

The IUCN Species Programme

Partnering for Success

SSC Specialist Group Chairs' Meeting
11-14 February 2008

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Thank you

‘Craig Hilton-Taylor – he’s Chair of the SSC, right?’

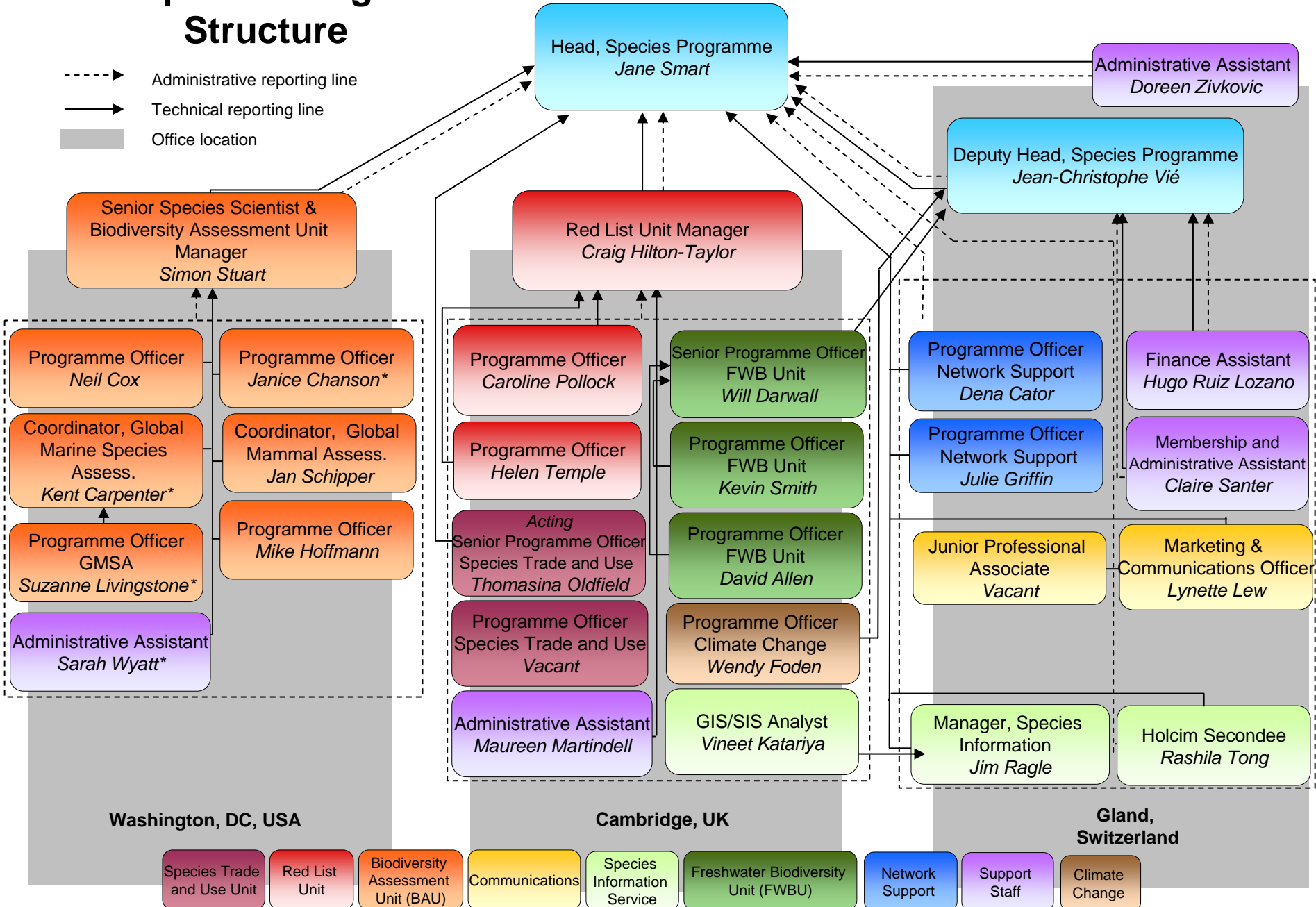
SSC Specialist Group Chairs Consultation, Summer 2007

- The Species Programme – who are we and how do we relate to SSC?
- How does the SP support SSC Specialist Groups?
- How does the SP support Red Listing?
- What else does the SP do?
- What will change with Re-Structuring?

- Focal Point
- ‘Docking station’ within IUCN

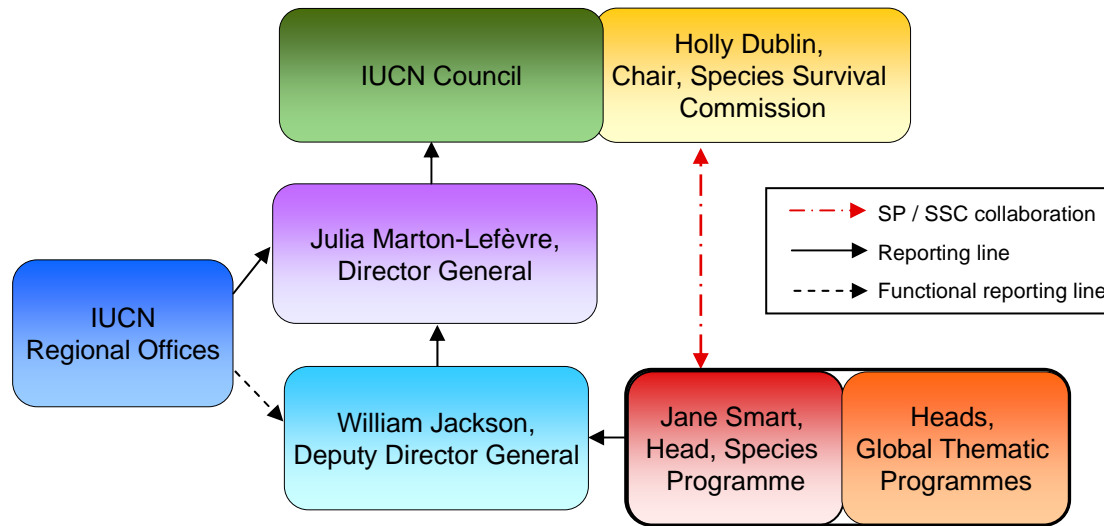
IUCN Species Programme Structure

- > Administrative reporting line
- > Technical reporting line
- Office location



*Not employed by IUCN, but *de facto* members of the Species Programme





Management structure showing Species Programme reporting lines

How does the Species Programme support the SSC Specialist Groups?

- Two staff dedicated to support the SSC Network
- Julie Griffin and Dena Cator
- But – the rest of Species Programme too

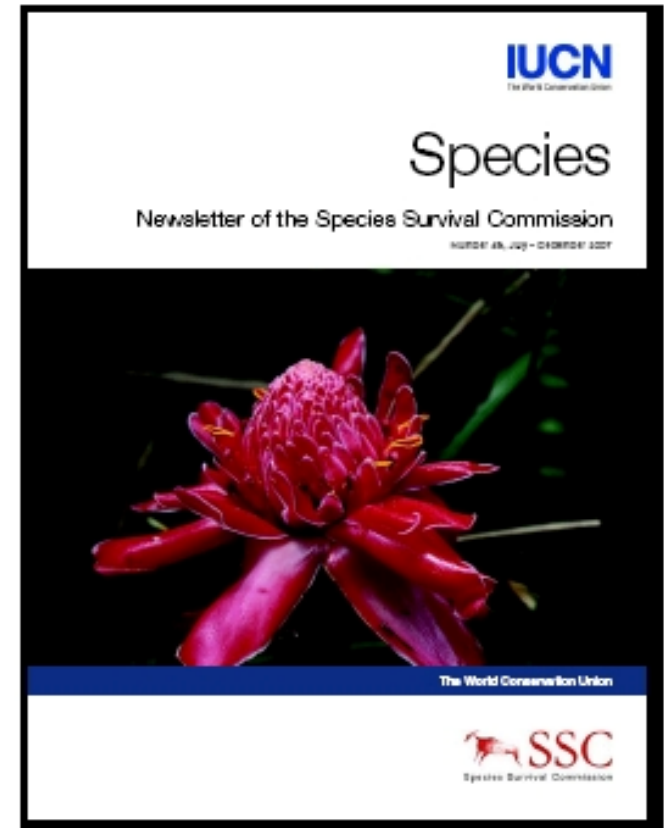


How does the Species Programme support the SSC Specialist Groups?

- Communications (+ marketing)
- Financial management
- Administrative support
- Policy work
- Fundraising
- Project work
- Undertaking Red List Assessments (tools and more)
- Species Information Service (SIS)
- Production of the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species TM

Communications (+ marketing)

- *Species*
- E-bulletin
- IUCN website and Red List website
- Media work – press releases
- Publications - assistance
- Red List branding:
 - Threat category scale
 - New logo
- SG newsletters – collation for IUCN library



Financial + administrative support (boring but important)

- **Support for administration of Commission Operation Fund (COF)**
 - Handle Payments from the COF
 - Maintain COF Financial spreadsheets;
 - Provide regular updates on the status of the COF budget
 - Respond to SSC Chair and SSC Assistant to enquiries
 - Assist SSC Chair and SSC Assistant with preparation of contracts
- **Administrative support to SSC Sub-Committees:**
 - Handle Payments
 - Preparation and administration of contracts; monitor budgets
- **Managing Finances for some SGs**
 - Handle Payments and reimbursements
 - Monitor relevant budgets

Commission registration

- Online Commission registration system
- 7495 members of SSC
- Functional but not friendly....
- To be redesigned
- Contact us for contacts!

Policy work

- International Conventions: CBD, CMS, IWC, CITES
- Coordination of delegations, SP and SSC messages and positions
- Production of key knowledge products
- E.g. Analyses of proposals to amend CITES appendices

ANALYSES

IUCN/TRAFFIC
Analyses of the
Proposals to Amend
the CITES Appendices
at the 14th Meeting
of the Conference
of the Parties

The Hague, Netherlands
3–15 June 2007

Prepared by
IUCN Species Programme and
Species Survival Commission
and TRAFFIC



The World Conservation Union



Fundraising

- Direct support e.g. through Sir Peter Scott Fund
- E.g: protection of Ganges River Dolphins in Assam, India by NGO Aaranyak – advice from Cetacean Specialist Group



Fundraising

- From online donations
- Donors have a choice
 - to support SG field work
 - To support red list assessment work
- E.g. Airfare for the Chair of the South American Camelids SG to attend the Vicuna Convention in Bolivia (Euro 500).
- Early days!



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Thank you for making a donation to IUCN

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Amount: Swiss Francs (CHF)

Please make sure my donation goes to:

- Help support Red List assessment work
- Help support specialist group field work

Fundraising

- Fundraising opportunities communicated – by email
- Support through project work carried out by Specialist Groups and Species Programme
- For Red List Assessments...



Support for Red List Assessments

- Co-ordinating global and regional assessment processes – including fundraising
- Workshop organisation; data input at workshops



Tools and IT infrastructure

- Species Information Service

‘SIS is an umbrella for a host of different existing and future tools to help create, manage, use, and disseminate SSC species information’



Species Information Service

Red List Assessment Tools

The Red List website

Google Earth species
tools

Red List Central
Management and Publishing

SSC Conservation
Planning Information
tools

Others (?)

Support for Red List Assessments

- Training on application of Red List Categories and Criteria
- Helping to maintain adherence to standards
- Support to RLAs; screening assessments, quality control and consistency checking



Production and release of the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™



Release of the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™



Are we doing enough for you?
Raising enough money?

No

What else does the Species Programme do?

- Fundraise for itself
- Why? Because we only receive c 25% of our budget from IUCN
- Therefore to carry out our core business we must fundraise for the shortfall
- Execution of projects - involving SGs
- The management role
- Work required by IUCN – DG, DDG etc.
- World Conservation Congress
- Convene the IUCN Red List Partnership

What will change with Restructuring?

- Network support (of all kinds) to become more focussed
- To be directed to priorities agreed between SSC and SP
- Expectation levels more clearly defined



What will change with Restructuring – for Red List Assessments?

- Once established by SSC, SP Programme will lead on support of RLAs and management of Red List Assessments
- Consistency checking
- More focus on training
- Provision of tools and managing SIS



Restructuring and the IUCN Red List Partnership

- Engagement with more IUCN members and partners to support the proposed new RLA function
- Identify new partners
- The IUCN Red List Partnership will expand



Thank you

- We look forward to working out how we can improve our support to you
- Please come and talk to us...