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The IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC)

The IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) is a science-based network of thousands of volunteer experts from almost every country of the world, all working together toward achieving the vision of “a just world that values and conserves nature through positive action to both prevent the loss and aid recovery of the diversity of life on earth.”

Members of SSC belong to one or more of near 200 Specialist Groups, Red List Authorities, Action Partnerships, Task Forces, and Conservation Committees that make up the Network, each focusing on a taxonomic group (plants, fungi, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fishes, and invertebrates), national species, or a disciplinary issue, such as sustainable use and livelihoods, translocation of species, wildlife health, climate change, and conservation planning.

Framed by the Species Conservation Cycle, SSC’s major role is to provide information to IUCN on biodiversity conservation, the inherent value of species, their role in ecosystem health and functioning, the provision of ecosystem services, and their support to human livelihoods. This information is fed into the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

2021-2025 Species Strategic Plan

The IUCN Species Strategic Plan encompasses the joint work of the IUCN Species Survival Commission and a number of partnerships to achieve more than 2,700 targets proposed by the Network during the 2021-2025 quadrennium.

To accomplish those targets, the Species Conservation Cycle was established, which is the conceptual framework for the Network activities. The Species Conservation Cycle’s main purpose is to guide efforts for valuing and conserving biodiversity through three essential components that are linked to each other:

ASSESS: Understand and inform the world about the status and trends of biodiversity.

PLAN: Develop collaborative, inclusive and science-based conservation strategies, plans and policies.

ACT: Convene and mobilise conservation actions to improve the status of biodiversity.



Their implementation requires two transversal components:

NETWORK: Enhance and support our immediate network and alliances to achieve our biodiversity targets.

COMMUNICATE: Drive strategic and targeted communications to enhance our conservation impact.

SSC Species Report

Annual progress in the implementation of the 2021-2025 Species Strategic Plan is documented in the SSC *Species Report*, which consists of a comprehensive description and analysis of the activities and results generated by the members of the SSC Network each year. Each SSC Group contributes to this document by providing a yearly summarised description of their achievements, which is presented in stand-alone reports.

Structure of the IUCN SSC Stand-alone Report

Stand-alone reports summarize the activities conducted and results generated by each group member of the SSC. Following, is the structure of the stand-alone report and the contents under each session.

Title of the SSC Group

Photograph(s) of the Chair / Co-Chairs

Group information

Includes names of Chair / Co-Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Deputy Chairs, Red List Authority Coordinators and Program Officers, their institutional affiliations, number of members and social networks currently active.

Logo of the SSC Group

Mission statement

Includes the mission of the group.

Projected impact for the 2021-2025 quadrennium

Includes the description of the impact on species conservation resulting from the implementation of the targets formulated by the group for the 2021-2025 quadrennium.

Targets for the 2021-2025 quadrennium

Includes the targets planned by the SSC Group for the 2021-2025 quadrennium ordered alphabetically by component of the Species Conservation Cycle. Each target is labeled with a numerical code (e.g., T-001, T-012) that identifies it in the SSC DATA database and its status for the reported year is indicated (Not initiated, On track or Achieved).

Activities and results

Includes the targets for which activities were conducted and results were generated during the reported year, ordered alphabetically, first by component of the Species Conservation Cycle, and second by Activity Category. Description of activities and results includes the indicator that best describes progress, its associated quantitative or qualitative result, and the narrative description of the activity conducted or result obtained. Each activity or result reported is linked to the Key Species Result to which it is mainly associated (e.g., KSR#1, KSR#5).

Acknowledgements

Includes the acknowledgements to funding agencies, partners, and persons who contributed to the progress of the targets of the group.

Summary of achievements

Summarises information of the group's strategic plan for the quadrennium and progress achieved implementing targets for all the components of the Species Conservation Cycle during the reported year.

Example for the recommended citation:

Carroll, J, and Kaul, R. 2023. 2022 Report of the Galliformes Specialist Group. In: Nassar, JM, García, L, Mendoza, L, Andrade, ND, Bezeng, S, Birkhoff, J, Bohm, M, Canteiro, C, Geschke, J, Henriques, S, Ivande, S, Mileham, K, Ramos, M, Rodríguez, A, Rodríguez, JP, Street, B, and Yerena, E (Eds.). 2022 Report of the IUCN Species Survival Commission and Secretariat. International Union for Conservation of Nature. 4 pp.

Animalia

Fungi

Plantae

National Species

Disciplinary

Action Partnership

Task Force

Red List Authority

Committee

Center for Species Survival

IUCN SSC Galliformes Specialist Group



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NUMBER OF MEMBERS
104

SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/galliformessg>

Mission statement

The Galliformes Specialist Group is committed to the worldwide conservation and sustainable management of all native populations of Galliformes species and their habitats.

Projected impact for 2021–2025

Continue to support individual members in developing conservation research, planning and implementation.

Targets for 2021–2025

PLAN

T-002 Prepare 10 new regional or national plans.

Status: On track

ACT

T-003 Implement on the ground 10 planned conservation projects.

Status: On track

NETWORK

T-001 Fifty new members enlisted in the Specialist Group.

Status: On track

Activities and results for 2022

PLAN

Planning

T-002 Prepare 10 new regional or national plans. (KSR 8)

Number of species conservation plans/strategies developed: 0

Result description: We are yet to assign focal points and assign responsibilities to the members for various regions where they will be expected to work with local or regional Centres of Species Survival in developing relevant national and regional plans. Consultation is ongoing with members in these regions to identify leadership and possible volunteer roles to achieve this target. However, we are also cognizant of the fact that several countries have drawn up their own national plans but there might be opportunities to review these plans based on the IUCN CPSG guidelines. Currently, two to three national plans are being prepared on one species in the forthcoming Galliform conference in Indonesia.

ACT

Conservation actions

T-003 Implement on the ground 10 planned conservation projects. (KSR 10)

Number of threatened species benefiting from *in situ* conservation action: 0

Result description: The IUCN Galliformes SG (GSG) has traditionally partnered with the World Pheasant Association (WPA) by providing technical support on collaborative projects. The GSG seeks to renew and continue this relationship by jointly hosting the Galliform Conference in Indonesia with WPA. The GSG continues also to provide technical support and endorsement for project proposals with other partners when they are sought and the GSG remains optimistic that it can collaboratively implement 10 planned conservation projects by the end of the quadrennium.

NETWORK

Membership

T-001 Identify focal experts for species in the Vulnerable, Endangered or Critically Endangered categories. (KSR 2)

Number of SSC members recruited: 4

Result description: Currently we have 104 members registered with the IUCN/SSC Galliformes Specialist Group. However, this is a major decrease from over 250 members who we are still in touch with or are on our membership list. We will be contacting the remaining 150 members to renew their membership and interest in galliform conservation. Over the last six months, four new members have applied, and their membership was cleared. We hope to reach the target of 50 new members in the next six months or so.



Helmeted Guineafowl (*Numida meleagris damarensis*) head, Matetsi Safari Area, Zimbabwe
Photo: Charles J. Sharp (CC BY-SA 4.0)



Helmeted Guineafowl (*Numida meleagris* subsp. *coronatus*) with chicks foraging in Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, Cape Town, South Africa
Photo: Andrew Massyn (Public Domain)

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Summary of achievements

Total number of targets for 2021–2025: 3

Geographic regions: 3 Global

Actions during 2022:

Plan: 1 (KSR 8)

Act: 1 (KSR 10)

Network: 1 (KSR 2)

Overall achievement 2021–2025:



3 (100%)

Not initiated

On track

Achieved