Annex 4

Composition and Terms of Reference of the Red List Committee and its Working Groups

The Red List Committee (RLC) is convened by and reports to the Chair of the IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC), advised by the SSC Steering Committee.

The Chair of the RLC is appointed by the Chair of the SSC. The RLC Chair is a member of the SSC Steering Committee.

Other members of the RLC are appointed by the RLC Chair in consultation with the Chair of the SSC and, as appropriate, the IUCN Secretariat and Collaborating Organizations. Membership will consist of:

- The RLC Chair
- Up to five individuals representing the SSC
- Up to five individuals representing the IUCN Secretariat
- Up to five individuals representing the Collaborating Organizations
- The Chair of the Standards and Petitions Sub-Committee (SPSC)
- The Chairs of any technical RLC working groups that may be established
- Up to three other members appointed because of their specific technical or organizational expertise.

The responsibilities of the RLC are to:

1. Ensure co-ordination and smooth working of the Red List process, and in particular close and effective co-operation among the SSC, IUCN Species Programme and Collaborating Organizations
2. Agree realistic priorities, within available resources, for the entire workplan relating to the IUCN Red List, the biodiversity assessments and information systems that support it.
3. Review progress based on regular reports received and provide feedback on these reports
4. Keep the workplan priorities under review and to adjust them as needed.
5. Advise on, and assist with, fundraising in support of the agreed priorities.
6. Review the need for appointment, and the performance of, Red List Authorities
7. Plan collaborative analytical work based on data in the IUCN Red List
8. Set the standards of scientific quality for the IUCN Red List (the technical work underpinning this being carried out by RLC working groups and the SPSC).
9. Ensure adequate review and quality control of all products from the SSC relating to biodiversity assessments
10. Maintain and promote adherence to the data standards of the IUCN Red List including the associated documentation, and develop guidelines on the application of these standards (the technical work underpinning this being carried out by RLC working groups and the SPSC)
11. Provide regular updates and reports to the SSC Chair and the SSC Steering Committee.