

Species Survival Commission Chair's Citation of Excellence

Dr Ariadne Angulo. In recognition of her tireless, conscientious and dedicated leadership of amphibian conservation in the SSC, including through the Amphibian Specialist Group and Amphibian Red List Authority.

Brazil Plants Red List Authority. In particular the team at the Jardim Botânico do Rio de Janeiro led by Gustavo Martinelli, in recognition of their exceptional work in preparing the national Red List of Brazilian Plants.

Prof Kent Carpenter. In recognition of his leadership of the Global Marine Species Assessment, the Marine Biodiversity Unit, and the SSC Marine Fishes Red List Authority resulting in a huge increase in the number of marine species assessed on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species over the last decade.

Ms Dena Cator. In recognition of her greatly appreciated and committed support for SSC Specialist Groups, and her meticulous and conscientious underpinning of IUCN's and SSC's participation in meetings of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

Ms Annabelle Cuttelod. In recognition of her energetic leadership of IUCN Red List assessments in the Mediterranean region, and of her committed management of the process to develop a consistent and scientifically robust global standard for identifying important sites for the persistence of biodiversity.

Dr Nicole Duplaix. In recognition of her commitment to otter conservation in the SSC for over 40 years, including chairing the Otter Specialist Group on two separate occasions.

Dr Aljos Farjon. In recognition of his strong leadership of two separate assessments of the Red List status of every species of conifer in the world, and his chairing of the SSC Conifer Specialist Group.

Dr Ian Harrison. In recognition of his dedicated and strategic contributions to SSC's work on freshwater biodiversity, and especially to the Freshwater Fish Specialist Group and the Freshwater Sub-Conservation Committee.

Dr Simon Hedges. In recognition of his huge contributions to SSC's work on Asian large mammals, especially through the Asian Elephant Specialist Group and the Asian Wild Cattle Specialist Group.

Dr Jeffrey Lang. In recognition of his exceptional work on the conservation of the Gharial, his pioneering and inspirational support to young conservationists, and his participation in the SSC Crocodile and the SSC Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group.

Dr Alejandro Larriera. In recognition of his highly effective leadership of crocodilian conservation and research in South America and his participation in the SSC Crocodile Specialist Group.

Dr David Mallon. In recognition of wide-ranging commitment to the SSC over many years, including through the Species Conservation Planning Sub-Committee, the Red List Committee, the ~~sf~~prAs participation in C over

Dr Rod Mast. In recognition of his long-term commitment to the SSC, and his huge contributions to the conservation of sea turtles worldwide, especially as Co-Chair of the SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group.

Ms Shyama Pagad. In recognition of her long-term commitment to the SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group, and especially her management of the Global Invasive Species Database.

Mr Paul Pearce-Kelly. In recognition of the strong voice that he provides for invertebrate conservation, and his passionate advocacy for climate change action through the SSC and the international zoology her movement passabntepassa(P1.2 Tdf2

Dr David Mech.

work in preparing SSC for ever greater impact in the future.

Mrs Carol Poole. SSC Chair's Assistant, in recognition of her dedication and never-ending support, first and foremost to the SSC Chair, as well as for the SSC Steering Committee and the Commission Members – demonstrated most memorably through her flawless organization of our historic meeting in Al Ain.

Dr Stuart Butchart. Red List Authority for birds, in recognition of his pioneering work on behalf of the SSC in developing the IUCN Red List Index, which has become a valuable contribution to global species conservation efforts.

Dr Jonathan Baillie. In recognition of his dedication to SSC and unparalleled work on the development of species-based indicators, including the IUCN Sampled Red List Index.

Dr Richard Kock and Dr William Karesh. Co-Chairs of the IUCN SSC Wildlife Health Specialist Group, in recognition of their cutting-edge work on emerging infectious diseases and the opening of constructive dialogue with the pharmaceutical industry.

Dr Claudio Campagna and Dr Yvonne Sadovy. Co-Chairs of the IUCN/SSC Marine Conservation Sub-Committee in recognition of their dedication to providing more data and information on the emerging threats to the marine species on Earth.

Species Conservation Planning Task Force. In recognition of their diligence and enthusiasm in compiling best practice guidelines on species-specific conservation planning and delivering these as a lasting contribution to species across the world.

Dr Bibhab Talukdar. Chair of the IUCN SSC Asian Rhino Specialist Group in recognition of his unfailing leadership of the Asian Rhino Specialist Group under difficult circumstances.

Dr Urs Breitenmoser and Dr Christine Breitenmoser. Co-Chairs of the IUCN SSC Cat Specialist Group, in recognition of their dedicated leadership of the Cat Specialist Group, their many conservation contributions and particularly for their ongoing battle on behalf of the Iberian Lynx.

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Ms Carolina Caceres. Former Assistant to previous SSC Chair, David Brackett, renowned for her efficient running of the Chair's Office and her extensive knowledge of the SSC network and its issues.

Dr Rachel Cavanagh. Programme Officer for the Shark Specialist Group and charismatic and effective advocate of shark conservation.

Dr Peter Garson. Chair of the Pheasant Specialist Group, for dynamic leadership and coordination of the work of SSC's Galliform Specialist Groups, and for keeping SSC "on its toes!"

Dr Mike Maunder. Co-Chair of the SSC Plant Conservation Committee (PCC). For standing in for Dr David Given as Chair of the PCC, and his championing of plant conservation worldwide.

Dr Simon Stuart. Head of the IUCN SSC-CI CABS Biodiversity Assessment Unit and former Head of the IUCN Species Programme. For his outstanding achievement in delivering the Global Amphibian Assessment.