

# IUCN SSC Anteater, Sloth and Armadillo Specialist Group

2018 Report



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25

## Social networks

Facebook:

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Website:

[www.xenarthrans.org](http://www.xenarthrans.org)



## Mission statement

The mission of the IUCN SSC Anteater, Sloth and Armadillo Specialist Group is to promote the long-term conservation of the extant species of xenarthrans (anteaters, sloths and armadillos) and their habitats.

## Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

By the end of 2020, we envision the Anteater, Sloth and Armadillo Specialist Group (ASASG) will have achieved increased protection for our priority species, the Critically Endangered Pygmy Three-toed Sloth (*Bradypus pygmaeus*) and the Vulnerable Brazilian Three-banded Armadillo (*Tolype teicnicus*). We aim to reach this goal by increasing scientific knowledge, raising awareness, developing and implementing comprehensive action plans and securing protection of their habitat. Capacity building through training courses will allow us to increase the number of researchers dedicated to conservation-relevant research on armadillos, sloths and anteaters. We predict that our awareness campaigns will increase knowledge about our species and their conservation problems among the general public.

## Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

### Assess

Red List: (1) complete assessment of seven silky anteater species; (2) complete re-assessment of all Xenarthra species; (3) facilitate assessments of other taxa for the IUCN Red List; (4) support assessment of mammals of Argentina.

Research activities: collection of scientific data for the Brazilian Three-banded Armadillo and the Pygmy Three-toed Sloth.

### Plan

Planning: effective protection for the Brazilian

Three-banded Armadillo and the Pygmy Three-toed Sloth.

### Act

Conservation actions: effective protection for the Brazilian Three-banded Armadillo and the Pygmy Three-toed Sloth.

### Network

Capacity building: (1) five training courses taught; (2) train Argentinean mammalogists in Red List assessments.

Proposal development and funding: secure funding to replenish the Xenarthra Conservation Fund.

Synergy: enter into partnership with zoological institutions.

### Communicate

Communication: (1) four issues of the ASASG Newsletter published; (2) increase awareness.

## Activities and results 2018

### Assess

#### Red List

i. We have started compiling the information and will conclude the assessment in 2019. (KSR #1)

ii. Specialist Group members (especially the Chair and RLA) have trained researchers in the use of IUCN methodology for Red List assessments and participated in several assessment workshops for other taxa: (1) We provided Red List training to Argentinean botanists for the Argentinean Red List of native plants (2 workshops); to Peruvian researchers for the national Red List of the vertebrate and invertebrate fauna of Peru (2 workshops); and to Honduran botanists for the global assessment of wild crop relatives. (2) We facilitated the assessment workshop on the extinction risk of plants of the tropical Andes. We will continue providing training and facilitating assessments in 2019 and 2020. (KSR #1)

iii. We have collaborated with the Argentinean

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