

NATIONAL RED LIST WORKING GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The National Red List Working Group reports to the Biodiversity Assessments Sub-Committee and is responsible for overseeing the use of the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria (particularly the *Guidelines for Application of IUCN Red List Criteria at Regional Levels*) at the national level, and for building linkages between the *IUCN Red List of Threatened Species*TM and species assessment processes at national levels. As a guiding principle, the National Red List Working Group seeks to build mutually supportive synergies between the global *IUCN Red List of Threatened Species*TM and national red lists. To do this, the National Red List Working Group will:

- Take forward the work on the *Guidelines for Application of the IUCN Red List Criteria at Regional Levels* (http://www.iucn.org/webfiles/doc/SSC/SSCwebsite/Red_List/regionalguidelinesEn.pdf) into their application in a range of country contexts;
- Act as an advisory body for problems and issues relating to the implementation of these regional guidelines;
- Propose solutions to technical problems relating to the implementation of the regional guidelines, including revisions to the guidelines, as needed;
- Send proposed revisions to the guidelines to the Biodiversity Assessments Sub-Committee for formal adoption, after review by the Standards and Petitions Working Group;
- Develop mechanisms to enhance the integration of national assessments with global assessments (while the National Red List Working Group will avoid creating the impression that National Red Lists can automatically fit into the global IUCN Red List, it will work out, agree and test the process for integrating national assessments into global assessments, focusing initially on assessments of endemic taxa performed at the national level);
- Build linkages between Red List Authorities responsible for the global IUCN Red List and the organizations responsible for national red lists;
- Compile, and keep up to date, a register of national red listing projects, making this information publicly available;
- Act as a communication centre for national red list compilers, facilitating the sharing of best practice and effective input to Red Listing through the creation of a web-based clearinghouse of national red lists, and enabling communication exchanges between assessors, users, and other visitors;
- Guide the development of a training initiative for national red list compilers, working in collaboration with the IUCN Species Programme and Red List partners
- Advise on the use of Red List assessments in relation to determining conservation priorities; and
- Report biennially to the Biodiversity Assessments Sub-Committee on progress against the above terms of reference.

The National Red List Working Group will normally meet once a year. All formal decisions and recommendations of the National Red List Working Group will be sent to the Biodiversity Assessments Sub-Committee before final adoption.

The Chair of the National Red List Working Group is appointed by the Chair of the Biodiversity Assessments Sub-Committee and serves as a full member of the Biodiversity Assessments Sub-Committee. The membership of the National Red List Working Group is appointed by the Chair of the working group.