

SSC Specialist Group Chairs' Meeting

11-14 February 2008, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

AGENDA

as of 30 January 2008

SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY

Time	Session Title	Speaker(s)	Details
16h00-21h00	1. <i>Registration</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration desk (outside meeting venue): pick up your name badge and participant meeting packet On an "Ask me about..." sticky badge, write three things you have learned that would be valuable to share with others. Stick it to your name badge. World Map: place dots to indicate main areas where you have worked in the field.

MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Time	Session Title	Speaker(s)	Details
07h30-08h00	2. <i>Gather (registration desk open from 7:00 for those who arrived too late on Sunday)</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration as above for those who have not registered Tea/Coffee will be available A signal will sound when you should be seated. Please sit at the "home" table corresponding to the number on your name badge
08h00-08h10	3. <i>Host Welcome</i>	F Launay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A welcome by a representative of the main meeting sponsor and host, the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi
08h10-08h55	4. <i>SSC Chair Opening Remarks & Introductory Session</i>	H Dublin; Day Host; Table Facilitators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome, introductions & meeting overview (H Dublin) Day overview (Day Host) Introductions at Home Tables and meeting expectations
08h55-09h30	5. <i>SSC: Past, Present, and Future</i>	P McLagan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where we are and where we have been: key events between 1949 and 2008.
09h30-10h15	6. <i>Keynote: Does Species Conservation Still Matter?</i>	J McNeely; Table Facilitators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keynote followed by 15 minutes table discussions
10h15-10h45	7. <i>Break</i>		Tea/coffee available
10h45-11h15	8. <i>The future of species conservation</i>	H Dublin; J McNeely; Table Facilitators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 minute plenary dialogue on the challenges of species conservation
11h15-11h45	9. <i>IUCN: A Diverse Family of Capabilities: What is IUCN & what does it do?</i>	J Marton-Lefèvre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is IUCN in the world? Regions, Commissions, Thematic Programmes, IUCN Members. IUCN's complexity (diversity)... How are all parts of IUCN important? The importance of SSC in the IUCN family.
11h45-12h30	10. <i>Joining forces for global impacts</i>	W Jackson; A Kabraji; M Rafiq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is meant by the "One Programme" approach and why the emphasis? How did it come about? Explaining links between the IUCN Programme's development-oriented outcomes and biodiversity conservation. What is the role for SSC's work? Creating new collaborative efforts - Regions, Thematic Programmes, Members, SSC & the One Programme
12h30-14h00	11. <i>Lunch</i>		

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14h00-15h00	12. <i>SSC and the rest of IUCN – enhancing collaboration: a Q&A and Discussion Session</i>	J Marton-Lefèvre H Dublin; W Jackson; J McNeely; A Kabraji; M Rafiq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tables discuss insights, observations, comments and questions • Panel and participant dialogue
15h00-15h30	13. <i>Break</i>		Tea/coffee available
15h30-17h30	14. <i>United Arab Emirates Conservation Session</i>	HE M Al Mansouri T Abdelaasalam A Al Shamsi; R Al Mubarak; F Launay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UAE conservation initiatives – insights and opportunities at home and abroad • Presentations and discussion
17h30-17h45	15. <i>Close</i>	Day Host	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief closing comments about the day • Confirmation of logistics for Gala Dinner
18h45-22h00	16. <i>Gala Dinner: Al Ain Zoo</i>		Buses leave hotel at 18:45 sharp (The dinner is outside – bring warm clothing)

TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Time	Session Title	Speaker(s)	Details
07h30-08h00	17. <i>Gather</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tea/Coffee; Signal will sound when all should be seated • Sit where you please, but different tables to yesterday!
08h00-08h10	18. <i>Welcome Back & Overview of Day</i>	Day Host	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Overview of the day
08h10-08h40	19. <i>SSC: Where we have been and where we are headed</i>	H Dublin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A common image of SSC, its importance and value, its challenges, and future direction. Setting the context for the future of SSC.
08h40-09h20	20. <i>Redesigning SSC for Greater Impact</i>	L Boitani	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the strategy, structure, roles and processes of the redesign and responses to date.
09h20-09h45	21. <i>The Species Programme Now and Future: Partnering for Success</i>	J Smart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the Species Programme does, and how it supports and interacts with the SSC.
09h45-10h15	22. <i>Table Discussion: Fundamental Elements of the Redesign</i>	Table Facilitators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tables discuss questions to be addressed to H Dublin, L Boitani and J Smart.
10h15-10h45	23. <i>Break</i>		Tea/coffee available
10h45-11h15	24. <i>Design for the Future: Clarification Questions to Panel</i>	H Dublin; L Boitani; J Smart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary question and answer dialogue using questions from session 22.
11h15-12h15	32/33. <i>Input for Refining the Design and Plans</i>	P McLagan; L Boitani	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table Groups provide ideas on the design and identify broad change implications.
12h15-12h30	25. <i>Introduce Concurrent Sessions & Logistics</i>	Day Host	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing the concurrent sessions for the afternoon. Additional sessions will be run in the early evening.
12h30-14h00	28. <i>Lunch</i>		
14h00-15h45	26. <i>Session A: The Practicalities of Red-Listing</i>	Species Programme; SG Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Red Listing assessments are done; the change in the assessment process over the years; challenges related to assessing species; the Species Information Service and forthcoming changes in data management and data entry processes

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14h00-15h45	<i>27. Session B: Species Conservation Planning & Implementing Action</i>	R Lacy; SG Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A presentation of the draft guidelines on strategic planning for species conservation
15h45-16h15	<i>31. Break</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concurrent sessions may run into the tea break Sign up for evening consolidated sessions
16h15-18h00	<i>29. Session C: IUCN Red List Priorities and Uses</i>	S Stuart; G Mace and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current state of global, national and regional assessments; how priorities are decided; biodiversity indicators; the use of Red List data.
16h15-18h00	<i>30. Session D: Strengthening our messages through enhanced communications</i>	C. Campagna; C Thouless and Species Programme Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group work on tools for communications at the SG and SSC levels - newsletters, websites, list-serves, e-bulletins, <i>Species</i>, WIKIs, etc. Use of the media for messaging Recommended ways forward
18h00	<i>34. Day Close</i>	Day Host	
18h30 – 19h30	<i>35. Summary Session 26&29</i>	All organisers from 26 & 29	
18h30 – 19h30	<i>36. Summary Session 27&30</i>	All organisers from 27 & 30	
19h30-onwards	<i>37. Socialising & dinner</i>	Own arrangements	

WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Time	Session Title	Speaker(s)	Details
07h30-08h00	<i>38. Gather</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tea/Coffee will be available Signal will sound when you should be seated Sit where you please, but different tables to yesterday!
08h00-08h15	<i>39. Welcome and Grounding</i>	Day Host	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and introduce 3-person discussion Triad discussions (2-3 key learnings/highlights) from previous day. Overview of the day
08h15-08h45	<i>40. Resources & Realities: Future Directions and Opportunities for SSC Funding</i>	H Friederich; JC Vié; H Dublin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past, present, future for IUCN funding Working with the SSC Chair's Office, the Species Programme and IUCN's institutional approaches regarding fundraising
08h45-10h00	<i>41. Panel and Discussion Groups on Best Fundraising Practices</i>	Panel Chair; 4 SG Chairs with stories to share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing of success stories, challenges and lessons from different fundraising models, with clarifying questions from Panel Chair Table discussions regarding funding and resourcing practices and ideas
10h00-10h30	<i>42. Break</i>		Tea/coffee available
10h30-11h00	<i>43. Funding Q&A</i>	H Friederich; H Dublin; Sp Programme SG Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel comments and responds to questions Closing remarks by Panel Chair
11h00-12h30	<i>44. Opportunities for Synergy and Collaborations: IUCN Regions, Commissions, Thematic Programmes</i>	H Dublin Chairs A Kabraji, H Masundire; M Rafiq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel overview of Region, Commission and Thematic Programme directions Participant Walk-About to Information Sheets from Regional Offices, Thematic Programmes & Commissions
12h30-18h00	<i>45. Lunch & Field Trip</i>	F Launay	Various options. Logistics to be announced.
18h00-onwards	<i>46. Socialising & Dinner</i>	Own arrangements	

THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Time	Session Title	Speaker(s)	Details
07h30-08h00	47. <i>Gather</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tea/Coffee will be available Sit where you please when signal sounds
08h00-08h10	48. <i>Welcome and Overview</i>	Day Host	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Observations of the previous day and day overview
08h10-08h45	49. <i>Toward Being a More Effective Network</i>	P McLagan Day Host	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How networks work Participants draw the SSC Network for the future
08h45-10h00	50. <i>Establishing and Managing a Powerful Network: Finding, Recruiting, Organising & Motivating Members</i>	Day Host and panel of 5 SG Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel on leading successful Groups Table groups discuss finding members, ensuring diversity in membership, organising members, motivating members, and other membership topics Table groups draft questions for panel
10h00-10h30	51. <i>Break</i>		Tea/coffee available
10h30-11h00	52. <i>Q&A: Establishing and Managing a Powerful Network</i>	Panel and H Dublin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions from pre-break session presented to panel
11h00-12h30	53. <i>The SSC Policy Advantage: Power and Politics for Impact</i>	H Dublin, JC Vié; M Rafiq and SG Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal overview structured by questions & answers Providing real examples of the role of SSC and SGs in IUCN's species-related policy and surrounding politics Open discussion among participants
12h30-14h00	54. <i>Lunch</i>		After lunch: assemble at Home Tables (as per the number on your name badge)
14h00 – 14h45	55. <i>The World Conservation Congress and the IUCN Resolution Process</i>	W Jackson and Species Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief overview of the 4th World Conservation Congress (WCC) in Barcelona (October 2008) Overview of the IUCN motions process – resolutions and recommendations for the WCC Clarify any outstanding matters through Q & A
14h45-15h45	56. <i>SSC's ideas for Species-related Resolutions for the WCC</i>	H Dublin and other IUCN Council Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of possible inputs from the Chairs' meeting to the World Conservation Congress motions process Table challenge: Discuss 1-2 possible resolutions for WCC Consolidation of discussions; articulation of next steps
15h45-16h15	57. <i>Break</i>		Tea/coffee available
16h15-17h30	58. <i>Managing the Changes Ahead</i>	H Dublin; P McLagan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce the change challenge for the next months and the next Quadrennium Leading change: commitments to the future. How will we smoothly implement our new design?
17h30-18h00	59. <i>Closing Activity</i>	H Dublin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing Remarks
18h00-onwards	60. <i>Celebrating SSC: Final Social</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final gathering on hotel lawn (cash bar and free camaraderie!)