



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 Freshwater Fishes Specialist Group

CO-CHAIR	CO-CHAIR	RED LIST AUTHORITY COORDINATORS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
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Mission statement

To be the global forum for people pursuing the conservation of freshwater fishes

Projected impact 2021–2025

The Freshwater Fish Specialist Group (FFSG) will: (1) lead and support the science upon which freshwater fish conservation can succeed; (2) support best practice conservation for freshwater fishes; (3) support best practice education for freshwater fishes; (4) strengthen the link between freshwater fish conservation science and policy to support impactful policy decision making; (5) raise awareness and engagement on freshwater fishes, and (6) inspire the next generation of fish scientists and conservationists.

Targets 2021–2025

T-029 Contact zoos/aquaria/breeding centres working on eel conservation for freshwater fishes; identify contacts and add to membership.

Status: On track

T-030 Link FFSG website to websites of European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA), Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA), European Union of Aquarium Curators (EUAC), universities, research institutes and others working on eel conservation.

Status: Not initiated

T-037 Represent freshwater fish biodiversity on fisheries platforms (i.e., Inland Fisheries Alliance; InFish) via research and

Portal and older lists and have created a membership application process and a membership google-group to facilitate communications with members.

T-019 Identify and engage Regional/Thematic leads to cascade/gather information. (KSR 2)

Active steering committee taking ownership of the task: Ongoing

Result description: While we identified Regional/Thematic leads within the group and have engaged with the FFSG Steering Committee on this to seek agreement for the appointment, it is still not working as planned yet.

T-020 Conduct gap analysis for geographic/species group/thematic representation and work with Steering Committee to fill critical gaps. (KSR 2)

Number of SSC members recruited: 2

Result description: We have taken steps to increase the capacity of FFSG: (1) we have developed a membership application process and appointed Monika Bohm as Membership Coordinator; (2) we have almost recruited a 50% PT FFSG Communications and Advocacy Role (other 50% to support InFish); (3) we have secured and funded URL for FFSG website and collated materials for FFSG website and had some support from Otter SG volunteers to create website.

T-023 Host periodic get-togethers. The aim would be to have these in person, but realistically these will likely be via webinar due to COVID-19 and budget. (KSR 2)

Positive feedback from membership: Ongoing

Result description: We are not able to hold face-to-face glit aala(e g)-0TJO -1.307 Tv s3faor

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Number of communications and meetings attended: 3

Result description: The FFSG Members, Chairs and SC fed into the narratives for