Mission statement
The Conifer Specialist Group helps promote the long-term survival of the world’s conifers through rigorous conservation assessments, which help to guide conservation planning and conservation action.

Main activities by Key Priority Area (2016 & 2017)

Barometer of life
- Research activities
  i. The Red List Authority Coordinator has undertaken extensive literature reviews to keep pace with conifer taxonomic changes and, where appropriate, has added any new taxa to the SIS system. (KSR #43)

Communications
- Communication
  i. Worked on the development of the Conifer SG website, which has involved getting biographies from all 42 members (this was no easy task). (KSR #28)

- Proposal development and funding
  i. We have raised £7,000 towards the development of a new website for release in 2018.

Conservation action
- Conservation activities
  i. Working with the Conservation Department of Atlanta Botanical Garden, US, we secured ‘safe sites’ for the CR Torreya taxifolia. (KSR #25)
  ii. Coordination of a unique ex situ conifer conservation programme, mainly in the UK, whereby we work with 150 safe sites where we grow about 12,000 conifers. This is one of the main projects of the International Conifers Conservation Programme. (KSR #25)

Increasing diversity of SSC
- Membership
  i. Broadened the geographical spread of members to include those countries which have high levels of threatened conifers.

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Targets for the quadrennium 2017-2020

Barometer of life
Red List: complete Red List assessments of conifer species.

Conservation action
Conservation activities: (1) continue growing conifers in 150 safe sites at UK; (2) increase forest area of conifer Glyptostrobos pinsilis restored.
### Summary of activities (2016-2017)

Key Priority Area ratio: 4/7

Key Priority Areas addressed:
- Barometer of life (1 activity)
- Communications (2 activities)
- Conservation action (2 activities)
- Increasing diversity of SSC (1 activity)

Main KSRs addressed: 25, 28, 43

KSR: Key Species Result

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**Atlas Cedar (Cedrus atlantica), Endangered**  
Photo: Martin Gardner

**Taiwan Catkin Yew (Amentotaxus formosana), Vulnerable**  
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