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To coordinate effective conservation and management activities for the benefit of eel species, as well as acting as advocates and increasing awareness of the threats to them.

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Despite the fact that three anguillids are listed as Endangered or Critically Endangered – the European Eel (*Anguilla anguilla*), Japanese Eel (*Anguilla japonica*) and American Eel (*Anguilla rostrata*) – these are relatively well studied, and it is arguable that the other 13 species are in greater need of conservation attention, as little is understood of their status. The Anguillid Eel Specialist Group's (AESG) aim is to increase our understanding of all anguillids, the tropical species in particular, in order that conservation actions, policy interventions and use are guided by up to date science. Further, it is becoming clear that there are lessons to be learnt from interventions relating to the better studied species that can be applied when working directly with and/or advising managers and policymakers, and catalysing communication between range states of all species. Over the past five years, trade and use of anguillids has altered dramatically – both in relation to species traded and countries trading – to meet the ongoing demand in East Asia; therefore, increasing our understanding of the global dynamics of import and export will be essential to ensure sustainable use.

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Red List: (1) Red List assessment workshop of all 16 anguillid eel species (13 updates and three new) in 2018; (2) ongoing engagement with

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