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The IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC)

The IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) is a science-based network of thousands of volunteer experts from almost every country of the world, all working together toward achieving the vision of “a just world that values and conserves nature through positive action to both prevent the loss and aid recovery of the diversity of life on earth.”

Members of SSC belong to one or more of near 200 Specialist Groups, Red List Authorities, Action Partnerships, Task Forces, and Conservation Committees that make up the Network, each focusing on a taxonomic group (plants, fungi, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fishes, and invertebrates), national species, or a disciplinary issue, such as sustainable use and livelihoods, translocation of species, wildlife health, climate change, and conservation planning.

Framed by the Species Conservation Cycle, SSC’s major role is to provide information to IUCN on biodiversity conservation, the inherent value of species, their role in ecosystem health and functioning, the provision of ecosystem services, and their support to human livelihoods. This information is fed into the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

2021-2025 Species Strategic Plan

The IUCN Species Strategic Plan encompasses the joint work of the IUCN Species Survival Commission and a number of partnerships to achieve more than 2,700 targets proposed by the Network during the 2021-2025 quadrennium.

To accomplish those targets, the Species Conservation Cycle was established, which is the conceptual framework for the Network activities. The Species Conservation Cycle’s main purpose is to guide efforts for valuing and conserving biodiversity through three essential components that are linked to each other:

ASSESS: Understand and inform the world about the status and trends of biodiversity.

PLAN: Develop collaborative, inclusive and science-based conservation strategies, plans and policies.

ACT: Convene and mobilise conservation actions to improve the status of biodiversity.



Their implementation requires two transversal components:

NETWORK: Enhance and support our immediate network and alliances to achieve our biodiversity targets.

COMMUNICATE: Drive strategic and targeted communications to enhance our conservation impact.

SSC Species Report

Annual progress in the implementation of the 2021-2025 Species Strategic Plan is documented in the SSC *Species Report*, which consists of a comprehensive description and analysis of the activities and results generated by the members of the SSC Network and Centers for Species Survival (CSS) each year. Each SSC and CSS group contributes to this document by providing a yearly summarised description of their achievements, which is presented in stand-alone reports.

Structure of the IUCN SSC and CSS Stand-alone Reports

Stand-alone reports summarize the activities conducted and results generated by each group member of the SSC and CSS. Following, is the structure of the stand-alone report and the contents under each session.

Title of the group

Photograph(s) of the Chair/Co-Chairs

Group information

Includes names of Chair/Co-Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Deputy Chairs, Red List Authority Coordinators, Program Officers, Species Survival Directors, and Species Survival Officers, their institutional affiliations, number of members and social networks currently active.

Logo of the group

Mission statement

Includes the mission of the group.

Projected impact for the 2021-2025 quadrennium

Includes the description of the impact on species conservation resulting from the implementation of the targets formulated by the group for the 2021-2025 quadrennium.

Targets for the 2021-2025 quadrennium

Includes the targets planned by the SSC or CSS group for the 2021-2025 quadrennium ordered alphabetically by component of the Species Conservation Cycle. Each target is labeled with a numerical code (e.g., T-001, T-012) that identifies it in the SSC DATA database and its status for the reported year is indicated (Not initiated, On track or Achieved).

Activities and results

Includes the targets for which activities were conducted and results were generated during the reported year, ordered alphabetically, first by component of the Species Conservation Cycle, and second by Activity Category. Description of activities and results includes the indicator that best describes progress, its associated quantitative or qualitative result, and the narrative description of the activity conducted or result obtained. Each activity or result reported is linked to the Key Species Result to which it is mainly associated (e.g., KSR#1, KSR#5).

Acknowledgements

Includes the acknowledgements to funding agencies, partners, and persons who contributed to the progress of the targets of the group.

Summary of achievements

Summarises information of the group's strategic plan for the quadrennium and progress achieved implementing targets for all the components of the Species Conservation Cycle during the reported year.

Animalia

Fungi

Plantae

National Species

Disciplinary

Action Partnership

Task Force

Red List Authority

Committee

Center for Species Survival

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2023 Report

IUCN SSC Carnivorous Plant Specialist Group



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5

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Mission statement

To help ensure that the conservation status of all carnivorous plants is adequately and accurately documented and assist in raising public awareness and encouraging initiation of appropriate conservation measures.

Projected impact 2021–2025

As we are a restarting group, we will mainly focus on building a solid specialist group structure. Further, we will continue to produce Red List assessments for various carnivorous plant species, focusing at first on completing the assessments of the Nepenthaceae. We will also start a threat mapping project, trying to build a computer program to compare and select species facing similar threats.

Targets 2021–2025

ASSESS

T-006 Assess 15 species of carnivorous plants.
Status: On track

PLAN

T-010 Design and implement an efficient approach to conservation planning of *Nepenthes* using the 'Assess-do-plan' tools.
Status: On track

ACT

T-005 Implement *ex situ* conservation of *Nepenthes clipeata* (Critically Endangered).
Status: Not initiated

NETWORK

T-002 Recruit key staff for the Specialist Group.
Status: Achieved

T-003 Create group structure.
Status: Achieved

T-004 Recruit subgroup coordinators for the main family groups.
Status: Not initiated

T-007 Create a system to report information on poaching to the proper authorities.
Status: Not initiated

COMMUNICATE

T-008 Update our website, Facebook page and Facebook group for the distribution of relevant content.
Status: Not initiated

Activities and results 2023

ASSESS

Red List

T-006 Assess 15 species of carnivorous plants. (KSR 6)

Number of new national Red List assessments published: 0

Result description: Assessments were completed and are now in the reviewing process for the following species: *Nepenthes rajah*,

Sarracenia oreophila, *S. rubra*, *S. rubra* ssp. *alabamensis*, and *S. rubra* ssp. *jonesii*. Further, assessments for *N. weda* and *N. halmahera* are nearing completion.

PLAN

Planning

T-010 Design and implement an efficient approach to conservation planning of *Nepenthes* using the 'Assess-do-plan' tools. (KSR 8)

Selecting the most promising areas for this approach, based on affected species, type of threats and local involvement: Ongoing.

Result description: This project continued over 2023 by identifying the country and area with the highest potential for a coordinated conservation attempt with the goal of bringing conservation stakeholders together. Currently, this project is looking to replace a key contributor in the project team.

NETWORK

Membership

T-004 Recruit subgroup coordinators for the main family groups. (KSR 2)

Number of SSC members recruited: 0

Result description: Given the need to restructure this Group the actual recruiting is postponed until a more stable situation can be offered to new recruits. Therefore, priority has shifted to stabilising the Group and the projects that have enough momentum to remain operational.



Sarracenia rubra ssp. *jonesii*
Photo: Marcel van den Broek

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Summary of achievements

Total number of targets 2021–2025: 8

Geographic regions: 8 Global

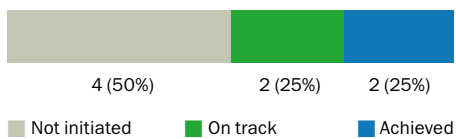
Actions during 2023:

Assess: 1 (KSR 6)

Plan: 1 (KSR 8)

Network: 1 (KSR 6)

Overall achievement 2021–2025:



■ Not initiated ■ On track ■ Achieved



Nothobranchius fuscotaeniatus
Photo: Csenge Nagy



Tetra Parnaiba
Photo: Karina Molina



Trioceros hoehnelii
Photo: Christopher V. Anderson



Sternberia lutea
Photo: Hayri Duman



Egretta rufescens
Photo: Ernesto Gómez



Lactifluus neotropicus
Photo: Aida Vasco



Mayfly nymph (*Ecdyonurus* sp.)
Photo: Astrid Schmidt-Kloiber and Wolfram Graf