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T-009 Organize amingo symposiums at

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and dialogues with technical experts were initiated. There are two immense challenges to this simultaneous survey: the extensive area that must be covered to assess population numbers with any certainty, and the difficulty of distinguishing between Lesser and Greater Flamingos in aerial photos.

**T-013 Assist the Grupo para la Conservación del Flamenco Caribeño with organizing and fundraising for the first simultaneous census of the American Flamingo in 2024. (KSR 8)**

Number of other plans (different from Conservation Action Plans) developed: 1

Result description: Frank Espinoza, the FSG Caribbean region representative, co-organized and prepared budgets for the upcoming survey

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Volunteer participants IWC Tanzania 2023  
Photo: Emmanuel Mгимwa

**T-019 Develop a new FSG website with expanded capabilities. (KSR 12)**

Number of areas and documents included: 1  
Result description: Shelly Collinsworth started in her role as a website developer and strategist. An extensive site map for the website was developed in 2023 with input from the FSG steering committee. Fort Worth Zoo is sponsoring the website financially for the first year and is also contributing logistically by providing Shelly's time and expertise.

**Scientific meetings**

**T-010 Organize and/or attend meetings of flamingo specialists, including the 4<sup>th</sup> International Flamingo Symposium. (KSR 12)**

Number of scientific events coordinated: 1  
Result description: The 4<sup>th</sup> International Workshop of the Caribbean Flamingo Conservation Group (CFCG) was held in Yucatan, Mexico on March 18-20, 2023, on the premises of Ejido San Crisanto. Delegates from 13 out of the 15 CFCG member range states attended. The meeting was organized by the Caribbean Coast Conservancy and was co-sponsored by the San Crisanto Foundation and the San Crisanto Ejido. The most pressing threats for each country were discussed, with the view that a comprehensive strategy for Caribbean Flamingo conservation could be formulated that is adaptable to each country's needs but also considers common threats. Increased coastal tourism is resulting in the loss and fragmentation of habitat through hotel and other infrastructure proliferation. Disturbance of the flamingos and pollution are increasing in

tandem. Other threats include hunting and damming of rivers. Agreements were reached during the meeting to improve communication and functioning of the CFCG, and it was decided to undertake the first comprehensive simultaneous Caribbean Flamingo census in February 2024 to get a more accurate assessment of total population numbers. Cathy King also gave a presentation about the FSG and ideas for supporting conservation and research efforts.

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**Summary of achievements**

Total number of targets for 2021–2025: 24

Geographic regions: 18 Global, 3 Africa, 2 America, 1 Europe

**Actions during 2023:**

Assess: 3 (KSR 5, 6)

Plan: 2 (KSR 8)

Network: 4 (KSR 1, 2)

Communicate: 3 (KSR 12, 13)

**Overall achievement 2021–2025:**



