



IUCN Bangladesh Country Office
Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh
The First Lead Assessors Coordination Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: 19-01-2014

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm

Venue: Conference Room, IUCN Bangladesh Country Office

Presided by:

Mr Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmad, Country Representative, IUCN Bangladesh Country Office

Participants:

Dr. Istiak Sobhan, Programme Coordinator, IUCN Bangladesh.

Mr. Mohammad Shahad Mahabub Chowdhury, Project Manager, Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh, IUCN

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahadat Ali, Lead Assessor, Red List Assessment Group (Fish), RAG- Fish

Dr. M. Monirul H. Khan, Lead Assessor, Red List Assessment Group (Amphibia), RAG- Amphibian

Prof. Dr. Farid Ahsan, Lead Assessor, Red List Assessment Group (Reptile), RAG- Reptile

Prof. Dr. M. Mostafa Feeroz, Lead Assessor, Red List Assessment Group (Mammal), RAG- Mammal

Mr. Enam Ul Haq, Lead Assessor, Red List Assessment Group (Bird), RAG- Bird

Prof. Dr. Monwar Hossain, Lead Assessor, Red List Assessment Group (Butterfly), RAG- Butterfly

Mr. A B M Sarowar Alam, Programme Assistant (Birds and Butterfly), Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh, IUCN

Ms. Farzana Islam, Programme Assistant (Reptiles, Mammals and Amphibians), Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh, IUCN

Ms. Selina Sultana, Programme Assistant (Fish and Crustaceans), Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh, IUCN

Md. Sakhawat Hossain, Data Entry Operator, Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh, IUCN

Discussion:

The first meeting of the Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh with the Lead Assessors of Red List Assessment Group was held on the 19th of January, 2014 at the Conference Room of IUCN Bangladesh Country Office. The Meeting was arranged to provide an overview of the project activities and their role in implementing those activities as lead assessors.





- Mr. Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmad, Country Representative, welcomed the participants of the meeting and laid out the importance of updating species Red List of Bangladesh. He suggested to involve people from all relevant sectors to give their best effort and complete the work within the time frame of two years. He also mentioned that the project is implementing at the eve of 50 years, since, IUCN's Red List of species started since 1963. He introduced Dr. Reza Khan as Chief National Technical Advisor of the project and his role.
- Dr. Istiak Sobhan, Programme Coordinator of IUCN Bangladesh presented a power point presentation on the Categories and Criteria of Red List assessment process and how it should be implemented in Bangladesh perspective. He briefed on the project activities also stated about the Three days Training on Red List Assessment process by the IUCN Red List Unit from UK.
- Mr. Mohammad Shahad Mahabub Chowdhury, Project Manager, Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh discussed briefly on the project management part and focused more on the role of lead assessors in group formation, development of species checklist, data assessment process and suggested to involve participants from all relevant sectors to raise the level of acceptance of the work. He also clarified some queries of the Lead Assessors on different logistical issues and introduced Project staff to be assigned for each group.
- Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahadat Ali, Lead Assessor RAG-Fish addressed to involve people from the Upazilla and District level. He also suggested to engage some Co-Assessors from different Universities.
- Prof. Dr. M. Mostfa Feeroz, Lead Assessor RAG-Mammal suggested to develop a common format for the maps to be prepared on the species occurrence and occupancy. He also requested to provide working space for the Lead Assessors in IUCN office.
- Prof. Dr. Monwar Hossain, Lead Assessor RAG-Butterfly informed that 225-300 species of butterflies have been recorded so far in Bangladesh and drew attention to facilitate him in conducting field visits. He also suggested to collect photographs of the species to be assessed under the project.
- Dr. M. Monirul H. Khan, Lead Assessor RAG- Amphibia pointed out several issues –
 - To prioritize species to be assessed first.
 - To prepare a common format for Assessors.
 - Informed about the greed map that was used during the last Red List Assessment.
 - Suggested to prepare similar kind of Maps for the Assessors.





- Recommended to facilitate basic survey for the less studied species.
- Also asked whether the migratory species should be assessed or not.

- Prof. Dr. Farid Ahsan, Lead Assessor RAG- Reptile focused on field survey as well as visiting Museums of College and University for verification and data collection. He also paid attention on giving Bengali name of the Species and to follow the wild life act 2012 regarding this issue.

- Mr. Enam Ul Haq, Lead Assessor RAG- Bird suggested to initiate the work on Red List books as soon as possible.

Decisions and Activities:

- 1) Lead Assessors will submit the list of Assessors by 31 January, 2014.
- 2) Lead Assessors will send Species Checklist by 31 January, 2014.
- 3) Lead Assessors will also send a list of probable persons to be included for training.
- 4) CR IUCN will check the availability of CCF, FD for the meeting in the first week of February.
- 5) IUCN will form National Red List Assessment Committee (NARC) and endorsement by MOEF and CCF, FD.
- 6) Dr. Istiak Sobhan Programme Coordinator of IUCN will contact Red List Unit to set the date of training in March.
- 7) Inception workshop will be held in last week of February.
- 8) Next Meeting of RAGs will be held in last week of February and respective Lead Assessors will inform meeting dates by 1st week of February.

Closing Remarks

Mr Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmad, Country Representative, IUCN Bangladesh Country Office concluded the meeting with thanks to all participants.

Annex- 1: Agenda of the meeting

Annex- 2: Photographs





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IUCN Bangladesh Country Office Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh Monthly Meeting of the Red List Assessment Groups (RAGs)

Agenda

Date: 19-01-2014

Time: 10.00 am-02.00 pm

Venue: Conference Room, IUCN

Time	Activity
10.00-10.05 am	Welcome Remarks by Mr Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmad, Country Representative, IUCN Bangladesh Country Office
10.06-10.15 am	Self-Introduction by the Participants
10.16-10.30 am	Brief Introduction on the project "Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh" by Dr. Istiak Sobhan, Programme Coordinator, IUCN Bangladesh Country Office
10.31-10.45 am	Briefing on the Role of Lead Assessors of Red List Assessment Group (RAGs) by Mr Mohammad Shahad Mahabub Chowdhury, Project Manager, Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh
10.46-11.45 am	General Discussion focusing on assessors to be included in the groups and checklist of the species to be assessed RAG (Fish and Crustacean)-Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahadat Ali RAG (Amphibians)- Dr. M. Monirul H. Khan RAG(Reptiles)- Prof. Dr. Farid Ahsan RAG (Mammals)- Prof. Dr. M. Mostfa Feeroz RAG (Bird)- Mr. Enam Ul Haq RAG(Butterfly)- Dr. Monwar Hossain
11.46 am-12.50 pm	Project Activity Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meeting with Forest Department- Probable date for visiting by Dr Reza Khan, National Chief Technical Advisor of the project- Schedule for next meetings by individual groups (including group members)- Date for the Inception Workshop- Date for the Training on Red List Assessment Guideline- Date for Developing Assessment Framework and Implementation Action Plan
12.51-01.00 pm	Thanks Giving by CR
01.00 pm-02.00 pm	Lunch





Annex- 2: Photographs

