

IUCN Post-2020 Biodiversity Targets Task Force

2018 Report



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19

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Mission statement

The IUCN SSC Post-2020 Biodiversity Targets Task Force aims to provide a focus and leadership on species issues in the framework of the post-2020 Strategic Plan for Biodiversity to the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), through coordination with IUCN Secretariat. The Task Force seeks to do this by collating inputs and views from across the SSC network, and providing scientific and technical expertise on species related target(s).

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

At the end of 2020, there will be a deeper understanding amongst CBD Parties of the importance of an ambitious target for species conservation and the challenges of meeting that within the 10 years of the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan for Biodiversity. This understanding will be reflected in a strong target for species conservation being kept in the post-2020 Strategic Plan (or Framework for Biodiversity), and with a more realistic mechanism for measuring progress, and the stronger engagement of the species conservation community, represented by SSC, in delivering this new target.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Plan

Policy: (1) ensure that, in 2020, any new or revised conservation targets relating to species under the CBD and associated Protocols and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) are ambitious while achievable, practical and helpful in terms of implementation of the overall goals of the CBD. These goals are the conserva-

tion and sustainable use of biodiversity, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of use of genetic resources; (2) work with the IUCN Secretariat to support the development of a short policy position paper framing and outlining what is needed for species conservation for the next decade, within the framework of the CBD and other MEAs/mechanism of biodiversity/living in harmony with nature (2021-2030); what will Target 12 look like post 2020?; (3) position the Assessment-Plan-Action approach for species conservation: for example, by ensuring the IUCN Red List informs and feeds into the CBD post-2020 process, as well as a mechanism for measuring conservation actions at the national level (i.e. hold CBD Parties accountable for reporting).

Act

Technical advice: work in collaboration with the IUCN Secretariat to provide scientific and technical guidance to Parties on species conservation planning and implementation.

Network

Synergy: (1) determine the views of members of the SSC on the species conservation planning targets beyond 2020, and their views on potential advice that can be provided to help with implementation of work towards any future species conservation targets. This will allow the Task Force to identify key issues for species in the post-2020 agenda; (2) develop a road map of engagement so that the Task Force, working with IUCN Secretariat, will be ready for the major CBD milestones over the next three years.



Activities and results 2018

Plan

Policy

i. One manuscript has been submitted for publication that assesses Target 12: its nature, links with other Aichi targets and key issues. This arose from the Task Force's contribution to the IUCN Position Paper for the 22nd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and 2nd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on implementation (SBSTTA 22/SBI-2) and there has been significant development of ideas. (KSR #26)

Act

Technical advice

i. Contributed to IUCN Position Papers for CBD meetings (SBSTTA 22, SBI-2, and the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties/CoP14); developed an information document together; we also contributed to calls for input from CBD in December 2018 (Notification 2018-063). (KSR #18)

Network

Synergy

i. Survey of SSC members on species conservation needs completed in 2018. (KSR #29)
ii. We have been working reactively during 2018 to both requests from IUCN Secretariat and the timeline established by the CBD process. We will turn to more proactive engagement during 2019, when we will define our milestones to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15).



SBSTTA delegation by IUCN
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Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 3/5

Plan	1	
Act	1	
Network	2	

Main KSRS addressed: 18, 26, 29

KSR: Key Species Result