

# The Species Survival Commission Chair's Citation of Excellence

## 2019 - 2020

IUCN SSC Mid Atlantic Islands Invertebrate Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC African Rhino Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Asian Wild Cattle Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Macaronesian Island Plant Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Cetacean Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Wild Pig Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Dragonfly Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Anguillid Eel Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Crocodile Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Cactus and Succulent Plants Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Mascarene Islands Plant Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Asian Elephant Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Chytrid, Zygomycete, Downy Mildew and Slime Mould SG  
IUCN SSC Primate Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Bustard Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Cuban Plant Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Hippo Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Pangolin Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Asian Songbird Trade Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Antelope Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Anteater, Sloth and Armadillo Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Lagomorph Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Freshwater Conservation Committee  
IUCN SSC African Elephant Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Plant Conservation Committee  
IUCN SSC Otter Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Phylogenetic Diversity Task Force  
IUCN SSC Bird Red List Authority  
IUCN SSC Invertebrate Conservation Committee  
IUCN SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Brazil Plant Red List Authority  
IUCN SSC Wildlife Health Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Caucasus Plant Red List Authority

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IUCN SSC Snake & Lizard Red List Authority  
IUCN SSC/WCPA Biodiversity and Protected Areas Task Force  
IUCN SSC Spider and Scorpion Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Seahorse, Pipefish and Seadragon Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Bird Red List Authority  
IUCN SSC Pangolin Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Grasshopper Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Anguillid Eel Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Crocodile Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Mascarene Islands Plant Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Asian Elephant Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Crane Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Mediterranean Plant Specialist Group

IUCN SSC/CEESP Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Macaronesian Island Plant Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Bear Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Anteater, Sloth and Armadillo Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Equid Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Freshwater Crustacean Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Antelope Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Lagomorph Specialist Group IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Brazil Plant Red List Authority Group  
IUCN SSC Cat Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Oil Palm Task Force  
IUCN SSC Task Force on Human-Wildlife Conflict  
IUCN Red List Committee  
IUCN SSC African Rhino Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Mid-Atlantic Island Invertebrate Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Freshwater Conservation Committee  
IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Climate Change Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Asian Wild Cattle Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Peccary Specialist Group  
IUCN SSC Global Tree Specialist Group

2015

### **Dr Ariadne Angulo**

In recognition of her tireless, conscientious and dedicated leadership of amphibian conservation in the SSC, including through the Amphibian Specialist Group and Amphibian Red List Authority.

### **Brazil Plants Red List Authority**

In particular the team at the Jardim Botânico do Rio de Janeiro led by Gustavo Martinelli, in recognition of their exceptional work in preparing the national Red List of Brazilian Plants.

### **Prof Kent Carpenter**

In recognition of his leadership of the Global Marine Species Assessment, the Marine Biodiversity Unit, and the SSC Marine Fishes Red List Authority resulting in a huge increase in the number of marine species assessed on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species over the last decade.

### **Ms Dena Cator**

In recognition of her greatly appreciated and committed support for SSC Specialist Groups, and her meticulous and conscientious underpinning of IUCN's and SSC's participation in meetings of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

### **Ms Annabelle Cuttelod**

In recognition of her energetic leadership of IUCN Red List assessments in the Mediterranean region, and of her committed management of the process to develop a consistent and scientifically robust global standard for identifying important sites for the persistence of biodiversity.

### **Dr Nicole Duplaix**

In recognition of her commitment to otter conservation in the SSC for over 40 years, including chairing the Otter Specialist Group on two separate occasions.

### **Dr Aljos Farjon**

In recognition of his strong leadership of two separate assessments of the Red List status of every species of conifer in the world, and his chairing of the SSC Conifer Specialist Group.

**Dr Ian Harrison**

In recognition of his dedicated and strategic contributions to SSC's work on freshwater biodiversity, and especially to the Freshwater Fish Specialist Group and the Freshwater Sub-Conservation Committee.

**Dr Simon Hedges**

In recognition of his huge contributions to SSC's work on Asian large mammals, especially through the Asian Elephant Specialist Group and the Asian Wild Cattle Specialist Group.

**Dr Jeffrey Lang**

In recognition of his exceptional work on the conservation of the Gharial, his pioneering and inspirational support to young conservationists, and his participation in the SSC Crocodile and the SSC Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group.

**Dr Alejandro Larriera**

In recognition of his highly effective leadership of crocodylian conservation and research in South America and his participation in the SSC Crocodile Specialist Group.

**Dr David Mallon**

In recognition of wide-ranging commitment to the SSC over many years, including through the Species Conservation Planning Sub-Committee, the Red List Committee, the Antelope Specialist Group, and representing IUCN and SSC at meetings of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory species of Wild Animals.

**Dr Rod Mast**

In recognition of his long-term commitment to the SSC, and his huge contributions to the conservation of sea turtles worldwide, especially as Co-Chair of the SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group.

**Ms Shyama Pagad**

In recognition of her long-term commitment to the SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group, and especially her management of the Global Invasive Species Database.

**Mr Paul Pearce-Kelly**

In recognition of the strong voice that he provides for invertebrate conservation, and his passionate advocacy for climate change action through the SSC and the international zoo community.

**Prof Paul Racey**

In recognition of his long-term support of young bat researchers, and his global leadership of bat conservation, including chairing the SSC Bat Specialist Group for 29 years.

**Ms Rachel Roberts**

In recognition of her huge contributions as the SSC Network Coordinator, encouraging and guiding the work of many SSC Specialist Groups, coordinating SSC's interventions on urgent conservation issues, managing the Amazing Species project, and supporting the SSC Chair.

**Dr Lorenzo Rojas-Bracho**

In recognition of his unwavering commitment to saving the Vaquita from extinction, and for his long-term service to the SSC Cetacean Specialist Group.

**Ms Claire Santer**

In recognition of her exceptional contributions as the SSC Membership Coordinator, assisting SSC Specialist Groups in the management of their memberships, helping Specialist Groups to take advantage of the Union Portal, and managing the SSC e-bulletin.

**Dr Mary Seddon**

In recognition of her long-term leadership of invertebrate conservation in the SSC, her deep engagement in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, and her chairing of the SSC Mollusc Specialist Group.

**Professor Claudio Sillero-Zubiri**

In recognition of his major contributions to species conservation, including through the Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Programme and his chairing of the SSC Canid Specialist Group.

**Dr Tran Triet**

In recognition of his pioneering work on wetlands and freshwater species in Southeast Asia integrating local livelihoods into conservation programmes, and of his participation in the SSC-WI Crane Specialist Group.

**Dr Stephen Woodley**

In recognition of his leadership of the work to understand how protected areas can deliver biodiversity outcomes, and his wisdom in helping to facilitate the process develop a consistent and scientifically robust global standard for identifying important sites for the persistence of biodiversity.

2014

**Prof Michael Samways**

In recognition of his highly charismatic leadership of the Invertebrate Conservation Sub-Committee, and for successfully raising the profile of the often forgotten invertebrate world in the SSC for over a decade.

**Dr Stuart Butchart**

In recognition of his energetic, efficient and focused leadership of the Red List Technical Working Group from 2009-2013 resulting in important and long-lasting improvements to the overall effectiveness of the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

**Prof Gordon McGregor Reid**

In recognition for his exemplary, visionary and charismatic leadership of the Freshwater Fish Specialist Group, between 2004 and 2013.

2013

**Dr David Mech**

In recognition of his lifelong contribution to Grey Wolf research, his founding of the International Wolf Center, his long tenure as Chair of the SSC Wolf Specialist Group, and his global leadership of wolf conservation.

2012

**IUCN Global Species Programme Freshwater Biodiversity Unit**

In recognition of their exceptional leadership of the African Freshwater Biodiversity Assessment in collaboration with many SSC Members and partners.

**Dr Frédéric Launay**

In recognition of his strategic vision and long-term and committed service to the SSC, in particular as Chair of the Reintroduction Specialist Group and as a member of the SSC Steering Committee.

**Dr Gabriela Lichtenstein**

In recognition of her committed and courageous service of the SSC as Chair of the South American Camelid Specialist Group.

**Dr Patricia Moehlman**

In recognition of her long-term chairing of the SSC Equid Specialist Group, and her leadership of wild equid conservation in some of the most challenging regions of the world.

**Dr Sanjay Molur**

In recognition of his extraordinary commitment to promoting the work of many SSC Specialist Groups in South Asia, and to advancing the Red List process nationally, regionally and globally.

**Ms Caroline Pollock**

In recognition of her outstanding dedication to the IUCN Red List over many years, her exceptional support and encouragement to SSC members, and her pioneering of Red List training.

**Dr Randall Reeves**

In recognition of his leadership of whale and dolphin conservation worldwide, and his exceptional service as Chair of the SSC Cetacean Specialist Group over many years.

**Sampled Red List Index for Plants Project Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew**

In recognition of their pioneering work in advancing plant assessments for the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

**Dr Andrew Smith**

In recognition of his long-term involvement in mammal conservation in many parts of the world, especially China, and his exemplary chairing of the SSC Lagomorph Specialist Group over many years.

**Dr Jane Smart**

In recognition of her exceptional leadership of the IUCN engagement with the negotiations on the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and her unfailing championing of species and biodiversity within the IUCN Secretariat.

**Mr Pritpal Singh Soorae**

In recognition of his leadership of the Global Reintroduction Perspectives series, and his outstanding work as Programme Officer of the SSC Reintroduction Specialist Group over many years.

**Dr Jean-Christophe Vié**

In recognition of his persistence, tenacity and skill in negotiating the establishment of the Save Our Species (SOS) Fund, and his long-term and committed support of the Species Survival Commission.

**Prof Grahame Webb**

In recognition of his leadership to crocodylian conservation worldwide, his long-term service as Chair of the SSC Crocodile Specialist Group, and his thoughtful engagement with SSC on sustainable use.

**Ms Doreen Zivkovic**

In recognition of her unique and much-loved style of caring for and amusing the members of the SSC and the staff of the IUCN Species Programme over 24 years.

2008

**Dr Luigi Boitani**

Chair of the IUCN/SSC Restructuring Task Force and Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe Working Group, in recognition of his important work in preparing SSC for ever greater impact in the future.

**Mrs Carol Poole**

SSC Chair's Assistant, in recognition of her dedication and never-ending support, first and foremost to the SSC Chair, as well as for the SSC Steering Committee and the Commission Members – demonstrated most memorably through her flawless organization of our historic meeting in Al Ain.

**Dr Stuart Butchart**

Red List Authority for birds, in recognition of his pioneering work on behalf of the SSC in developing the IUCN Red List Index, which has become a valuable contribution to global species conservation efforts.

**Dr Jonathan Baillie**

In recognition of his dedication to SSC and unparalleled work on the development of species-based indicators, including the IUCN Sampled Red List Index.

**Dr Richard Kock and Dr William**

Karesh Co-Chairs of the IUCN SSC Wildlife Health Specialist Group, in recognition of their cutting-edge work on emerging infectious diseases and the opening of constructive dialogue with the pharmaceutical industry.

**Dr Claudio Campagna and Dr**

Yvonne Sadovy Co-Chairs of the IUCN/SSC Marine Conservation Sub-Committee in recognition of their dedication to providing more data and information on the emerging threats to the marine species on Earth.

**Species Conservation Planning Task Force**

In recognition of their diligence and enthusiasm in compiling best practice guidelines on species-specific conservation planning and delivering these as a lasting contribution to species across the world.

**Dr Bibhab Talukdar**

Chair of the IUCN SSC Asian Rhino Specialist Group in recognition of his unfailing leadership of the Asian Rhino Specialist Group under difficult circumstances.

**Dr Urs Breitenmoser and Dr Christine Breitenmoser**

Co-Chairs of the IUCN SSC Cat Specialist Group, in recognition of their dedicated leadership of the Cat Specialist Group, their many conservation contributions and particularly for their ongoing battle on behalf of the Iberian Lynx.

2006

**Ms Carolina Caceres**

Former Assistant to previous SSC Chair, David Brackett, renowned for her efficient running of the Chair's Office and her extensive knowledge of the SSC network and its issues.

**Dr Rachel Cavanagh**

Programme Officer for the Shark Specialist Group and charismatic and effective advocate of shark conservation.

**Dr Peter Garson**

Chair of the Pheasant Specialist Group, for dynamic leadership and coordination of the work of SSC's Galliform Specialist Groups, and for keeping SSC "on its toes!"

**Dr Mike Maunder**

Co-Chair of the SSC Plant Conservation Committee (PCC). For standing in for Dr David Given as Chair of the PCC, and his championing of plant conservation worldwide.

**Dr Simon Stuart**

Head of the IUCN SSC-CI CABS Biodiversity Assessment Unit and former Head of the IUCN Species Programme. For his outstanding achievement in delivering the Global Amphibian Assessment