

## 2021 Report

# IUCN SSC Ant Specialist Group



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14

### Mission statement

The mission of the IUCN SSC Ant Specialist Group is to assess and monitor the conservation status of ant species around the world.

### Projected impact 2021-2025

As one of the most important groups of terrestrial invertebrate animals, our efforts will first and foremost raise the profile of ants in conservation decision making. This will begin by assessing the Red List status of various ant species. Critically, this will include a significant training component to involve as many Ant SG members as are interested in the process, with the aim of making it easier for members to take part in future Red List assessment efforts. With a group as diverse and globally distributed as ants, it is critical to build a network of members who will further the goal of having ants included in conservation planning. In turn, this training effort will impact the ability to include ants in conservation planning at both national and regional scales. We will also target particular groups of ants that are currently of conservation concern and

use these species as ambassador species to present to the public the fact that even animals such as ants can warrant conservation concern and become threatened by human activities.

### Targets 2021-2025

#### ASSESS

T-001 Assess the global Red List status of 50 ant species and reassess the Red List status of 50 ant species by 2025.

T-006 Release Ant Monitoring guidelines by 2025.

#### PLAN

T-004 Compile a conservation strategy for ants found in Sekhukhuneland, South Africa by 2025.

#### ACT

T-003 Protect habitat for conservation of *Boloponera ikemkha*.

#### NETWORK

T-002 Hold an Ant SG conference at the biennial Simpósio de Mirmecologia in Brazil.

#### COMMUNICATE

T-005 Establish an Ant SG website and other social media presence.

### Activities and results 2021

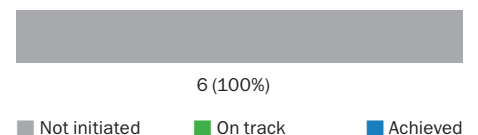
No activities during 2021.

### Summary of achievements

Total number of targets 2021-2025: 6

Geographic regions: 4 Global, 2 Africa

Overall achievement 2021-2025:





*Daceton armigerum*, Araguacema, TO, Brazil  
Photo: Rodrigo Feitosa



*Dinoponera quadricaps*, Crateús, CE, Brazil  
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