

IUCN SSC Small Carnivore Specialist Group



2020 Report



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111

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Mission statement

The mission of the SCSG is to build capacity among small carnivore researchers and conservationists, particularly those that live or work in developing countries, to provide a venue to publish new knowledge, maintain the most up-to-date status assessments for its species, and to engage in priority 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 (which 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) help establish strategic partnerships with other Specialist Groups whose species are impacted by similar threats, for example indiscriminate snaring in protected areas.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Documents review: prepare an update on the knowledge and conservation status of Data Deficient species of the Americas.

Research activities: (1) explore the magnitude and implications of human-wildlife conflict for small carnivores globally; (2) 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 the 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.

Northern Racoons, *Procyon lotor*, in Costa Rica
 Photo: José F. González-Maya



Activities and results 2020

Assess

Documents review

i. Data compilation on the knowledge and conservation status of Data Deficient species of the Americas is ready for analyses and reporting. (KSR #1, 15, 18)

Research activities

i. A graduate thesis was developed on assessing magnitude, distribution and characteristics of small carnivore conflicts globally. (KSR #32)

ii. Two graduate theses were developed where we compiled all information available for Data Deficient species globally, including threats, ecology/biology and conservation. Databases were also systematically created and are available to begin the formulation of specific strategies. (KSR #12, 32)

Network

Membership

i. We increased membership from priority countries/regions.

Communicate

Communication

i. Funding was secured to update SCSG's website and other communication platforms. (KSR #28)

ii. One issue of the Small Carnivore Conservation journal was published in 2020. (KSR #28)



White-nosed Coati, *Nasua narica*, recently reported considerably out of its range in Colombia
 Photo: José F. González-Maya

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Summary of activities 2020

Components of Species Conservation Cycle: 3/5

Assess **3** |||

Network **1** |

Communicate **2** ||

Main KSRs addressed: 1, 12, 15, 18, 28, 32

KSR: Key Species Result