

2021 Report

IUCN SSC Marine Conservation Committee



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10

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Mission statement

The mission of the IUCN SSC Marine Conservation Committee is to support, enhance and mobilise expertise in marine species conservation for a better future. Its mandate is to ensure that decisions on marine species are directed at long-term population health and based on sound technical knowledge. Specifically, it helps and links volunteer experts from the IUCN Species Survival Commission's (SSC) network who have special knowledge of particular taxa or of cross-cutting concerns. It also advocates the use of SSC marine knowledge and skills in the broad global community, particularly by policy makers and resource managers.

Projected impact 2021–2025

The Marine Conservation Committee will lead and support the creation of at least 10 new marine species Specialist Groups and a fisheries Task Force. The committee will support new and existing species Specialist Groups by assessing best practices among marine groups and collating this information for implementation by other groups.

The Conservation Planning Specialist Group will be supported by the committee in order to increase marine capacity in conservation planning. Resolutions on critical marine issues, including emergency resolutions, will be supported for the 2024 World Conservation Congress.

Targets 2021–2025

ASSESS

T-003 Represent marine issues on IUCN Red List Committee.

PLAN

T-001 Complete Marine Conservation Committee strategic plan.

T-006 Increase marine capacity in conservation planning through the Conservation Planning Specialist Group.

ACT

T-007 Influence the Convention on Biological Diversity post-2020 Biodiversity Framework in favour of marine species conservation.

T-008 Generate collective action on marine bycatch.

T-009 Support submission of emergency resolutions for the IUCN World Conservation Congress.

T-010 Prepare new resolutions on critical marine issues for the 2024 World Conservation Congress.

NETWORK

T-002 Host 12 marine-focused SSC seminars and workshops on special topics.

T-004 Assess best practices among marine Specialist Groups.

T-005 Create new marine Specialist Groups and Task Forces.

T-011 Submit proposals for marine-focused events at the 2024 World Conservation Congress.

COMMUNICATE

T-012 Create an official logo for the Marine Conservation Committee.

Activities and results 2021

ASSESS

Red List

T-003 (KSR 6)

Number of Red List Committee meeting interventions: 0

Result description: Ongoing. A member of the Marine Conservation Committee sits on the Red List Committee.

A Critically Endangered Hawksbill Sea Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) rests on an algae bed in the Coral Sea off Papua Barat, Indonesia
Photo: Sabine Templeton



A Near Threatened Magellanic Penguin (*Spheniscus magellanicus*) swims on the surface in Golfo Nuevo, Argentina
Photo: robottazzi/iNaturalist



Boring giant clam (*Tridachna crocea*) is named as such due to its boring behaviour into coral rubble that embeds itself throughout its adult life. It can grow up to 15 cm long
Photo: Neo Mei Lin/Tropical Marine Science Institute

PLAN

Planning

T-001 (KSR 8)

Number of strategic plans developed: 0

Result description: Plans are in progress to meet in person in 2022 to complete the Marine Conservation Committee strategic plan.

ACT

Policy

T-009 (KSR 10)

Number of marine emergency resolutions submitted: 1

Result description: We supported and mentored proponents of the successful Motion 132 – Controlling and monitoring trade in croaker swim bladders to protect target croakers and reduce incidental catches of threatened marine megafauna. We reviewed several other potential motions and resolutions that were deemed not advisable to pursue.

NETWORK

Capacity building

T-004 (KSR 2)

Report on best practices among marine

Specialist Groups: 45%

Result description: A first draft of eight modules has been produced and will go to the SSC Chair's Office for review.

Membership

T-005 (KSR 2)

Number of new SSC groups established: 0

Result description: Introductory meetings have now been held for four new SSC marine Specialist Groups: Marine Stars, Sea Cucumbers and Urchins, Seaweeds, and Fisheries. Proposals have been drafted and calls for leadership nominations have been made.

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Summary of achievements

Total number of targets 2021–2025: 12

Geographic regions: 2 Global, 10 Body of water

Actions during 2021:

Assess: 1 (KSR 6)

Plan: 1 (KSR 8)

Act: 1 (KSR 10)

Network: 2 (KSR 2)

Overall achievement 2021–2025:

