



Species



The IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) is a science-based network of thousands of volunteer experts from almost every country of the world, all working together toward achieving the vision of “a just world that values and conserves nature through positive action to both prevent the loss and aid recovery of the diversity of life on earth.”

Members of SSC belong to one or more of near 200 Specialist Groups, Red List Authorities, Action Partnerships, Task Forces, and Conservation Committees

To accomplish those targets, the Species Conservation Cycle was established, which is the conceptual framework for the Network activities. The Species Conservation Cycle’s main purpose is to guide efforts for valuing and conserving biodiversity through three essential components that are linked to each other:

ASSESS: Understand and inform the world about the status and trends of biodiversity.

PLAN: Develop collaborative, inclusive and science-based conservation strategies, plans and policies.

ACT: Convene and mobilise conservation actions to improve the status of biodiversity.

Their implementation requires two transversal components:

NETWORK: Enhance and support our immediate network and alliances to achieve our biodiversity targets.

COMMUNICATE: Drive strategic and targeted communications to enhance our conservation impact.

Stand-alone reports summarize the activities conducted and results generated by each group member of the SSC. Following, is the structure of the stand-alone report and the contents under each session.

Title of the SSC Group

Photograph(s) of the Chair / Co-Chairs

Group information

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Committee

Center for Species Survival



2022 Report

IUCN SSC Skink Specialist Group

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160

Mission statement

The IUCN SSC Skink Specialist Group aims to complete Red List assessments for all skink species to identify species with high extinction risk, determine the factors underlying high extinction risk, develop strategies to manage risk, improve the status of threatened skink species, and coordinate conservation management for threatened skink species.

Projected impact 2021–2025

By the end of 2025, we anticipate having assessed all remaining non-assessed species, coordinating reassessments of species as their assessments expire, and coordinating the assessment of newly described species. We aim to promote and foster collaboration among the world's skink experts and provide an avenue for regular interaction and collaboration – annual newsletter, website, email list, assessment workshops, and skink conferences. We aim to: (i) conduct analyses to determine the factors underlying extinction risk in skinks; (ii) identify regions, and taxonomic groups

COMMUNICATE

T-005 Maintain a website and Twitter account.

Status: On track

T-008 Create and update a listserv for all Skink Specialist Group members.

Status: On track

PLAN

Planning

T-006 Determine the biogeography of skink

Activities and results 2022

ASSESS

Red List

T-001 Complete assessment of all described skink species. (KSR 6)

Number of new global Red List assessments completed: 5

Result description: The Skink Specialist Group has ca. 150 assessments or reassessments that are currently in progress and will be submitted during 2023.

T-002 Complete reassessment of all skink species with expired assessments. (KSR 6)

Number of global Red List reassessments completed: 5

Result description: A large number of reassessments are currently in progress.

T-003 Complete assessments for all newly described skink species. (KSR 6)

Number of new global Red List assessments completed: 5

Result description: The Skink Specialist Group has made progress on several assessments during this year. A further ca. 150 assessments are currently in progress, and will be completed during 2023.