

IUCN SSC Canid Specialist Group

2018 Report



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Number of members

99

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Mission statement

Our mission is to promote the long-term conservation of all wild Canidae species throughout their ranges.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

By the end of 2020, we aim to make advances in reducing the extinction risk of key threatened canid species. Our focus will be on species currently classified as Critically Endangered, Endangered, Vulnerable and Near Threatened. This aim will be achieved through the implementation of the following objectives: (1) to compile, synthesise and disseminate information on the conservation and status of all canid species across their range, with particular emphasis on species which are threatened or rare; (2) to provide and improve technical information and advice on all matters concerning wild canids, including their status in the wild, the threats they face and their conservation requirements, biology and natural history to all relevant bodies (range state government agencies; non-governmental organisations, including national and international organisations and potential funding bodies; inter-governmental organisations e.g. IUCN, CITES; field projects concerned with canid conservation); (3) to promote and catalyse conservation activities benefitting wild canids, to be carried out by the above, prioritising and coordinating efforts of researchers and conservationists worldwide; (4) to help raise funding for canid research and conservation and undertake research directly

when necessary or appropriate; (5) to improve management of the common and sometimes troublesome species; (6) to build capacity through the exchange of ideas, information, and technical expertise among the members of the Group.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Green List: (1) complete Green List assessment for two canid species.

Red List: (1) complete Red List reassessment of all canid species.

Research activities: (1) complete update of status of Grey Wolves (*Canis lupus*) in Europe; (2) conduct survey of Kit Fox (*Vulpes macrotis*) and Swift Fox (*Vulpes velox*) research and conservation efforts; (3) resolve systematic ambiguity surrounding old '*Canis lupus*' taxa.

Plan

Planning: (1) organise Dhole (*Cuon alpinus*) population and habitat viability assessment; (2) more effective engagement within the Maned Wolf Working Group through developing collaborative actions; (3) implementation of regional strategies and support new national action plans under the Range Wide Conservation Program for Cheetah and African Wild Dogs; (4) develop national conservation action plan for Darwin's Fox (*Lycalopex fulvipes*).

Act

Conservation actions: (1) advance recovery of Red Wolf (*Canis rufus*) under the Endangered Species Act; (2) protect Ethiopian Wolves (*Canis simensis*) from disease through an integrated disease management strategy, with One Health benefits; (3) rescue Ethiopian Wolves through conservation translocations.

Network

Membership: (1) develop Canid Specialist Group (CSG) membership, invigorate Working Groups; (2) address succession plan for the CSG.

Synergy: develop methods to integrate results of the Global Integrated Collection Assessment and Planning (ICAP) Workshop for Canids and Hyaenids Report.

Communicate

Scientific meetings: (1) co-host the 2nd International Jackal Symposium, Marathon Bay, Greece; (2) endorse and contribute to the 6th Arctic Fox Conference in Svalbard.

Activities and results 2018

Assess

Green List

i. Some progress made drafting a Green List assessment for Ethiopian Wolf. (KSR #11)

Red List

i. Reassessment of five *Canis* spp. completed; work on remaining two species is on track. (KSR #1)

Research activities

i. Early discussions were had in Greece, leading to a planned workshop at CIBIO, Porto, in May 2019. (KSR #32)

Plan

Planning

i. Preparations were made toward the February 2019 Meeting on Dhole Population and Habitat Viability Assessment. (KSR #15, 18, 20)

ii. Ongoing work on drafting the national conservation plan for Darwin's Fox. (KSR #15, 18, 20)

Act

Conservation actions

i. Early planning and fundraising to rescue Ethiopian Wolves through conservation translocations. (KSR #24)

Network

Synergy

i. Publication of the ICAP Workshop for Canids and Hyaenids Report (available on the IUCN Conservation Planning Specialist Group website). (KSR #14, 18, 32)

Communicate

Scientific meetings

i. Co-hosted the 2nd International Jackal Symposium, in Marathon Bay, Greece. (KSR #28)

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Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 5/5

Assess	3	■■■
Plan	2	■■
Act	1	■
Network	1	■
Communicate	1	■

Main KSRs addressed: 1, 11, 14, 15, 18, 20, 24, 28, 32

KSR: Key Species Result