

Announcements

CPSG Annual Meeting: Save the Date!

CPSG's 2018 Annual Meeting, hosted by Zoological Park Organization, Thailand, will be held from 18-21 October at the AVANI Bangkok Riverside Hotel in Bangkok. This year's theme is Towards Zero Extinction in Southeast Asia and we are honored to have as our keynote speaker Dr. Erik Meijaard, Director of Borneo Futures.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Enhancing the impact of the Asian Species Action Partnership (ASAP!)
- *Ex Situ* conservation of ASAP Species
- Threat-based Approaches to Multi-Species Planning: Illegal wildlife trade, wildlife health, and habitat
- Assessing conservation needs: Using the Red List to its best advantage
- Planning for Implementation: Setting people up for successful species conservation plan implementation
- Asian Song Bird Crisis
- Strengthening Application of the One Plan Approach in Southeast Asia through CPSG Southeast Asia and ASAP Partnership

To learn more about the meeting, please visit our [website!](#)

Registration will open soon!

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Pre-Annual Meeting Training Opportunities

We are pleased to offer three training courses in Bangkok on 16-17 October 2018, just prior to our 2018 Annual Meeting. The courses being offered are:

- An Introduction to Facilitating Species Conservation Planning Processes
- An Introduction to Wildlife Disease Risk Analysis (DRA)
- Applying the IUCN Guidelines for *Ex Situ* Management for Species Conservation

The courses are open to attendees of the CPSG Annual Meeting as well as any other interested conservation professionals (new or experienced).

For more information about the courses, please view the [official flyer](#).

Recent Activities

IUCN SSC Guidelines on *Ex Situ* Management Training Course

The Zoo and Aquarium Society of Brazil (SZB) invited CPSG Brasil to facilitate the course “Using the IUCN SSC Guidelines on the Use of *Ex Situ* Management for Species Conservation”. The course was led by Kathy Traylor-Holzer (CPSG), Yara Barros (CPSG), and Ana Raquel Gomes Farias (SZB), 2-3 April, at Brasília Zoo, just prior to the 42nd Congress of the SZB. The course was designed to guide participants on how to build capacity and increase the use of the *ex situ* guidelines during the evaluation of conservation strategies for threatened Brazilian species.



The IUCN SSC *Ex Situ* Guidelines can be downloaded from of the [CPSG website](#).



Thank you to Parque das Aves for supporting the activities of CPSG Brasil and for providing funding for Yara Barros' participation in leading the course.



Developing a Conservation Strategy for the Central American Tapir

The Tapir Specialist Group invited CPSG to facilitate a workshop in order to develop a Conservation Strategy for the Central American tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*). The workshop took place 7-11 February at the San Carlos University in Guatemala City, Guatemala. The 20 participants representing 10 institutions and six countries divided into working groups (Habitat, Hunting, Economic Stability, Internal Structure, and Governance) to analyze the species' distribution, status, and threats throughout its range. After the workshop, participants had a clear understanding of the tapir's population status and the future work needed for its conservation.

The report is now available on the [CPSG website](#).



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Planning for Mexican Small Mammals

In April 2018, CPSG and the Small Mammal Specialist Group (SMSG) joined together for the Mexican Small Mammal Assessment, Prioritization and Conservation Planning Workshop. This joint effort with the Small Mammal Specialist Group is one of the first, but hopefully not the last, collaboration among IUCN SSC Specialist Groups to develop a thorough assessment, prioritization, and conservation action plan for endangered species, in this case, the threatened Rodentia and Eulipotyphla species of Mexico.



The workshop participants reviewed previously used methods for priority setting and agreed on the information that would need to be collected on each species in order to be able to rank species. Participants reviewed the process recently used by the Antelope Specialist Group and collectively agreed on data that was needed on each species to assist the prioritization exercise.

The participants broke into working groups to discuss priorities and target species based upon risk using the assessment template provided. The same procedure was used for all Data Deficient (DD) and Alliance for Zero Extinction species, and the group developed a list of high priority species for conservation and research.

Outcomes of this workshop were the following:

- a list of highest priority species projects, with key conservation actions required and named implementers - those to be responsible for championing the species;
- a selection of highest priority areas for initiating surveys;
- a training needs assessment report;
- a list of research needs; and,
- a plan for easing the Red List process and improving communication between assessors, contributors and the SMSG.

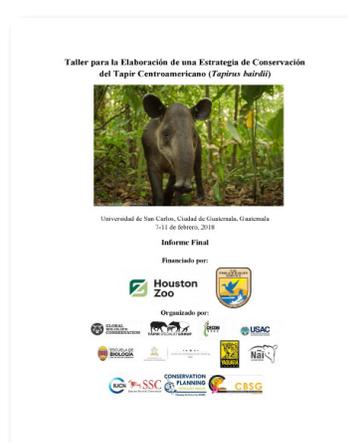


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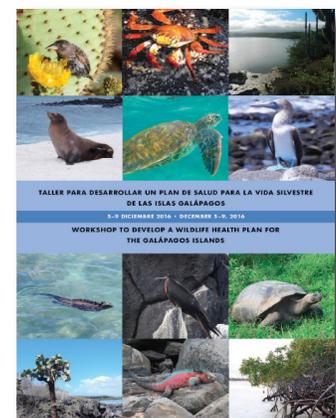
The following documents are now available on CPSG's website:



National Conservation Plan for the Lima Leaf-toed Gecko:
<http://www.cpsg.org/content/national-conservation-plan-lima-leaf-toed-gecko>



Central American Tapir Conservation Action Plan: <http://www.cpsg.org/content/central-american-tapir-conservation-action-plan>



Workshop to Develop a Wildlife Health Plan for the Galápagos Islands: <http://www.cpsg.org/content/galapagos-health-workshop-proceedings>