IUCN SSC Small Carnivore Specialist Group



2016-2017 Report





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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

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

Communications

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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

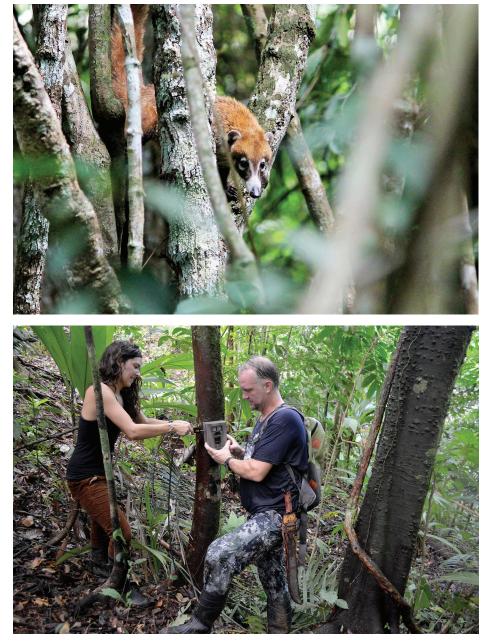
Research activities: develop research strategy for Data Deficient species.

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.



Jan Schipper and colleague installing camera trap Photo: SCSG archives

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

Summary of activities (2016-2017)

Key Priority Area ratio: 3/7

Key Priority Areas addressed:

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

KSR: Key Species Result