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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 and CSS. Following, is the structure of the stand-alone report and the contents under each session.

Title of the group

Photograph(s) of the Chair/Co-Chairs

Group information

Includes names of Chair/Co-Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Deputy Chairs, Red List Authority Coordinators, Program Officers, Species Survival Directors, and Species Survival Officers, their institutional affiliations, number of members and social networks currently active.

Logo of the group

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T-003 Complete assessments for all newly described Skink species. (KSR 6)

Number of new global Red List assessments completed: 5

Result description: The Skink Specialist Group has made progress on several assessments during this year. A further ca. 150 assessments are currently in progress, intending to submit them during 2024.

SSC Grant awarded

PLAN

Planning

T-006 Determine the biogeography of Skink globally. (KSR 9)

Increased knowledge of the distribution and diversity of Skink species: 25%

Result description: A project led by the Skink Specialist Group is underway to investigate the biogeography of the world's Skinks. A database has been created of the distribution of all species, and SSG

members have provided trait data on Skink species worldwide, which we are going to use to examine several ecogeographical rules. Progress on this project was made during 2023, and it is anticipated that data analysis and manuscript preparation will take place in 2024.

ACT

Technical advice

T-007 Assist Skink conservation efforts globally. (KSR 10)

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