Mission statement

The mission of the Carnivorous Plant Specialist Group (CPSG) is to help ensure that the conservation status of all carnivorous plants are adequately and accurately documented and assist in raising of public awareness and encourage initiation of appropriate conservation measures.

Main activities by Key Priority Area (2016 & 2017)

Barometer of life

i. Red List workshop completed at Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, in August 2016, on time and within budget. Funding for this project was provided by an online campaign hosted by the IUCN and with donors found by the CPSG, e.g., Botanic Gardens, Societies, personal contacts, etc. The budget was topped up due to the generosity of the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi (EAD). The workshop goal to draft approximately 200 species of carnivorous plants was exceeded with a final total of 252 actually assessed. (KSR #1)

ii. A target of 100 species of carnivorous plants (additional to the workshop outlined in ‘i.’) was scheduled for assessment in 2016. Some of the species were little known to science and field trips were required to determine their conservation status. This project was entirely funded by the generosity of the EAD. The budget was completed in time and within budget. (KSR #1)

iii. The 352 species assessments entered in SIS during 2016 were carefully reviewed and edited before being submitted for final review and inclusion in the Red List. (KSR #1)

Research activities

i. Several field trips were required to remote areas to survey various species which were either little known to science or were at least Vulnerable and required updating. This work resulted in some species being revised to Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List. Once again, this was made possible by funding provided by the EAD. (KSR #12)

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Summary of activities (2016-2017)

Key Priority Area ratio: 1/7

Key Priority Areas addressed:
- Barometer of life (4 activities)

Main KSRs addressed: 1, 12

KSR: Key Species Result

Australian Pitcher Plant (Cephalotus follicularis), Vulnerable  
Photo: C. Clarke

Critically Endangered Nepenthes aristolochioides continues to be poached  
Photo: Chien C Lee

Nepenthes lingulata, Critically Endangered  
Photo: Chien C Lee

Nepenthes rajah, Endangered, native from Malaysia  
Photo: Chien C Lee

Nepenthes aristolochioides, Vulnerable  
Photo: C. Clarke

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