3

Main KSRs addressed: 4

KSR: Key Species Result



Standards and Petitions Subcommittee at a meeting in November 2015 at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia Photo: Craig Hilton-Taylor