

# IUCN SSC Orchid Specialist Group

2018 Report



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## Number of members

150

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Red List: process ca. 300 Red List assessments for inclusion in the global IUCN Red List.

Research activities: complete publication of papers from the 6th International Orchid Conservation Congress.

## Policy

Policy advice: write review of orchid conservation for *Botanical Studies*.

## Proposal

Proposal development and funding: raise funds for up to 20 bursaries for students from developing countries to attend the 7th International Orchid Conservation Congress (IOCC VII).

## Synergy: co-Assess

## Red List

Three hundred and fifty-two orchid species were added to the global IUCN Red List in 2018. (KSR #1)

## Research activities

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• The final version of the review of orchid conservation was submitted on schedule and has appeared in *Botanical Studies*. It has also been translated for a French orchid magazine. (KSR #26)

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### Proposal development and funding

• Funds raised for 15 full and partial bursaries for students from developing countries to attend IOCC VII.

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• Consolidation of two new working groups within OSG is underway: Trade Group functioning well and Molecular Identification Group now taking shape. A PhD student who will work on the development of molecular tools has started with the Chair of the Molecular Identification Group and the Chair of the OSG.