

IUCN SSC West Africa Plant Red List Authority



2020 Report



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16

Mission statement

The IUCN SSC West Africa Plant Red List Authority aims to increase the number of assessments of West Africa plant species at a faster rate than the present. We also aim to network with West African and international specialist researchers, conservationists, policymakers and other stakeholders, communicate our group's work to diverse audiences and contribute to conservation planning and actions, in a region that suffers one of the most dramatic losses of tropical forest in the world.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Encourage greater awareness of threatened plant species in West Africa, particularly Guinea, and to influence the protection of these species and their habitats both at policy level and on the ground.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Red List: (1) review over 150 IUCN Red List assessments for West Africa for the Guinea Tropical Important Plant Areas; (2) update the IUCN Species Red List documentation required for the 136 species of freshwater plants in the 'Species List' native to West Africa.

Activities and results 2020

Assess

Red List

- i.** At least 150 IUCN Red List assessments were reviewed for West Africa for the Guinea Tropical Important Plant Areas. These were global assessments for the 273 threatened species of Guinea. (KSR #1, 7)
- ii.** IUCN Species Red List documentation was updated by Fatima Niang Diop for the 136 species of freshwater plants native to West Africa. (KSR #1)

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Summary of activities 2020

Components of Species Conservation Cycle: 1/5

Assess **2** **II**

Main KSRs addressed: 1, 7

KSR: Key Species Result



Koukoutamba waterfalls, Tougue Prefecture, Guinea
Photo: Martin Cheek



Endangered *Cailliella praerupticola*,
endemic to Guinea
Photo: Xander van der Burgt



Endangered *Talbotiella cheekii*, endemic tree to
Guinea described in 2018
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