

IUCN SSC Small Carnivore Specialist Group



2018 Report



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Number of members

86

Social networks

Facebook:
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Mission statement

The mission of SCSG is to build capacity among small carnivore researchers and conservationists, 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.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

By the end of 2020, the Small Carnivore Specialist Group (SCSG) aims to: (1) host a workshop to develop an action plan for all threatened species in the group; (2) acquire resources and develop a research programme for Data Deficient species (who are threatened but lack critical information to understand the extent of threats); (3) find an organisational host for the Small Carnivore Conservation journal, including resources for a part time Editor in Chief (currently managed by volunteers); (4) work with other specialists and Specialist Groups to capture and publicise 'by-catch' data on small carnivores from other programmes; and (5) partner with other Specialist Groups to address the ground threats for small carnivores and other species who share habitats and landscape with them.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Documents review: (1) explore the magnitude and implications of human-wildlife conflict for small carnivores globally; (2) prepare an update on the knowledge and conservation status of Data Deficient species of the Americas.

Research activities: develop a research strategy for Data Deficient species.

Plan

Planning: (1) complete Action Planning for threatened taxa; (2) publish a conservation strategy and action plan for Owston's Civet (*Chrotogale owstoni*).

Act

Conservation actions: engage a programme officer for coordinating the Owston's Civet conservation strategy.

Planning: assist implementation of three priority actions from Owston's Civet conservation strategy.

Synergy: engage with wider issues re: snaring, wild meat trade, and impacts on biodiversity loss in Southeast Asia.

Network

Membership: increase membership from priority countries/regions as they relate to distribution of globally threatened and Data Deficient small carnivores.

Communicate

Communication: (1) update SCSG's website and other communication platforms; (2) reduce journal to one high quality issue per year.

Endangered Owston's Civet, *Chrotogale owstoni*
Photo: Le Van Dung / Save Vietnam's Wildlife



Activities and results 2018

Plan

Planning

i. The fundraising process and all the work needed to get support to conduct the Owston's Civet workshop in 2019 was achieved. (KSR #15)

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Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 1/5

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Main KSRs addressed: 15

KSR: Key Species Result

