



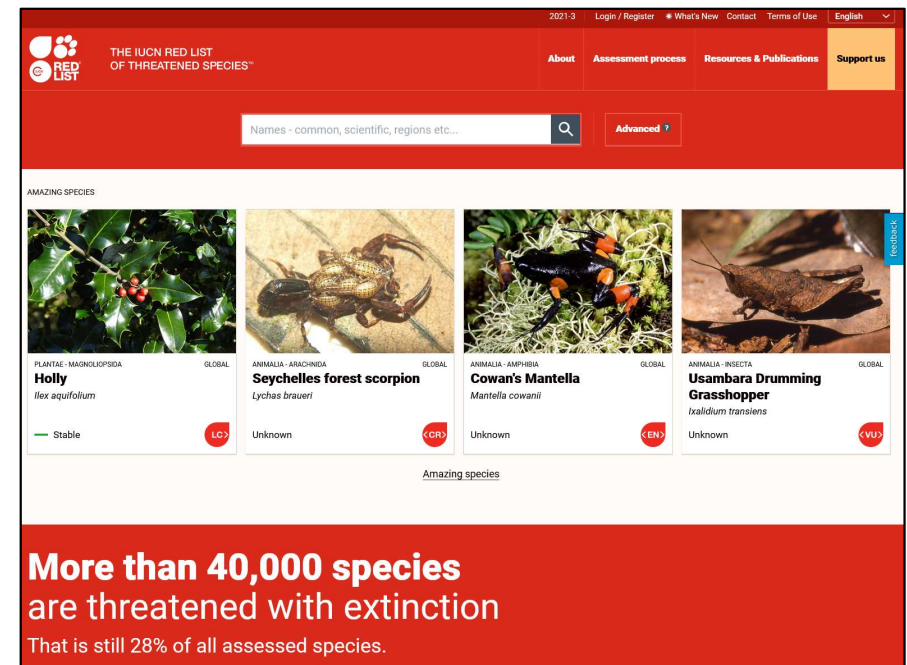
The IUCN Red List

A brief introduction

What is the IUCN Red List?

World's most comprehensive information source for extinction risk of species.

- Not just a list, but a compilation of the conservation status of species at the global level
- Based on the best scientific information available
- Widely used to inform and influence biodiversity conservation



What is the IUCN Red List?

- More than just names and threat categories
- Includes information on threats (e.g. invasive species), ecological requirements, and conservation actions
- Species assessments are generated through the knowledge of thousands of the world's leading scientists through a review process.
- Online scientific journal



IUCN Red List Goal

To provide information and analyses on the status, trends and threats to species in order to inform and catalyse action for biodiversity conservation.



The aims:

- Establish a baseline from which to monitor the change in status of species
- Provide a global context for the establishment of conservation priorities at the local level
- Monitor, on a continuing basis, the status of a representative selection of species (as biodiversity indicators) that cover all the major ecosystems of the world

IUCN Red List assessment: an estimate of **extinction risk**

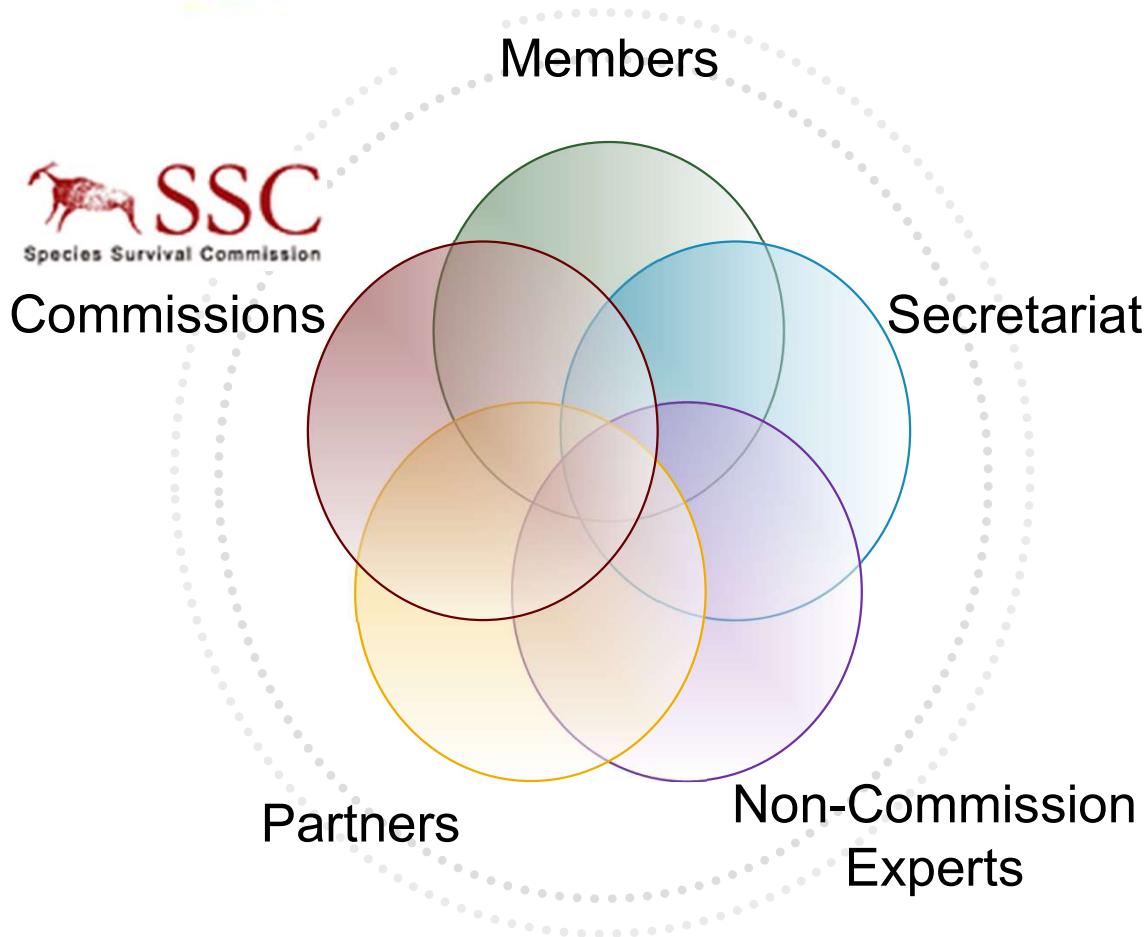
What is the likelihood of a species becoming extinct in the near future, given current knowledge about **population trends**, **range**, and recent, current or projected **threats**?

It is not a final list of species that are priorities for conservation action



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WHO IS INVOLVED?



Created in 1948

>1,400 member organizations
(States, Government agencies,
NGOs) from >170 countries

>1,000 staff (*including Regional &
Country Offices*)

>17,000 Commission members
(scientists and experts)

~5,000 representatives from partner
organizations

**Official observer to the UN
General Assembly**

IUCN's species work: Commission and Programme

SSC Chair

Vivek Menon



**SSC Steering
Committee**

**>11,000 volunteer experts in >180
Specialist Groups and Task Forces**

**IUCN Species Survival
Commission**

IUCN Secretariat

**Biodiversity
Assessment &
Knowledge Team**

Biodiversity Assessment Unit

Freshwater Biodiversity Unit

Red List Unit

Species Information Service (SIS)

Invasive Species

Species Trade & Use

etc.





Who is involved?



IUCN SSC Specialist Group Network



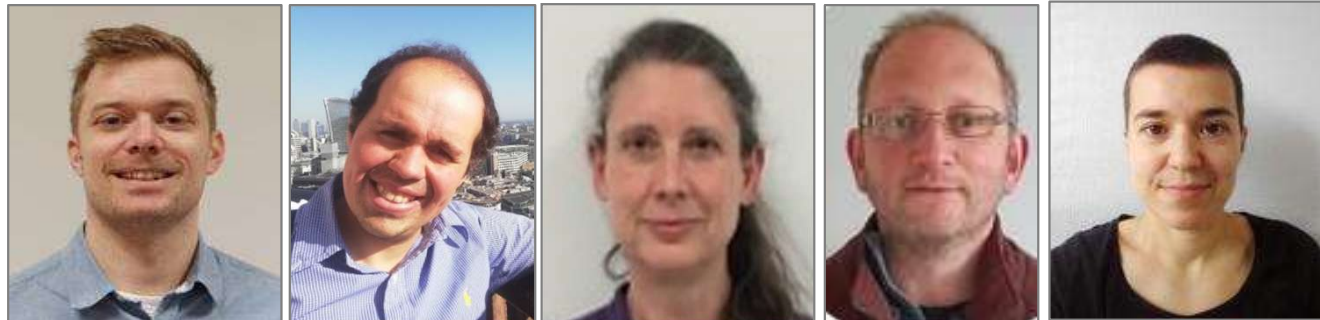
*IUCN Species Survival Commission
Specialist Groups*



Red List Partnership

The IUCN Red List Unit

- Manage the IUCN Red List (SIS database, GIS data, web site)
- Develop/maintain standards
- Review submitted assessments
- Petitions
- Workshop facilitation
- Capacity building
- Enquiries (e.g., media)
- Produce analyses and tools
- Support and technical advice



Tools and training

- Training and assessment workshops
- Tools, IT infrastructure, technical advice (SIS)
- Other projects and Red List tools
 - Red List Index
 - Global and Regional assessment initiatives
 - Climate change and extinction risk assessment
 - Key Biodiversity Areas
 - Green Status of Species



HOW CAN RED LIST DATA BE USED?



- Analysis and information
- Conservation planning and priority-setting
- International conservation policy
- Influencing funding allocations
- Private sector decision-making
- Education and public awareness

