Mission statement

The Bumblebee Specialist Group (BSG) exists to foster the conservation of bumblebees and their habitats around the world by evaluating the extinction risk of all ca. 265 species of bumblebees worldwide using the IUCN Red List Criteria and publishing species profiles on the IUCN Red List.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

The Bumblebee Specialist Group aims to support evaluation of the extinction risk of all ca. 265 species of bumblebees worldwide using the IUCN Red List Criteria and publishing species profiles on the IUCN Red List, with assessments contributing to advances in species protection globally.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Red List: complete Red List assessments for remaining bumblebee species that have not yet been assessed.

Activities and results 2019

Assess

Red List

I. For a summary of activities completed by members of the Bumblebee Specialist Group in 2019, please consult the annual report available at: https://bumblebeespecialistgroup.org/about-the-bbsg/. New assessments have not been completed. The regions that remain to assess their fauna lack training and resources to support staff time to complete these assessments. (KSR #1)

Summary of activities 2019

Components of Species Conservation Cycle: 1/5

Assess 1

Main KSRs addressed: 1

KSR: Key Species Result
Bombus dahlbomii, Endangered
Photo: Victor Raimilla, courtesy of José Montalva

Rusty patched bumblebee, Bombus affinis, Critically Endangered
Photo: Rich Hatfield, The Xerces Society

Western bumblebee, Bombus occidentalis, Vulnerable
Photo: Rich Hatfield, The Xerces Society