

2021 Report

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85

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Mission statement

The mission of the Small Carnivore Specialist Group (SCSG) is to build capacity among small carnivore researchers and conservationists, generate information on species status, provide venues to generate and publish new knowledge, and to maintain the most up-to-date status assessments for the group's species.

Projected impact 2021–2025

Projected impacts for the 2021–2025 period are: better public awareness on the priority small carnivores for conservation; better awareness on the links between carnivore trade/use and zoonotic disease; and updated Red List assessments for the group's 170+ species with a particular focus on small carnivore species distributed in North, Central and South America and Madagascar.

Targets 2021–2025

ASSESS

T-006 Complete Red List assessments for all of the group's species by 2025.

T-008 Maintain an annual issue of the group's peer-reviewed journal, *Small Carnivore Conservation*.

PLAN

T-005 Implement One Plan Approach conservation strategy for Malagasy Carnivores.

ACT

T-010 Provide mentorship to the Owston's Civet (*Chrotogale owstoni*) programme coordinator, based at Save Vietnam's Wildlife, Viet Nam.

NETWORK

T-002 Develop a working group to coordinate Owston's Civet conservation between the group's members, European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) and local NGOs in range countries.

T-003 Develop a working group to coordinate European Mink (*Mustela lutreola*) conservation between the group's members, EAZA and local NGOs in range countries.

T-004 Develop a working group to coordinate the conservation of Malagasy carnivores between the group's members, EAZA and local NGOs in range countries.

T-007 Develop a multi-language species record database for mainland Southeast Asia (Thailand, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar).

T-009 Increase membership from priority countries or regions: Madagascar, Southeast Asia, West Africa, Central Africa.

COMMUNICATE

T-001 Establish a new website for the Small Carnivore Specialist Group to highlight the group's conservation priorities and the work of its membership.

Activities and results 2021

ASSESS

Research activities

T-008 (KSR 5)

Number of publications produced in internal journals of SSC groups: 1

Result description: A 2021 issue of the group's peer-reviewed journal, *Small Carnivore Conservation*, was produced. The journal is now being revised and will migrate to the Open Journal Systems (OJS) system. The revamped journal will be completed by mid-2022.



Yellow-throated Marten (*Martes flavigula*),
Kaeng Krachan National Park, Thailand
Photo: Daniel Willcox

ACT

Technical advice

T-010 (KSR 10)

Number of technical consultations provided to support conservation actions: 1

Result description: Daniel Willcox is providing ongoing mentorship to the Owston's Civet programme coordinator at Save Vietnam's Wildlife. This mentorship has covered: development of funding proposals, development of captive breeding proposal, and reviews of two manuscripts.

NETWORK

Synergy

T-002 (KSR 3)

Working group developed: 0

Result description: Owston's Civet working group has been initiated but not yet formalised; we are waiting for finalisation of the website.

T-004 (KSR 3)

Working group developed: 0

Result description: We joined one meeting organised by the EAZA Small Carnivore Taxon Advisory Group (TAG) regarding Regional Collection Planning (RCP). This featured lengthy discussions on roles (potential or realised) for the Malagasy carnivores.

COMMUNICATE

Communication

T-001 (KSR 13)

Number of digital communication outputs developed in relation to specific taxonomic groups: 0

Result description: Funding for the new website has been secured; it is now under development and scheduled for finalisation in mid-2022.

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Summary of achievements

Total number of targets 2021–2025: 10

Geographic regions: 4 Global, 2 Africa, 3 Asia, 1 Europe

Actions during 2021:

Assess: 1 (KSR 5)

Act: 1 (KSR 10)

Network: 2 (KSR 3)

Communicate: 1 (KSR 13)

Overall achievement 2021–2025:

