



Species

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Objective

Our mission is to assess extinction risks for metazoan parasites that use vertebrate hosts, a trophic group that is currently extremely underrepresented on the IUCN Red List. Additionally, our Group aims to develop the first best practice guidelines and species recovery plans for threatened metazoan parasites that use vertebrate hosts and to communicate the importance of parasite conservation broadly.

-002 Create a Listserv for experts interested in working with the Parasite Specialist Group.
Status: Achieved

-001 Establish and develop a new Parasite Specialist Group website by 2023.
Status: Achieved

Objective

In this quadrennium, we established the IUCN SSC Parasite Specialist Group, the first-ever organisation for parasite conservation. We recruited members, created a Listserv and a website for communication purposes, began the first-ever recovery plan for a parasite species, and positioned ourselves to begin assessing parasite species for the Red List.

Objective

-00 Complete global Red List assessments of 50 species by 2025. (KSR 6)

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

Result

Objective

-00 Complete global Red List assessments of 50 species by 2025.
Status: On track

-00 Develop a recovery plan for the Ryukyu Rabbit Tick (*Haemaphysalis pentagalgi*) by 2024.
Status: On track

Total number of targets 2021–2025: 4

