

IUCN SSC Antelope Specialist Group



2018 Report



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95

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Mission statement

The mission of ASG is to promote the conservation of the world's antelope diversity and to contribute to the mission of SSC.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

By the end of 2020, we expect that: the Antelope Specialist Group's (ASG) global framework for antelope conservation; road maps for all threatened taxa; action plans for key species; updated Red List assessments; advice to IUCN, CITES, CMS, governments and INGOs; support for project proposals; and dissemination of information will collectively have made a significant contribution to stabilising and/or improving the status of antelopes and also to specific targets on the SSC Strategic Plan.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Green List: complete Green List assessments for 93 species.

Red List: (1) maintain regular updates of 93 species' Red List datasheets; (2) complete all (144) Red List reassessments.

Research activities: (1) enter baseline data for all species and subspecies (144) into the Antelope e-database; (2) expand fields of the Antelope e-database.

Plan

Conservation actions: (1) publish the ASG planning guidelines; (2) develop the Global Antelope Strategy; (3) publish action plans for eight key antelope taxa; (4) enhance the link between Red List assessments and species planning.

Policy: (1) revise the Intensive Genetic Manipulation Policy; (2) liaise annually with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species

of Wild Animals (CMS); (3) provide advice to the SSC Chair and IUCN; (4) liaise annually with the CITES Animals Committee, Standing Committee and Conference of the Parties, and attend two standing meetings per year for two species, as well as additional events *ad hoc*.

Act

Conservation actions: review Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) sites for antelopes.

Network

Agreements: sign MoU with Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) on genetics and planning.

Membership: increase regional and gender diversity of members of the ASG.

Proposal development and funding: support preparation of grant proposals as requested.

Synergy: Liaise with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) for the Global Eradication Campaign of "Peste des Petits Ruminants" (PPR GEP).

Communicate

Communication: (1) produce policy statements as appropriate; (2) publish six *Gnusletter* regular issues (2 per year) and special issues; (3) re-launch website; (4) maintain Facebook page with one post per month; (5) create a Twitter account and a blog.

Scientific meetings: co-organise the 3rd and 4th African Buffalo (*Syncerus caffer*) workshops.

Activities and results 2018

Assess

Green List

i. A start has been made to complete Green List assessments for 93 species. Progress is awaiting finalisation of the Green List guidelines. (KSR #22)

Dama Gazelle, Chad
Photo: Tim Wacher



Red List

i. An assessment update file for each species (total number of species 93) has been created. New data are added to the appropriate sections using track changes when they become available. (KSR #11)

Research activities

i. Information on species and subspecies from the African Antelope Database (East 1999) and Mammals of Africa Vol 6 (Kingdon & Hoffman 2013) entered into Antelope e-database.

Plan

Conservation actions

i. Development of the Global Antelope Strategy started. (KSR #15)

ii. Conservation action plans: (1) Dama Gazelle (*Nanger dama*): a Regional Action Plan for Chad and Niger was published in 2018 and a global strategy workshop was held in December 2018 at Al Ain, UAE (action plan currently being finalised); (2) strategic planning events were initiated for three other taxa: *Gazella leptoceros* and *Antilocapra americana* (workshops planned for 2019); *Saiga tatarica* – collaborated with CMS secretariat on updating the CITES-CMS Saiga MoU action plan (workshop scheduled in April 2019); (3) ASG accepted an invitation from the Ethiopian government agency to collaborate on development of a national antelope strategy. (KSR #15)

iii. Guidance document on integrating Red Listing and planning initiated. (KSR #18)

Policy

i. Revision of the Intensive Genetic Manipulation Policy has begun. (KSR #26)

ii. Comments on *Saiga tatarica* and *Pantholops hodgsonii* were provided to the CITES Secretariat, as requested. (KSR #26)

iii. Advice to CITES: (1) we liaised regularly with the CMS Secretariat on issues concerning the CMS Saiga Antelope MoU, including revision of the work programme (action plan); (2) the two Co-Chairs attended the Sahelo-Saharan Interest Group meeting in May 2018 in Paris, where many issues relevant to the CMS Concerted Action were discussed; (3) we are currently working with the CMS Secretariat on production of a revised status review and action plan for Sahelo-Saharan antelopes; (4) we liaised regularly with the CMS Secretariat on the Central Asian Mammals Initiative, including planning a transboundary landscape planning project (workshop in August 2019), David Mallon facilitated the Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI) mid-project review workshop in April 2018. (KSR #26)

iv. We responded to all requests made by the SSC Chair and IUCN. (KSR #26)

Act

Conservation actions

i. An ASG volunteer has started work on review of KBA sites for antelopes. (KSR #22)

ii. Field survey of *Ammodorcas clarkei* in Ogaden Region, Ethiopia. (KSR #12)

iii. Field survey on antelope health in Chad (KSR #12)

Network

Agreements

i. The MoU with Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) on genetics and planning was signed. (KSR #29)

Membership

i. Several new members (both Range State and gender) have been identified.

Proposal development and funding

i. Five grant proposals were supported.

Synergy

i. ASG collaboration with FAO and OIE on the “Peste des Petits Ruminants” Global Eradication Programme (PPR GEP) and with Sahara Conservation Fund on antelope health.

Communicate

Communication

i. *Gnusletter*: Issue 35#1 was published in May 2018 and 35#2 in December 2018. (KSR #28)

ii. Planning for two special issues of *Gnusletter* was initiated. (KSR #28)

iii. A new domain name was registered and work began on constructing the new website for the ASG. (KSR #28)

iv. The ASG Facebook site was re-launched and has made regular posts. (KSR #28)

v. A Twitter account was launched. (KSR #28)

vi. Planning for the 3rd African Buffalo workshop was initiated. (KSR #28)

Scientific meetings

i. Progress for 4th African Buffalo workshop depends on the 3rd African Buffalo workshop. (KSR #28)

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Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 5/5

Assess	3	■■■
Plan	7	■■■■■■■
Act	3	■■■
Network	4	■■■■
Communicate	7	■■■■■■■

Main KSRs addressed: 11, 12, 15, 18, 22, 26, 28, 29

Resolutions addressed: WCC-2016-Res-041, WCC-2016-Res-100