



Mission Statement

The mission of the IUCN SSC Penguin Specialist Group (PSG) is to provide scientific advice that informs policy and engages people in effective conservation action.

Projected Impact 2021-2025

The disconcerting and rapid population decreases reported for most of the world's penguin species will be reversed only through immediate and affirmative action on the part of the global community of researchers, governmental entities, conservation organisations, fisheries managers, and the general public. If we address the identified threats, undertake priority research needs using an interdisciplinary approach...

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Activities and Events | 2023

ASSESS

Red List

T-004 Reassess IUCN Red List status of penguin species. (KSR 6)

Number of global Red List reassessments completed: 0

Result description: During the International Penguin Congress in 2023, and within our Steering Committee meetings, we expressed our concern regarding the impact of the avian flu pandemic and its mortality rate on penguins. We deliberated on advancing the conservation status assessment, acknowledging that the mortality would likely affect the status of several species.

Research Activities

T-005 Publish at least one paper of global relevance related to the ecology and conservation of all penguin species. (KSR 5)

Number of scientific publications about species research that acknowledge SSC affiliation: 0

Result description: While we have not finalised a new paper on this specific topic, several members of the Steering Committee have contributed to various publications addressing different aspects of the ecology and conservation of penguins.

PLAN

Planning

T-001 Convene meetings of the PSG Steering Committee focused on updating our Wild Penguins in Perpetuity Conservation Strategy. (KSR 8)

Number of meetings held: 5

Result description: In our focused efforts to update our Wild Penguins in Perpetuity Conservation Strategic Plan, we convened multiple meetings of the Penguin Specialist Group (PSG) Steering Committee. These sessions were dedicated to critically evaluating and enhancing our long-term conservation strategies to ensure the sustainability and health of wild penguin

populations. Through these discussions, we aimed to refine our goals, identify new conservation priorities, and adjust our action plans in response to emerging threats and scientific findings. This collaborative effort underscores our commitment to proactive and adaptive management of penguin conservation efforts, ensuring that we remain aligned with current research and global conservation standards.

T-003 Convene annual Steering Committee meetings to revise and redefine priorities for global penguin conservation. (KSR 8)

Number of meetings in quadrennium: 11

Result description: Throughout the year, we successfully achieved this goal through a combination of virtual meetings and in-person gatherings at the International Penguin Congress in Chile in 2023. These sessions served as the Steering

continuously assess our strategies, adapt to new challenges, and set forth a refined PLAN that reflects the latest in conservation science and practice. By leveraging both remote and face-to-

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T-008 Redefine priority conservation actions needed and priority research.

(KSR 11)

