

# IUCN SSC Post-2020 Biodiversity Targets Task Force



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23

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## Mission statement

The IUCN SSC Post-2020 Biodiversity Targets Task Force aims to provide a focus and leadership on species issues in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), through coordination with the IUCN Secretariat. The Task Force seeks to do this by collating inputs and views from across

### NETWORK

**T-001** Secure support for network coordination.

**T-002** Refresh the Task Force, with a view to Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework implementation and widening the membership to include early career species conservationists.

### COMMUNICATE

**T-006** Maintain continual communication with the IUCN Secretariat and attendance at CBD meetings.

### Activities and results 2021

#### ASSESS

##### Communication

**T-003** (KSR 5)

**Contributions to IUCN's overall Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework positions and statements, and to CBD meetings:** ongoing

**Result description:** We made numerous con

## Policy

**T-004** (KSR 5)

**Internal assessment for Task Force and wider SSC and IUCN. Potential publication:** ongoing

**Result description:** Support was secured in 2021 for a short piece of work to scope out capacity development needs for species in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. This worked with the Task Force to consider needs and alighted on two particular needs. First, is the need to support countries in identifying which Action Targets will best lead to positive species outcomes (i.e. achieve species elements in Goal A), as these will vary from country to country. Second, is the need to support countries in identifying species that will need targeted recovery actions under Target 4, which will also vary from country to country. An editorial will appear in O in April/May 2022, that is intended to start a discussion about capacity development needs for species.

## PLAN

### Planning

**T-005** (KSR 8)

**Number of plans invited/endorsed by national governments/conservation authorities:** 0

**Result description:** An interim committee has been established to provide overall strategic direction and cohesion to advancing the scientific rigour, relationships with

