

Announcements

CPSG Annual Meeting



CPSG's 2018 Annual Meeting is almost here! Join us on 18-21 in Bangkok, Thailand at the Anantara Riverside Resort and Hotel and explore topics related to this year's theme Towards Zero Extinction in Southeast Asia. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Erik Meijaard, Chair of both the IUCN SSC Wild Pig Specialist Group and the IUCN Oil Palm Task Force, and Founder of Borneo Futures.

Presentations and Working Group Topics will include:

- The Asian Song Bird Crisis and the EAZA Silent Forest Campaign
- Strengthening Application of the One Plan Approach in Southeast Asia through CPSG Southeast Asia and ASAP Partnership
- Enhancing the impact of the Asian Species Action Partnership (ASAP!)
- Threat-based Approaches to Multi-Species Planning: Illegal wildlife trade, wildlife health

To register, please visit www.cpsg2018.org.

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Pre-Annual Meeting Training Opportunity

CPSG is offering a 2-day Introduction to Facilitating Species Conservation Planning Processes course on 16-17 October in Bangkok, Thailand. The course is designed to provide an overview of some of the facilitation skills that can be applied to help you guide working groups through a species conservation planning process. The course is open to attendees of the CPSG Annual Meeting and to all conservation professionals.

To learn more about the course and to register, please visit our [website](http://www.cpsg2018.org) or email Jamie Copsey Jamie@cpsg.org.

CPSG's newest staff member

We are thrilled to introduce Claudine Gibson as CPSG's Multi-Species Planning Program Assistant. Claudine began her career as a zookeeper at Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust in Jersey and later held various roles at ZSL London, Chester Zoo, and Auckland Zoo. She has also worked as Program Officer for the IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group and the IUCN SSC/WI Freshwater Fish Specialist Group, facilitating several Red List assessment workshops. Her area of focus with CPSG will be to help improve the complementarity between Red Listing, conservation needs assessments and conservation planning, and in particular to develop approaches to multi-species conservation needs assessments that will link more directly to action planning.



Red List Assessment of Sunda Fish

At the end of January 2019, led by Catherine Sayer, the IUCN Freshwater Biodiversity Unit is holding a workshop to assess the Red List status of the 1,073 freshwater fishes native to the Sunda region (Borneo, Sumatra, Indonesia, Peninsular Malaysia and the Philippines). CPSG has been invited to this workshop to integrate a conservation needs assessment process that will aim firstly, to increase the depth and consistency with which threats and conservation action needed are considered within the Red List Assessment and secondly, to use this information to identify conservation targets for action planning that will impact multiple species. Targets are expected to include key sites hosting multiple threatened taxa, high impact threats operating across several sites, or groups of species likely to benefit from a particular conservation strategy such as ex situ management. The process will also aim to identify those species that may need individual planning attention.



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For all taxa assessed as threatened, a summary report from this process will provide information and direction on priority conservation needs, including key conservation planning targets. This information will be reflected in the relevant sections of the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™ database.

Claudine Gibson, CPSG, is designing this systematic conservation needs assessment process, which will be tested at the Sunda fishes Red List workshop and further refined and adapted to suit other multi-taxa groups.



Recent Activities

Uniting Government, Species Specialists and NGOs to build Institutional Capacity for Species Recovery in Brazil

CPSG Brasil, São Paulo University (ESALQ-USP) and Parque das Aves have partnered up to deliver two courses on “Facilitating Species Conservation Planning Processes” in Brazil. Each course has 25 participants including representatives from the Brazilian Ministry of Environment, ICMBio (the Brazilian institution responsible for the National Action Plans), IUCN Brazil office, academic institutions, species specialists and NGOs.

The courses will equip participants with a deeper understanding of the species conservation planning process, additional thinking tools and interpersonal skills enabling them to become effective facilitators. Additionally, the courses will provide the participants with an overview of the range of planning tools and processes that CPSG has developed to support species conservation planning efforts, such as DRA, VORTEX, PMx, *ex situ* guidelines, that could be applied to the Brazilian National Action Plans.



Katia Ferraz



The courses were led by Jamie Copsey, CPSG, and took place on 24-28 September at Parque das Aves, Foz do Iguaçu-PR and 2-5 October at ESALQ, Piracicaba-SP.

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Strategic Planning Workshop for the Red-browed Amazon parrot



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The red-browed Amazon Parrot (*Amazona rhodocorytha*) is endemic to the Atlantic Forest in eastern Brazil. It is currently considered endangered on the Brazilian National list and Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List.

The Papagaio-Chauá Project invited Yara Barros, CPSG Brasil, to facilitate a two day workshop on 28-29 June for the red-browed Amazon Parrot parrot in Brazil to develop a conservation strategic plan. The participants included members of the Papagaio-Chauá Project, Charão Project, and Parque das Aves. By the end of the workshop, participants had agreed upon key actions to be prioritized in the strategic plan.

Special thanks to Parque das Aves who made the workshop possible.



Publications

Global ICAP for Canids and Hyaenids

Global Integrated Collection Assessment and
Planning Workshop for Canids and Hyaenids

Omaha, NE, US, 19 – 20 March 2016

Final Report



The global zoo community is embracing the One Plan approach and exploring options for assessing, modifying, and expanding their collections and conservation programs to better serve the conservation of species in the wild. An important step is to identify species' conservation needs and prioritize those that can be addressed effectively by targeted *ex situ* activities. In an effort to assist regional zoo associations in this task, CPSG has developed a new process – an Integrated Collection Assessment and Planning (ICAP) workshop. This essentially applies the decision process of the IUCN *ex situ* guidelines to the task of regional and/or global collection planning.

The first inaugural ICAP was the Global ICAP for Canids and Hyaenids held in March in Omaha, organized by the AZA Canid and Hyaenid Taxon Advisory Group (TAG) and conducted in collaboration with the IUCN SSC Canid and Hyaenid Specialist

Groups. Pre-workshop preparations were extensive and included compilation of the following information for all canid and hyaenid taxa: 1) range, status and population trend in the wild, including Red List (RL) category of threat; 2) primary threats to wild populations; 3) demographic and genetic status of all *ex situ* populations (regional and global); and 4) any prior recommendations for *ex situ* management from existing PHVAs, CAMPs, RL assessment, recovery plans, or other conservation strategies. Field biologists and Specialist Group representatives were queried for detailed recommendations on potential *ex situ* contributions for each species.

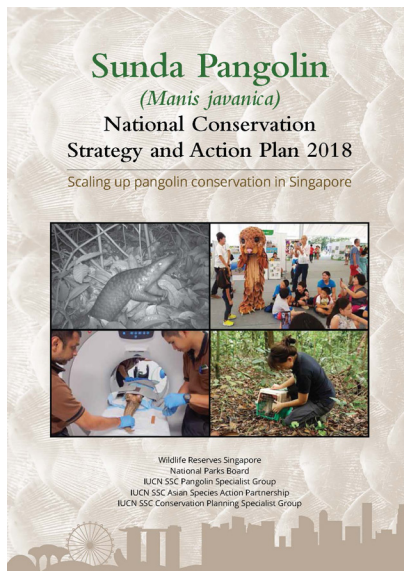
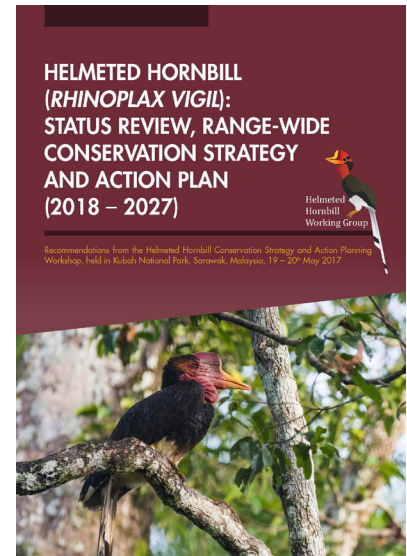
All of this information was reviewed and considered by over 30 ICAP workshop participants representing six zoo associations (AZA, EAZA, ALPZA, PAAZA, ZAA and CZA), the Canid and Hyaenid Specialist Groups, IUCN, wildlife agencies, field researchers, and recovery team members. This diverse group assessed 43 taxa, including those not held in captivity as well as currently managed species, and recommended *ex situ* activities, as appropriate, on a regional and/or global scale. This comprehensive assessment can serve as a framework upon which zoo associations can draw for regional collection planning, and institutions, species programs and TAGs can use to guide conservation education messaging, *in situ* field support, and other conservation activities. In addition, the ICAP process promotes networking and partnerships between regional associations as well as between the zoo and field communities and specialist groups.

The report is currently available on CPSG's website <http://www.cpsg.org/content/global-icap-workshop-canids-and-hyaenids>.

Helmeted Hornbill Action Plan

The helmeted hornbill is currently listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List. A conservation planning workshop for the hornbill was held in May 2017 in Malaysia. The resulting Action Plan is a 10 year strategy aiming to eliminate trafficking and trade of the species and to protect habitats across the hornbill's natural range.

<http://www.cpsg.org/content/helmeted-hornbill-action-plan>



Sunda Pangolin Action Plan

Illegal trafficking and habitat loss are the major threats facing the Sunda pangolin across its range in Southeast Asia, which is considered Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List. In July 2017, Singapore held a workshop to develop a national action plan for the species.

<http://www.cpsg.org/content/sunda-pangolin-national-conservation-strategy-and-action-plan-2018>