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The IUCN Skink Specialist Group (SSG) 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 and improve the status of threatened skink species, and coordinate conservation management for threatened skink species.

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By the end of 2020, we anticipate making substantial progress towards assessing all remaining non-assessed species, coordinating re-assessment of species as their assessments expire, and coordinating the assessment of newly described species. We aim to

. The SSG keeps track of all new species descriptions and relevant taxonomic papers that are published. Draft assessments for new species are currently underway, as are re-assessments for species impacted by this taxonomic activity. (KSR #1)

Research activities

. We have written a manuscript on the conservation status of the world's skinks. It is currently in its second round of review at *B. J. ...ca. C. e. a.* and will hopefully be accepted for publication shortly. This publication will outline the current state of knowledge regarding the conservation of the world's skinks and will act as the SSG's action plan for the next five years. The publication outlines the SSG's priorities over the next few years. (KSR #4)

. A paper is currently in preparation on the biogeography of the world's skinks. The preparation of this study was delayed by the increased workload at Monash University due to COVID-19. We have just brought on new members to the Specialist Group to diversify our membership base and provide additional expertise for this publication. (KSR #4)

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