

IUCN SSC Conservation Translocation Specialist Group

2020 Report



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Number of members

93

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Mission statement

The mission of the IUCN SSC Conservation Translocation Specialist Group (CTSG) is to empower responsible conservation translocations that save species, strengthen ecosystems, and benefit humanity.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Advancements of the Conservation Translocation Specialist Group in terms of conservation science, policy development, and action are integral to the mission of IUCN generally and the Species Survival Commission specifically. Strategic alignment of increased guideline translations, increased science, hosting the second global conference, and upscaling training programmes will result in more effective conservation translocations around the world. By 2020, responsible conservation translocations will continue to increase for more species, in more places, more of the time for benefits to nature and humanity. Such positive conservation actions, which help to restore species and ecosystems, will continue to increase global optimism that conservation is worthwhile, effective, and worthy of increased investments around the world.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Research activities: begin soliciting case studies for another Reintroduction Perspectives book, to be published in 2020.

Act

Conservation actions: (1) submit IUCN Reintroduction Perspectives book document to the IUCN Editorial Board for sign off by end of 2017 or early 2018; (2) encourage translation of the IUCN *Guidelines for Reintroductions and Other Conservation Translocations* into two more languages; (3) respond to global issues regarding conservation translocation policy or practice as they arise; (4) achieve IUCN World Conservation Congress (WCC) motion approval for Extinct in the Wild Species.

Network

Capacity building: run training courses on the IUCN Guidelines for Reintroductions and Other Conservation Translocations on four continents by 2020.

Communicate

Scientific meetings: (1) host a Reintroduction Conference in Chicago, US, 10 years after the first conference in 2008; (2) begin to work with individuals from the next host country to begin preparations for a 2022 conference outside North America.



Project volunteers catching queen short-haired bumblebees in Sweden
Photo: Nikki Gammans

Activities and results 2020

Act

Conservation actions

- i. WCC motion approval for Extinct in the Wild Species was accomplished. (KSR #24, 26)

Network

Capacity building

- i. A programme of training courses on the IUCN Guidelines for Reintroductions and Other Conservation Translocations on four continents has been partially achieved. Training in Brazil was postponed due to the pandemic. (KSR #18)

Communicate

Scientific meetings

- i. A global conference is set for Perth, Australia, in November 2022. (KSR #28)

Summary of activities 2020

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 3/5

Act 1 |

Network 1 |

Communicate 1 |

Main KSRs addressed: 18, 24, 26, 28

KSR: Key Species Result