

# IUCN SSC Small Carnivore Specialist Group

2016-2017 Report



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- (1) Arizona Center for Nature Conservation/  
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## Number of members

86

## Social networks

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Small-Carnivores/>



## Mission statement

The mission of SCSG is to build capacity among small carnivores researchers, provide a venue to publish new knowledge, maintain the most up to date status assessment for the species and to engage in active research and conservation related to small carnivores.

## Main activities by Key Priority Area (2016 & 2017)

### Capacity building

- Synergy
- i. We have developed a relationship with the Arizona Center for Nature Conservation to host the SCSG. (KSR #29)

### Communications

- Communication
- i. We have made the *Small Carnivore Conservation (SCC)* journal free, online and globally available.
- ii. We produced the first digital copy of the SCC journal, together with a follow up issue, in 2016 and produced two issues of the journal in 2017. (KSR #28)

### Increasing diversity of SSC

- Membership
- i. We reviewed all members, nationalities, regions, etc. and attempted to fill regional gaps and get new members.

## Acknowledgements

We thank the Arizona Center for Nature Conservation for hosting the SCSG, as well as providing resources to Co-Chairs to manage the group. We also thank ProCAT for help in logistics and communication.

## Targets for the quadrennium 2017-2020

### Barometer of life

Research activities: develop research strategy for Data Deficient species.

### Conservation action

Conservation activities: complete action planning for the 20 most threatened small carnivores.

## Projected impact for the quadrennium 2017-2020

By the end of 2020, we aim to: (1) host workshop to develop an action plan for all threatened species in the group; (2) to acquire resources and develop a research program for Data Deficient species (who are threatened back lack critical information to understand the extent of threats); (3) to find an organizational host for the Small Carnivore Conservation journal, including resources for a part-time Editor in Chief (currently managed by volunteers); (4) to work with other specialists and specialist groups to capture by catch data on small carnivore species from other program to further knowledge; and (5) to partner with other specialist groups to address the ground threats for small carnivores and other species who share habitats and landscape with them.



White-nosed Coati (*Nasua narica*), Least Concern  
Photo: José F. Moreira-Ramírez, ECOSUR



Jan Schipper and colleague installing camera trap  
Photo: SCSG archives

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### Summary of activities (2016-2017)

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Key Priority Area ratio: 3/7

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Key Priority Areas addressed:

- Capacity building (1 activity)
  - Communications (2 activities)
  - Increasing diversity of SSC (1 activity)
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Main KSRs addressed: 28, 29

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KSR: Key Species Result