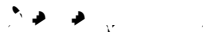
 To promote the long-term conservation of the world's Syngnathiform (seahorses, pipefishes, seadragons and their relatives) fishes through the illumination and alleviation of threats to wild populations and their ocean habitat.

 **2021-2025**
The Seahorse, Pipefish and Seadragon Specialist Group (SPS SG) is focusing on relieving pressures – current and anticipated – on species assessed as threatened on the IUCN Red List, and on the many that are Data Deficient. The threatened species are concentrated in four geographic areas: Southeast Asia (marine and freshwater), South Africa and Atlantic South America. We are generating action at the national

-040 Create guidelines for standardised data collection methods for syngnathid species.

Status: On track

-041 Create guidance on translocations and releases of syngnathid species.

Status: On track



-018 Collaborate with aquariums, multiplier organisations, NGOs, and universities.

Status: Achieved

-027 Find funding for an SPS SG programme of work and meetings every two years.

Status: Achieved

-028 Grow SPS SG expertise in strategic

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

Result description: To date, about 85% of CT scans of *Hippocampus* species are completed by SPS SG members. The members of SPS SG completed the CT scans of all species of pygmy pipehorses and pygmy seahorses that are currently described. The SPS SG aims to work on a taxonomic revision of the genus *Hippocampus* to identify certain seahorse species that may be classified as pygmy pipehorses.

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Result description: In 2023, the SPS SG secured funding for an in-person meeting to be held in Monaco in November 2024.

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(KSR 13)

Number of digital communication outputs developed in relation to specific taxonomic groups: 5

Result description: Our SPS SG remains active on social media platforms such as Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. Through these channels, we share the many successes and achievements of our SPS SG members. In 2023, we highlighted the CITES workshop for the Asia region, which took place in March in the Philippines. Several members of our SPS SG were in attendance at this workshop. We also posted and shared the results and outreach from a European project led by SPS SG members. This project aims to assess the distribution of syngnathids in Europe and estimate the impact of climate change on their populations. Additionally, we highlighted the ongoing efforts in Australia to conserve the endangered species *Hippocampus whitei* through seahorse conservation translocations. This initiative is led by a member of our SPS SG. Furthermore, we shared information about the discovery of a very rare seahorse species (*H. tyro*) off the coast of Mauritius by iSeahorse transmonitors. Lastly, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of iSeahorse on our social media platforms.

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(KSR 13)

Number of digital communication outputs developed in relation to specific taxonomic groups: 0

Result description: Our SG remains active on social media through Twitter, Instagram and Facebook where we share our many successes and achievements. Our SG regularly shares new and exciting research and conservation efforts of our specialist group members on social media and through news stories in the media. Significant communication and outreach through regular posts on social media serve to promote the great conservation, research and outreach activities made by our SPS SG members. These posts showcase the work they are doing around the world to protect these magical fishes.

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Number of communication products using innovative tools: 77

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