

**3rd SSC Leaders Meeting  
15-18 September 2015  
Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates**

***AGENDA***

(v.2.2, as of 13 September 2015)

Time	Room	Title	Details
<b>Monday 14 September</b>			
09:00	<i>Hotel lobby</i>	Registration desk opens (until 19:00)	Register to receive name badge and meeting welcome pack

	Time	Room	Format	Title	Moderators / Facilitators	Details	Ref doc.
	<b>Tuesday 15 September</b>						
	07:30	<i>Hotel lobby</i>		Registration desk opens (until 08:30; Break; Lunch)		Registration desk opens for those who arrived late the night before	
<b>1.1</b>	08:30	<i>Roma 1 and 2</i>	Plenary	Meeting Opening * Welcome from SSC Chair and an introduction to who's here (Simon Stuart) * Welcome from the Environment Agency of Abu Dhabi (HE Razan Al Mubarak) * Welcome from the IUCN Director General (Inger Andersen) * Welcome from IUCN Vice President (Marina von Weissenberg) * Welcome from Global Director, Biodiversity Conservation Group (Jane Smart)	Simon Stuart		
<b>1.2</b>	09:15	<i>Roma 1 and 2</i>	Plenary	Brief report from the SSC Chair (Simon Stuart) Reviewing SSC's impact 2012-2015 (Jon Paul Rodriguez)	Simon Stuart		
<b>1.3</b>	10:00	<i>Roma 1 and 2</i>	Plenary	SSC remembers	Simon Stuart		
<b>1.4</b>	10:15	<i>Roma 1 and 2</i>	Plenary	Introduction to Information desks	Mike Hoffmann	Brief introduction to the information desks being run throughout the meeting during breaks and immediately after each day ends, including: * Getting the most out of the Union Portal (Claire Santer) * Anything Red List! (Ackbar Joolia/Craig Hilton-Taylor/Caroline Pollock/Barbara Goettsch) * Communications and branding (Lynne Labanne) * Specialist Group partnership opportunities (Kira Mileham) * SaveOurSpecies and Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund (Alessandro Badalotti / Sugoto Roy / Jean-Christophe Vié / Nicholas Heard) * Speaking to the media (Ewa Magiera)	
<b>1.5</b>	10:30	<i>Roma 1 and 2</i>	Plenary	Logistical arrangements	Kim Collins Rachel Roberts		
	10:45			Break			

1.6	11:15	Roma 1 and 2	Plenary	Panel discussion: Habitat mapping in the UAE (Hossam Al Qamy) Reintroduction of the Scimitar Horned Oryx into Chad (Justin Chuvén) Marine Endangered Species Conservation (Himansu Das) Biodiversity monitoring in Abu Dhabi (Pritpal Soorae) Turtle conservation (Marina Antonopoulou)	Fred Launay		
1.7	12:45	Staircase	Plenary	Group photograph			
	13:00			Lunch			
1.8	14:15	Roma 1 and 2	Plenary	Q&A with the SSC Chair (I)	Simon Stuart	Moderated discussion for Specialist Group Chairs, Task Force Chairs, Stand-alone RLA Coordinators, and Programme Officers. Others welcome to attend. Topics to include: advocacy, legal status of SGs, behaviour of SSC members, delegating responsibility, speaking/acting on behalf of SSC vs private capacity, managing membership, communications, initiating interventions, clarifying roles of staff.	
	16:00			Break (and information desks)			
1.9	16:30	Pre-function 1	Plenary / Parallel	Market-places (I): Thematic Specialist Groups, Policy sub-committee and Species Conservation Planning Sub-committee	Simon Stuart	Opportunities to meet and seek opportunities for collaboration	
1.9(a)				<i>Access and Benefit Sharing</i>	Tomme Young Lily Rodriguez		
1.9(b)				<i>Climate Change</i>	Wendy Foden Jamie Carr Bruce Young		
1.9(c)				<i>Conservation Breeding</i>	Onnie Byers Caroline Lees Sanjay Molur		
1.9(d)				<i>Conservation Genetics</i>	Michael Bruford Gernot Segelbacher		
1.9(e)				<i>Invasive Species</i>	Piero Genovesi Shyama Pagad		
1.9(f)				<i>Reintroduction</i>	Axel Moehrensclager Micky Soorae Phil Seddon		
1.9(g)				<i>Sustainable Use</i>	Rosie Cooney Michael Murphree		
1.9(h)				<i>Wildlife Health</i>	Richard Kock Catherine Machalaba		

1.9(i)				<i>Policy Sub-committee</i>	Phil McGowan Noel McGough Justin Cooke		
1.9(j)				<i>Species Conservation Planning</i>	Mark Stanley Price David Mallon Nigel Maxted		
	18:00			End of Day 1			
				Information desks run from 18:00 – 19:00			
	19:30			Dinner			

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	<b>Wednesday 16 September</b>						
2.1	08:30	Roma 2	Plenary	How can SSC improve its collective effectiveness: an external perspective * Inger Andersen (inter-governmental) * Christoph Imboden (corporate engagement) * Ashok Khosla (international development) * Fred Launay (governmental)	Jon Paul Rodríguez	Moderated panel discussion	
	10:30			Break (and information desks)			
2.2	11:00		Parallel	SSC influencing international policy			
2.2(a)		Milano 4		<i>The World Heritage Convention</i>	Tim Badman Fred Launay	We will plan next steps to build an effective species conservation strategy within the World Heritage Convention, including how to support conservation actions in existing WH Sites, restoration of sites listed as In Danger, and the listing of new sites.	
2.2(b)		Roma 1		<i>CITES: the Road to Johannesburg and CoP 17</i>	Richard Jenkins Tom de Meulenaer Steve Broad	Session discussing IUCN SSC engagement in CITES CoP17 and beyond.	
2.2(c)		Napoli 1		<i>Convention on Migratory Species</i>	Jean-Christophe Vié Marco Barbieri	Explore current SG engagement in CMS (agreements and other) and whether we can promote or improve SG engagement in supporting CMS implementation.	
2.2(d)		Roma 2		<i>Supporting implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and the Aichi Targets</i>	Jane Smart Natasha Ali	An opportunity to discuss how SSC can help CBD Parties achieve Target 11 (conservation and effective management important areas for biodiversity) and Target 12 (halting the extinction and improving the conservation status of threatened species) of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020.	✓
2.2(e)		Roma 3		<i>Understanding what SSC can contribute to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)</i>	Thomas Brooks Phil McGowan	IPBES-4 is set to take place in February 2016, and already thematic and regional reports are in preparation. This session will introduce IPBES and understand the role that Specialist Group experts can play in the new platform.	✓
	12:30			Lunch			
2.3	14:00	Roma 2	Plenary	Q&A with the SSC Chair (II)	Simon Stuart Inger Andersen	[Closed session for Specialist Group Chairs, Task Force Chairs, Stand-alone RLA Coordinators, and Programme Officers]. Topics to include: advocacy, legal status of SGs, behaviour of SSC members, delegating responsibility, succession planning, speaking/acting on behalf of SSC vs private capacity, managing membership, communications, initiating interventions, clarifying roles of staff	
	16:00			Break (and information desks)			
2.4	16:30	Pre-function 1	Plenary / Parallel	Market-places (II): Regions	Jon Paul Rodríguez	Opportunities to meet and seek opportunities for further collaboration with the IUCN Regional Directors and species focal points	

2.4(a)				<i>Asia</i>	Aban Kabraji Robert Mather Scott Perkin		
2.4(b)				<i>Central America and the Caribbean</i>	Grethel Aguilar José Courrau		
2.4(c)				<i>East and Southern Africa</i>	Luther Anukur Leo Niskanen		
2.4(d)				<i>Europe</i>	Luc Bas Boris Erg Ana Nieto		
2.4(e)				<i>Mediterranean</i>	Violeta Barrios		
2.4(f)				<i>North America</i>	Craig Beatty		
2.4(g)				<i>Oceania</i>	Helen Pippard		
2.4(h)				<i>South America</i>	Victor Hugo Inchausty Arturo Mora		
2.4(i)				<i>West and Central Africa</i>	Aimé Nianago Sebastien Regnaut		
2.4(j)				<i>West Asia</i>	Fadi Al-Shraideh Ziad Samaha		
	18:00			End of Day 2			
				Information desks run from 18:00 – 19:30			

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	<b>Thursday 17 September</b>						
3.1	08:30	Roma 2	Plenary	The IUCN Red List: IUCN's flagship knowledge product	Craig Hilton-Taylor Mike Hoffmann	An update on recent developments in the IUCN Red List and a look to the future.	
3.2	09:30		Parallel	Conservation issues (I)			
3.2(a)		Milano 4		<i>Developing an IUCN situation analysis on marine by-catch</i>	Yvonne Sadovy Claudio Campagna	Help frame the content and scope of the emerging IUCN situation analysis on marine by-catch led by the Marine Conservation sub-committee.	✓
3.2(b)		Roma 1		<i>Developing Wildlife For the Future to tackle illegal wildlife trade</i>	Scott Perkin	An opportunity for SSC members to contribute to the design of Wildlife for the Future (WFF), a major new IUCN initiative which is being developed to help address the illegal wildlife trade within and between Asia and Africa, with a particular focus on engaging local communities and Parliamentarians.	✓
3.2(c)		Roma 3		<i>Mitigating the impacts of invasive alien species in freshwater ecosystems</i>	Piero Genovesi Topis Macbeath Will Darwall	An emerging collaborative opportunity between the Invasive Species Specialist group and freshwater focused SSC Groups focused on potential areas for developing research and conservation action.	✓
3.2(d)		Napoli 1		<i>Combatting the unregulated use of poisons in Africa</i>	Richard Kock Andre Botha Leo Niskanen	Explore potential collaboration between Specialist Groups and regional offices to co-develop an approach to combat the unregulated use of poisons and toxins across Africa.	✓
3.2(e)		Roma 2		<i>Achieving the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC): strengthening IUCN SSC contributions on plant conservation</i>	Olivier Hasinger Sara Oldfield	A session aimed at strengthening the contributions of all the IUCN SSC Plant SGs to the implementation of the GSPC and at ensuring a well-coordinated approach for the revision of the targets in the IUCN Red List and Species Strategic Plan.	
	11:00			Break (and information desks)			
3.3	11:30		Parallel	Workshops (I)			
3.3(a)		Roma 1		<i>Addressing the barriers to national Red List implementation</i>	Jon Paul Rodríguez Katherine Secoy Domitilla Raimondo	We will identify practical and simple solutions to address the common barriers to national red list assessment, brainstorm better alignment between the IUCN Red List and National Red List initiatives and explore options to speed up the inclusion of red list assessments of national endemics onto the global red list as well as help countries to make better use of global assessments for national level decision making.	✓
3.3(b)		Roma 2		<i>Successful species conservation: taking the mystery out of planning</i>	Mark Stanley Price Lee Pagni	Our team will show how every Specialist Group can plan effectively and confidently.	
3.3(c)		Roma 3		<i>Could partnerships support your Specialist Group?</i>	Kira Mileham	Explore approaches, examples & support available to build long-term partnerships for your Specialist Groups, with a particular focus on collaborations with zoos, aquariums and botanic gardens.	
3.3(d)		Napoli 1		<i>The new IUCN standard for KBAS: what it means for Specialist Groups</i>	Penny Langhammer Stephen Woodley	Understanding the new IUCN standard for Key Biodiversity Areas and how Specialist Groups can both apply and use the new Standard.	
3.3(e)		Milano		<i>How to speak to journalists: communicating</i>	Ewa Magiera	[Closed session for Specialist Group Chairs, Task Force Chairs,	

		4		<i>scientific messages to the media</i>	Arthur Neslen	<b>Stand-alone RLA Coordinators, and Programme Officers]</b> In this session, with the assistance of a journalist with the Guardian, we will provide some background on IUCN's interactions with the press, as well as practical guidance on how to get scientific messages across to a broader audience, how to address tough questions from journalists and how to avoid pitfalls when dealing with the media.	
<b>3.3(f)</b>		<i>Milano 5</i>		<i>A possible situation analysis on the relationship between non-subsistence hunting and conservation and livelihoods</i>	Simon Stuart Mike Hoffmann	Explore the potential for the SSC to develop a strong evidence on the relationship between hunting and conservation and livelihoods.	
	13:00			Lunch			
<b>3.4</b>	14:30		Parallel	Conservation issues (II)			
<b>3.4(a)</b>		<i>Roma 2</i>		<i>Advancing an agenda for action in the inter-tidal wetlands of the East Asia-Australasia Flyway</i>	Nicola Crockford Scott Perkin	Much progress has already been made towards implementation of Resolution 28 adopted in Jeju. This session will provide an update of progress, and discuss next steps towards conserving inter-tidal wetlands along the EAAF.	
<b>3.4(b)</b>		<i>Napoli 1</i>		<i>Species on the brink: the Asian Species Action Partnership</i>	Lesley Dickie Madhu Rao	We will briefly explain the remit of ASAP, discuss with participants where gaps in conservation action exist for Critically Endangered species in Asia, and promote new collaborations for conservation action.	
<b>3.4(c)</b>		<i>Roma 1</i>		<i>Beyond Enforcement: strengthening community engagement in combating illegal wildlife trade</i>	Rosie Cooney Holly Dublin Leo Niskanen	We will explore potential collaboration with SSC Specialist Groups to apply a dynamic theory of change to better understand the factors and relationships involved in successful community-level interventions for tackling illegal killing and wildlife trade, particularly in the near future in eastern and southern Africa and Asia.	✓
<b>3.4(d)</b>		<i>Milano 4</i>		<i>Defining a role for SSC in human-wildlife conflict</i>	Claudio Sillero Rachel Roberts	Explore ideas of how SSC can best position itself to assist with human-wildlife conflict issues, e.g., production of guidelines; the possible creation of a Task Force; or the development of a platform to supply evidence / case studies for mitigating conflict.	
<b>3.4(e)</b>		<i>Roma 3</i>		<i>Species monitoring: overcoming the challenges to collecting, sharing and using data</i>	PJ Stephenson	Discuss challenges with the collection and use of species monitoring data (populations, habitats, threats, etc.) and identify how Specialist Groups can work together and with partners (e.g. NGOs and donors such as species funding mechanisms) to implement potential solutions of mutual benefit.	
<b>3.4(f)</b>		<i>Milano 5</i>		<i>Mitigating the impacts of oil palm expansion on biodiversity</i>	John Garcia Ulloa Erik Meijaard Mike Hoffmann	IUCN has completed a situation analysis on oil palm expansion and biodiversity and is now looking to develop a formal position statement on the issue. Help frame the scope and content.	
	16:00			Break (and information desks)			
<b>3.5</b>	16:30	<i>Roma 2</i>	Plenary	SSC Chair's session			
	18:00			End of Day 3			
				Information desks run from 18:00 – 19:30			

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	<b>Friday 18 September</b>						
4.1	08:30	Roma 2	Plenary	An introduction to the work of SSC's sister Commissions * Piet Wit (CEM) * Ernesto Enkerlin (WCPA) * Aroha Mead (CEESP) * Parvez Hassan (WCEL) * Louisa Nakanuku-Diggs (CEC)	Jon Paul Rodríguez	Brief introduction to the work of other Commission's and moderated panel discussion	
	10:00			Break (and information desks)			
4.2	10:30		Parallel	Workshops (II)			
4.2(a)		Milano 4		<i>Incorporating traditional knowledge in Red List assessments</i>	Rosie Cooney Dena Cator	The SSC is seeking case studies and SGs who have experience using TK in Red List assessments to help develop guidance for Red List assessors.	✓
4.2(b)		Napoli 1		<i>A demonstration of tools available for Red List assessments</i>	Ackbar Joolia Craig Hilton-Taylor	An introduction to, among others, the integrity checker, data uploader, and Red List mapping tools.	
4.2(c)		Roma 3		<i>Developing taxon-specific reintroduction guidelines</i>	Axel Moehrenschrager	Following the publication of the new guidelines for reintroductions and other conservation translocations in 2013, this session will focus on helping Specialist Groups to develop species-specific guidelines on best practice in conservation translocations.	
4.2(d)		Roma 1		<i>How to meet donor and funding agency requirements: experience from SOS, MbZ and ITHCP</i>	Nicolas Heard Alessandro Badalotti Sugoto Roy	The fund managers of the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, SaveOurSpecies, and the Integrated Tiger Habitat Conservation Programme discuss common pitfalls to writing proposals and how to ensure compliance with donor requirements.	
4.2(e)		Roma 2		<i>Understanding how and why protected areas are effective in conserving species</i>	Stephen Woodley Penny Langhammer	When and why protected areas are effective in conserving species - a workshop on the latest research and findings of the WCPA-SSC Joint Task Force on Biodiversity and Protected Areas.	
4.2(f)		Milano 5		<i>Assessing climate change vulnerability of species</i>	Wendy Foden Bruce Young Jamie Carr	Find out about the new climate change vulnerability assessment guidelines, learn how to consider climate change when Red Listing, and ask the experts about your climate change challenges.	
	12:00			Lunch			
4.3	13:30		Parallel	Consultations			
4.3(a)		Milano 4		<i>Guidelines on recreational fishing as a conservation tool</i>	Pete Rand Rajeev Raghavan	We are seeking feedback on a document intended to provide guidance to government policy makers, NGOs, interested stakeholders and others on best practices to minimize stress and mortality on threatened fishes in recreational fisheries.	✓
4.3(b)		Napoli 1		<i>Guiding principles on de-extinction for conservation benefit</i>	Phil Seddon Axel Moehrenschrager	A session to focus explicitly on points of contention arising during the recent wide review of these guidelines, in an attempt to more fully capture the range of opinions of SSC members.	✓
4.3(c)		Milano 5		<i>Guidelines for the management of confiscated species</i>	Neil Maddison Kira Mileham	Learn how SSC members can help support the new to ensure that they become a practical working tool for decision-making and	✓

						implementation by confiscating authorities and their authorised agents.	
4.3(d)		Roma 2		<i>Guidelines on use and trade of species threatened by extinction</i>	Rosie Cooney Dan Challender	Consultation session on these new guidelines being developed as an annex to “Guidelines on appropriate use of Red List data” covering harvesting of threatened species from the wild, including for commercial, subsistence, cultural or recreational purposes.	✓
4.3(e)		Roma 1		<i>Making the most of SOS</i>	Jean-Christophe Vié Alessandro Badalotti	Learn how SOS works, and seek feedback and ideas for how SOS, as an IUCN species-based fundraising and funding mechanism, can work with your Specialist Group to successfully help conserve wildlife.	
4.3(f)		Roma 3		<i>Development of objective criteria for a Green List of species</i>	Barney Long Liz Bennett	Learn about and provide inputs to the evolving Green List of species which aims to develop transparent and repeatable criteria for systematically assessing the successful conservation of species.	✓
4.3(g)		Majilis		<i>Framework for Action on Strengthening the Union</i>	Marina von Weissenberg	Participate in an IUCN Council-led process to raise IUCN’s profile, leadership and influence within and beyond the conservation community.	✓
	15:00			Break (and information desks)			
4.4	15:30		Parallel	Workshops (III)			
4.4(a)		Roma 1		<i>Applying the IUCN Red List categories and criteria</i>	Resit Akcakaya	An introduction to the Guidelines for applying the IUCN Categories and Criteria and Q&A with the Chair of the Standards and Petitions Sub-committee.	
4.4(b)		Napoli 1		<i>Multi-species conservation needs assessment: bridging the gap between red-list assessments and conservation action</i>	Onnie Byers Caroline Lees Sanjay Molur	An opportunity to discuss the current SSC planning landscape, map out the relationships and synergies with other SSC efforts existing and in development, and influence the development of a new tool and process to bridge the gap that exists between species assessment and conservation action.	
4.4(c)		Milano 5		<i>The SSC Wildlife Disease Risk Analysis tool: Applications and Utility for Conservation</i>	Richard Kock Catherine Machalaba Axel Moehrensclager	In light of recent disease concerns threatening wildlife, humans and domestic animals, we will introduce a useful tool developed for the SSC. This session is open for SSC leadership to learn more about its application and utility for promoting species survival and will include short updates on the current emerging disease landscape and a few specific issues of interest to the conservation of species.	
4.4(d)		Milano 4		<i>Conservation Assured protected area management standards: an opportunity for Specialist Groups</i>	Barney Long	Are protected area managed in a way that assures the conservation of species in your specialist group? Conservation Assured protected area management standards offer a global framework to demonstrably assess this and can be adapted to fit the needs of Specialist Groups.	
4.4(e)		Roma 2		<i>Using social media effectively</i>	Lynne Labanne and SSC members	Join your fellow SSC members to talk about the guiding principles and benefits of social media and share your experiences and tips on how to get the most out of your social media presence.	
4.4(f)		Roma 3		<i>How to influence policy at the national level</i>	Gabriela Lichtenstein Rachel Roberts	Learn from fellow SSC leaders how to influence policy at the national level, specifically through national-level government engagement.	
4.5	17:00	Roma	Plenary	Chairs feedback	Simon Stuart		

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4.6	17:30	Roma 2	Plenary	Meeting summary and closing remarks Awards	Simon Stuart		
	18:00			End of meeting			

**Side sessions (generally for discussion groups <15-20 people and therefore better suited to being taken in smaller working groups in the margins of the meeting)**

Day / Time	Title	Venue	Lead contact
15 <sup>th</sup> (18:15)	Programme officers	Napoli 1	Dena Cator / Olivier Hasinger
15 <sup>th</sup> (18:15)	Marine SGs meeting	Milano 4	Yvonne Sadovy / Claudio Campagna
16 <sup>th</sup> (lunch)	Plants for People	Gionotte	Barbara Goettsch / Olivier Hasinger
16 <sup>th</sup> (18:15)	Collaborative Partnership for Wildlife	Napoli 1	Rosie Cooney
16 <sup>th</sup> (18:15)	Coral reef monitoring	Milano 5	David Obura
16 <sup>th</sup> (18:15)	Red List of Ecosystems	Milano 4	Jon Paul Rodríguez
16 <sup>th</sup> (18:15)	Implementation of Wetlands International Strategic Intent	Roma 1	Taej Mundkur
16 <sup>th</sup> (18:15)	Plant SGs meeting	Roma 3	Domitilla Raimondo / Olivier Hasinger
17 <sup>th</sup> (18:15)	Use of web-based forums for Red List assessments	Napoli 1	Ackbar Joolia
17 <sup>th</sup> (18:15)	SSC at national levels	Milano 4	Jon Paul Rodríguez
17 <sup>th</sup> (18:15)	GEF Global Program on Illegal Wildlife Trade	Roma 3	Dan Challender / Jean-Christophe Vié