



Mission statement

The Cetacean Specialist Group (CSG) promotes and facilitates the conservation of cetaceans worldwide. It functions as a catalyst, clearing house and facilitator for cetacean-related research and conservation action. Our guiding premise is that conservation ultimately depends upon good science, and the Group's credibility and value are based on maintaining high standards of scientific rigour. The advice we provide relates mainly to the status of populations, abundance, trends, the effects of current or potential threats, and the efficacy of mitigation. Our emphasis is on the recovery of threatened species and populations, but we also recognise the importance of maintaining the full diversity of the Cetacea, which includes just over 90 species, about 50 recognised subspecies and at least hundreds of populations.

Project description 2021-2025

Cetaceans are nominally protected under several international conventions and by national legislation in most countries, but they are affected by many human activities in marine and freshwater environments. Most of the conservation work by CSG

members is linked, directly or indirectly, to that of other bodies or groups with shared objectives, and this makes it impossible in most instances to tease apart the influence

in many ways. The influence of CSG is often indirect, but it is significant in many cases.

PLAN

25 Increase diversity, equity and inclusion in CSG membership and activities.
Status: On track

26 Advance recommendations from the Yangtze Finless Porpoise (*Neomeris caudata*) conservation symposium held in Wuhan, November 2019.
Status: On track

27 Support relevant government agencies, researchers, and NGOs in Atlantic Humpback Dolphin (*Sousa vespertalis*) range states in conservation planning for the species as proposed in the IUCN SSC EDGE Grant proposal and terms of reference.

on and assist in efforts to reverse and prevent impacts of water development on river dolphins in South America and Asia with an emphasis on site-based and population-level initiatives.

Status: On track

NETWORK

T-11 Continue involvement in the work of the IWC's Scientific and Conservation Committees, Conservation Management Plans and Small Cetacean Task Teams.

Status: On track

T-12 Collaborate with the Convention on Migratory Species to advance Concerted Actions for threatened cetaceans.

Status: On track

T-13 Respond to requests for advice and feedback, e.g. to CITES and various

Result description: This activity did not advance due to a lack of funding for the population viability analysis (PVA).

1.4. Provide support to existing programmes that attempt to rescue canal-entrapped Indus and Ganges River Dolphins (*P. a. a.* and *P. a. a.*) by training local veterinarians and scientists to conduct comprehensive health assessments. (KSR 10)

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