



Terms of Reference 2021-2025

IUCN Species Survival Commission Conservation Planning Focal Point

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1. Relevance of the role for the IUCN SSC

In the context of the Species Conservation Cycle which is now at the core of the SSC's work, the mandate of SSC SGs has been expanded to include planning. **How do we engage the SSC network and scale up species planning to catalyze more conservation action?**

First steps are to raise awareness of species conservation planning within Specialist Groups (SGs) and improve planning-related communication and collaboration across the SSC network. To do this, we request that Specialist Groups identify a **Species Conservation Planning Focal Point (SCPFP)**.

The purpose of establishing a system of species conservation focal points is to implement the planning mandate of SGs by:

- building an active and well-supported network of planning practitioners across the SSC network to scale-up the rate at which species planning needs can be met;
- increasing expertise across the SSC network in facilitating effective conservation planning for species;
- building sufficient capacity within each SG to ensure that more species can be moved from assessment to planning more quickly, and planning priorities can be identified and progressed to completion rapidly.

2. Profile description

The Species Conservation Planning Focal Point (SCPFP) is a Specialist Group member with adequate experience and interest in species conservation planning and who is an excellent communicator prepared to respond to requests and share information in a timely manner. It is strongly encouraged that the SCPFP is not the SG Chair / Co-Chair to avoid adding an additional burden to the leadership role. Also, giving members an active role within SGs can help to motivate participation and stimulate active engagement more broadly in the group's activities.

3. Responsibilities of the Conservation Planning Focal point

- **A CPSG member;** the nominated individual, if not already a member of CPSG, will be immediately invited to join and encouraged to take relevant training.
- **Communication liaison** between CPSG and the SG regarding conservation planning priorities and challenges, current and future planning initiatives, existing plans, etc.
- **A promoter of planning,** representing good planning practice according to the SSC CPSG principles and steps, both within the SG and across other taxonomic or disciplinary SGs to improve planning-related communication and collaboration across SGs.
- **A driver of the link between assessment and planning,** in collaboration with the SG's Red List Authority, to ensure that relevant information from species plans is incorporated into SIS and that multi-species Red List assessments incorporate the Assess to Plan process wherever practical and useful, to move threatened species more quickly from assessment to action through effective planning.

In addition, the Focal Point is encouraged to become familiar with IUCN Species Strategic Plan and SSC By-laws and other governing documents:

Governance Framework	
1	IUCN Programme 2021-2025
2	IUCN One Programme Charter
3	SSC Mandate
4	SSC By laws
5	Code of Conduct for IUCN Commissions
6	Guidance on the Code of Conduct and Practices for its Implementation
7	IUCN Species Strategic Plan, Species Conservation Cycle
8	Guidelines for SSC Members on Engaging in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
Terms of Reference	
9	Terms of Reference of Chairs of Specialist Groups and Task Forces
10	Terms of Reference of the Red List Authority Coordinators
11	Terms of Reference for SSC Members
12	Terms of Reference of Focal Point Sustainable Use