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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



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IUCN SSC Woodcock and Snipe Specialist Group

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NUMBER OF MEMBERS
130

Mission statement

The first aim of the Woodcock and Snipe Specialist Group (WSSG) is to provide up-to-date knowledge on eight woodcock and 18 snipe species in the world. It is also expected to encourage new research and facilitate contacts between researchers. The WSSG plays the role of expert platform for biologists, conservationists and wildlife managers interested in woodcocks and snipes to share and exchange information. As these are game species, the main objective is to ensure the sustainable use of the populations.

Projected impact 2021–2025

With the actions that have been planned for the period 2021–2025, the WSSG is expected to:

PLAN

Policy

T-008 Continue working closely with entities involved in the management of woodcock and snipe populations. (KSR 9)

Number of documents provided to support/guide policy-making: 0

Result description: Although there is no formal publication in this period, collaboration with entities involved in the management of woodcock and snipe populations continues, for example, with the "Fédération des Associations Nationales des Bécassiers du Paléarctique occidental" and the "Office Français de la Biodiversité".

NETWORK

Documents review

T-011