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The mission of the Mite Specialist Group (MSG) is to increase knowledge of the taxonomic, ecological and conservation status of mites and to promote their conservation and protect their habitats globally.

2021, 2025
Increased profile and action in mite conservation in association with all invertebrates.

2021, 2025

-001 Conduct global Red List assessment of 10 species.
Status: On track

-002 Have two Red List assessment coordinators.
Status: On track

-003 Grow membership to 100 members.
Status: On track

-005 Maintain (1) contact with the Wet Tropics Management Authority in Australia; (2) partnership with Saving Nature to restore habitat in tropical environments, and (3) relationship with the NGO Invertebrates Australia, which promotes invertebrate conservation.
Status: On track

-006 Educate the public about the importance of invertebrate communities.
Status: On track

-007 Contact five new organisations outside the SSC to seek their cooperation in pursuing specific conservation and/or educational outcomes.
Status: Achieved

-00 Request that the five advisory groups develop and implement at least one programme generating specific education and/or conservation outcomes.
Status: On track

-00 Enlist organisations to help promote the group's objectives.
Status: On track

-010 Deliver four presentations on Mite Specialist Group activities.
Status: Achieved

-011 Establish social media accounts.
Status: Achieved

-012 Produce four publications on threatened species of mites.
Status: Achieved

-013 Continue to provide advice to MarineBio.
Status: On track

2023

-003 Grow membership to 100 members. (KSR 1)

Number of SSC members recruited: 3
Result description: In 2023, we recruited three new members, two from England and one from Canada. Currently, our membership institutional affiliation distribution is 85% academic, 10% governmental, and 5% private sector.

-005 Maintain (1) contact with the Wet Tropics Management Authority in Australia; (2) partnership with Saving Nature to restore habitat in tropical environments, and (3) relationship with the NGO Invertebrates Australia, which promotes invertebrate conservation. (KSR 1)

Number of in kind partnerships established and maintained: 3

Result description: In 2023, we maintained contact with the [Wet Tropics Management Authority](#) (WTMA). We also established a relationship with the NGO Invertebrates Australia, which promotes invertebrate conservation, and a partnership with [Saving Nature](#) to restore habitat in tropical environments.

-007 Contact five new organisations outside the SSC to seek their cooperation in pursuing specific conservation and/or educational outcomes. (KSR 2)

Number of organisations contacted: 5

Result description: We contacted 5 organizations and they agreed to assist the group in achieving its conservation and education objectives.

-00 Request that the five advisory groups develop and implement at least one programme generating specific education and/or conservation outcomes. (KSR 1)

Number of in-kind partnerships established and maintained: 5

Result description: In 2023, partnerships with five acarology societies as advisory groups were maintained.

-00 Enlist organisations to help promote the group's objectives. (KSR 3)

Non-IUCN bodies with which the SSC group collaborates to advance targets: 2

Result description: In 2023, we enlisted two organisations, the Persian Journal of Acarology and the journal, Acarological Studies, to assist with promotion of our objectives.

-010 Deliver four presentations on Mite

