Conservation Areas and Species Diversity Programme
IUCN engages directly in biodiversity conservation in the region through its innovative thematic programme, Conservation Areas and Species Diversity (CASD). The programme strives to achieve effective conservation and management of species and areas of conservation significance. The programme works at multiple levels – influencing policy and other institutional frameworks as well as carrying out direct field actions.

CASD works closely with its expert Commissions, Members and other strategic partners to carry out research, build capacity and apply science and best conservation practice to biodiversity conservation challenges in the region. Current priorities include:

1. Responding to new, escalating and “neglected” threats to species. Examples include addressing the increasingly frequent use poisons to kill wildlife and strengthening community engagement in combating poaching and illegal wildlife trade.

2. Strengthening the effectiveness of area-based conservation measures. Examples include helping to support and scale up the contributions that community and privately managed or co-managed protected areas make to species conservation.

3. Ensuring biodiversity conservation is effectively mainstreamed into planning. Examples include using scenario planning methods and multi-stakeholder processes to influence policy and legislation to better integrate biodiversity conservation and climate change resilience into development and conservation plans.

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