

# IUCN SSC Rust and Smut Specialist Group

2019 Report



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9

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## Mission statement

The mission of the Rust and Smut Specialist Group (RSSG) is to promote the study and conservation of the rust and smut fungi by: (1) increasing current knowledge on the taxonomy of the species, (2) identifying and documenting threats to the survival of the species, and (3) assessing and monitoring their conservation status.

## Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

The conservation status of 50 species of rust and smut fungi will be assessed.

## Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

### Assess

Red List: Complete assessment of 50 species of smut fungi (subphylum *Ustilaginomycotina*) and rust fungi (subphylum *Pucciniomycotina*). The geographic regions considered for assessments include Europe; Central, East, and South Asia; Australasia; Africa; and Central and South America.

## Activities and results 2019

### Assess

#### Red List

i. The assessments of six species are at an advanced stage. (KSR #1)

## Summary of activities 2019

Components of Species Conservation Cycle: 1/5

Assess **1** |

Main KSRs addressed: 1

KSR: Key Species Result



*Ustilago suddiana* from South Sudan  
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