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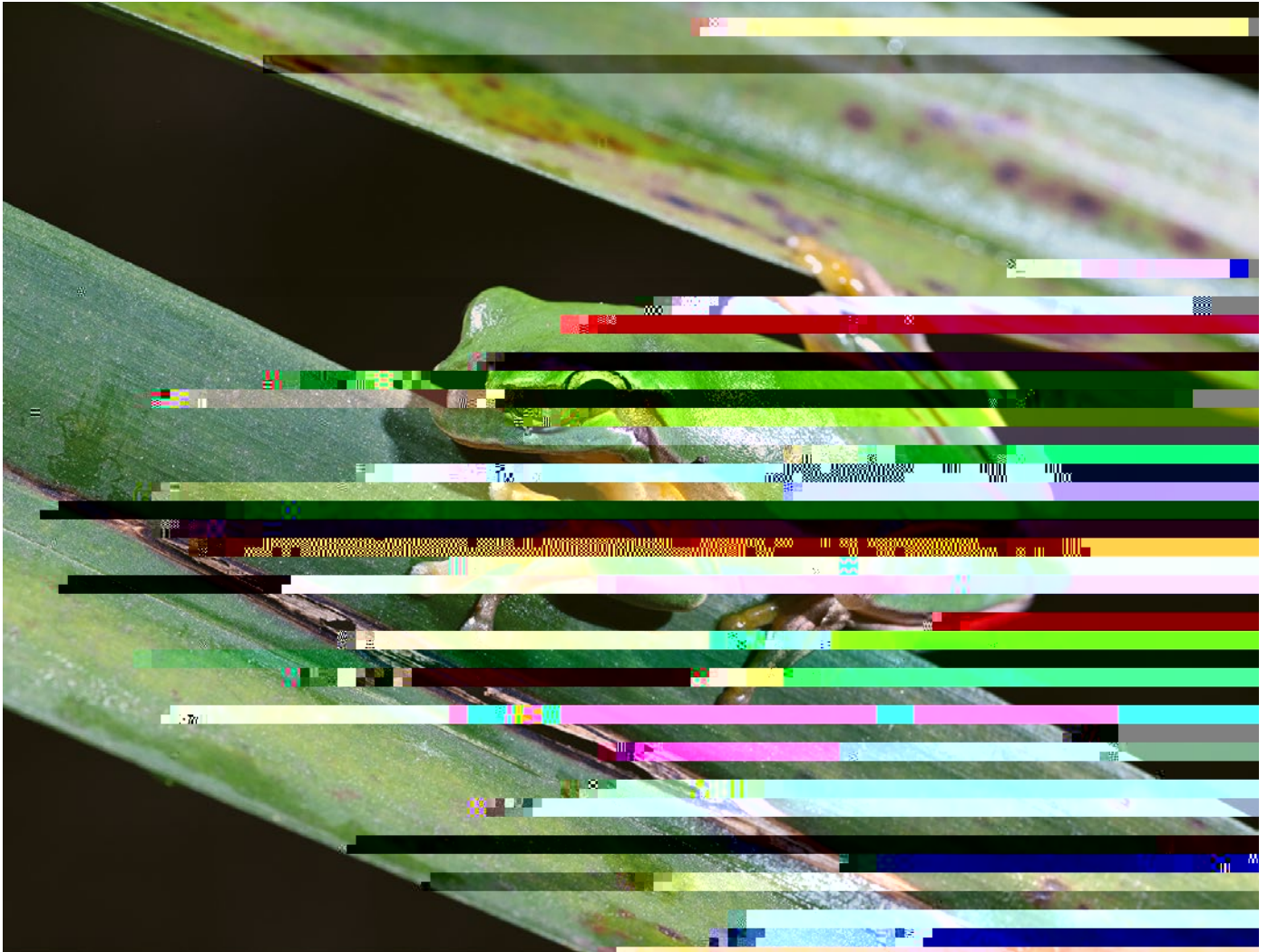
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NUMBER OF MEMBERS

335

Mission statement

The Amphibian Specialist Group (ASG) provides the scientific foundation to inform effective amphibian conservation action around the world. More specifically, the ASG stimulates, develops and conducts scientific research to inform the conservation of



T-018 ASG Secretariat, Regional Chairs and members contribute towards single- or multi-species conservation action plans at the international or national levels.

Status: Achieved

T-019 ASG provides scientific advice and information for the identification and conservation of species of concern in national and international contexts.

Status: On track

ACT

T-002 Increase uptake of ACAP among stakeholders.

Status: On track

T-003 ASG provides technical advice to organisations and institutions globally.

Status: On track

T-017 ASG acts as a key ally of Amphibian Ark and the Amphibian Survival Alliance with the shared vision of 'Amphibians thriving in nature'.

Status: On track

T-037 On-the-ground conservation actions through specific ASG-supported projects.

Status: On track

T-039 The Atelopus Task Force contributes to conservation actions for *Atelopus* species.

Status: On track

NETWORK

T-004 ASG leadership and membership are renewed.

Status: On track

T-014 Ensure a number of ARLA staff members are supported by donors.

Status: On track

T-015 ASG proactively recruits new members, focusing on regions with little or no representation at the start of the quadrennium.

Status: On track

T-016 Create/increase financial partnerships that support ASG staff.

Status: On track

T-033 Establish an East Asian Salamander Task Force.

Status: On track

T-034 Advance the Atelopus Task Force.

Status: On track

T-035 Establish a Caecilian Task Force.

Status: On track

COMMUNICATE

T-007 ASG actively contributes to the production of scientific publications related to amphibian research and conservation.

Status: On track

T-008 ASG reports activities to SSC Data.

Status: On track

T-009 Ensure the IUCN Red List is used to inform the project and funding priorities of NGOs and funding mechanisms.

Status: Achieved

T-010 ASG develops a communications plan laying out the intended use of each of its communications tools.

Status: On track

T-011 Together with the Amphibian Survival Alliance (ASA), ASG continues to produce

Status: On track

T-012 ASG participates in scientific or public events.

Status: Achieved

T-020 Create and populate a ResearchGate project page to collate and improve visibility

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The ASG Secretariat and the ASG Atelopos Task Force have been working to secure funding for a planning workshop for [redacted] (CR), which we aim to be held in mid-2024.

Policy

T-019 A G [redacted] (KSR 9)

Number of instances where advice and information are sought and given: 0

Result description: A project is underway to identify amphibian gaps in CITES-listed species.

ACT

Conservation actions

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the retention of three ARLA positions to coordinate Global Amphibian Assessment initiatives.

T-016 C / (KSR 1)

Number of 'funding' partners established and maintained: 0

Result description: We have been in conservation with a potential new partner regarding the development of an MOU, and a regular donation to support core activities.

COMMUNICATE
Communication

T-007 A G / (KSR 12)

Number of publications that acknowledge SSC affiliation: 4

Result description: This year we have produced four scientific publications using our SSC affiliation. These include the following: (1) Bishop, PJ, (2023). "Amphibians". In Maclean (ed.) *The Living Planet: The State of the World's Wildlife*. Cambridge University Press, pp.153–176. ISBN: 9781108731652; (2) Borzée, A, (2023). "Policy recommendation on the Rana trade towards the Republic of Korea". 11:1097849; (3) Borzée, A. (2024). "Continental Northeast Asian Amphibians: Origins, Behavioural Ecology, and Conservation". Amsterdam, Netherlands. ISBN: 9780323918572; (4) Wren, S. (2023).

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Summary of achievements

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G : 28 Global, 1 Africa, 4 America, 3 Asia, 1 Europe, 1 Oceania

A **2023:**

Assess: 5 (KSR 6, 7)

Plan: 3 (KSR 8, 9)

Act: 5 (KSR 10)

Network: 4 (KSR 1, 2)

Communicate: 7 (KSR 12, 13)

Q **2021 2025:**

