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T-017 Conduct Red List assessment for the Eurasian Otter in non-EU European countries.

T-018 Assess impact of hunting on North American River Otter (*Lontra canadensis*) in the USA.

T-019 Assess impact of hunting on Smooth-coated Otter (*Lutra rogoale perspicillata*) in Iraq.

T-020 Assess impact of hunting on Smooth-coated Otter in the Russian Federation.

T-021 Circulate a questionnaire to members on climate change impacts.

T-022 Complete Red List assessment of all 13 otter species.

T-023 Make Red List training mandatory for assessors and the management team.

T-024 Assess threats to otter species in Sikkim, India and other key areas in the Himalayan region.

T-039 Complete Green Status assessment for all species.

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T-027 Expand Sea Otter (*Enhydra lutris*)

T-007 Identify gaps in OSG skills.

T-008 Strengthen collaboration with other IUCN components (IUCN National Committees, Freshwater Conservation Committee, Climate Change Specialist Group, Conservation Planning Specialist Group).

T-009 Survey and map OSG projects.

T-010 Support European Union-funded projects for otters.

T-011 Involve research institutions, asso-

Result description: Contacts established with Climate Change Task Force for support to design the questionnaire.

T-022 (KSR 6)

Number of species that have been assessed through the different tools: 13

Result description: Thirteen species were assessed through the global Red List.

T-023 (KSR 6)

Number of species that have been assessed through the different tools: 0

Result description: A session on Red List assessment is planned at the XVth International Otter Congress, to be held in Sospel, France, 19–23 September 2022.

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Planning

T-027 (KSR 8)

Number of conservation plans/strategies developed: 1

Result description: In 2021, OSG joined the Sea Otter Reintroduction Study Group (SORSG) to discuss outreach aspects of the potential reintroduction of Sea Otters to habitats of the Pacific coast where they remain absent from their historical range. An OSG meeting on Sea Otter was planned in 2019 and then postponed due to the pandemic.

T-028 (KSR 8)

Number of conservation plans/strategies developed: 0

Result description: An action plan for Nepal is on the way.

T-035 (KSR 8)

Number of conservation plans/strategies developed: 1

Result description: An 'hybrid' joint Sea Otter/North American River Otter conference is planned for spring 2022.

T-041 (KSR 8)

Number of conservation plans/strategies developed: 1

Result description: OSG projects were funded in Benin and Uganda.

Policy

T-037 (KSR 9)

Number of policies where SSC members provided technical input: 0

Result description: OSG supported Gran Paradiso National Park in the organisation of an international meeting in 2018, setting the base for an Alpine otter network. The meeting ended with IUCN OSG 'Otters in the Alps Manifesto'. A next meeting is planned for 2022, involving all national parks in the Alpine range. WWF Italia is funding an otter survey in Italian Alpine regions, guided by OSG.

T-038 (KSR 9)

Number of policies in which OSG has been engaged: 1

Result description: IUCN World Conservation Congress resolution WCC-2020-Res-098 mentions Hairy-nosed Otter (*Lutra hirsuta*) needs to be uplisted to CITES Appendix I.

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Conservation actions

T-049 (KSR 10)

Number of areas under management for the species or group of species: 1

Result description: A meeting was held on 24 March to set a collaboration with a GIS expert team to initiate the mapping of conservation projects. An inventory of projects has been set through the OSG Bulletin archives.

T-055 (KSR 10)

Number of threatened species benefiting from in situ conservation action: 0

Result description: A draft of the proposal for CITES update is in progress.

T-047 (KSR 10)

Number of technical consultations provided to support conservation actions: 1

Result description: An eDNA survey of Eurasian Otter (*Lutra lutra*) was run in Italy and Himalayan rivers. Results are already published for Italy (Jamwal, P.S., et al. 2021. 'First assessment of eDNA-based detection approach to monitor the presence of Eurasian otter in Southern Italy'. *Hystrix, the Italian Journal of Mammalogy*, 32(2):176–181. <https://doi.org/10.4404/hystrix-00401-2020>).

T-048 (KSR 10)

Number of technical consultations provided to support conservation actions: 1

Result description: The following documents were drafted and submitted: (1) Hairy-nosed Otter CITES Appendix I DRAFT Proposal; (2) Hairy-nosed Otter fact sheet
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Summary of achievements

Total number of targets 2021–2025: 72

Geographic regions: 35 Global, 8 Africa,
4 America, 18 Asia, 7 Europe

Actions during 2021:

Assess: 7 (KSR 5, 6)

Plan: 6 (KSR 8, 9)

Act: 9 (KSR 10)

Network: 7 (KSR 1, 2, 3, 4)

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