



IUCN Bangladesh Country Office
Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh
Second Lead Assessors Coordination Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date: 19-02-2014

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm

Venue: Conference Room, IUCN Bangladesh Country Office

Participants:

Dr. Istiak Sobhan, Programme Coordinator, IUCN
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 (Freshwater Fishes), RAG- Freshwater Fishes
Dr. Md. Giasuddin Khan, Lead Assessor, Red List Assessment Group (Crustaceans), RAG- Crustaceans
Dr. M. Monirul H. Khan, Lead Assessor, Red List Assessment Group (Amphibians), RAG- Amphibians
Prof. Dr. Farid Ahsan, Lead Assessor, Red List Assessment Group (Reptiles), RAG- Reptiles
Prof. Dr. M. Mostfa Feeroz, Lead Assessor, Red List Assessment Group (Mammals), RAG- Mammals
Mr. Enam Ul Haq, Lead Assessor, Red List Assessment Group (Birds), RAG- Birds
Prof. Dr. Monwar Hossain, Lead Assessor, Red List Assessment Group (Butterflies), RAG- Butterflies
Mr. A B M Sarowar Alam, Project Assistant (Birds and Butterflies), Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh, IUCN
Ms. Farzana Islam, Project Assistant (Amphibians, Reptiles and Mammals), Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh, IUCN
Ms. Selina Sultana, Project Assistant (Freshwater Fishes and Crustaceans), Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh, IUCN
Mr. Sanjoy Roy, Project Assistant (GIS), Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh, IUCN
MD. Sakhawat Hossain, Data Entry Operator, Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh, IUCN

Discussion:

The second meeting of the Updating Species Red list of Bangladesh with the Lead Assessors of Red List Assessment Group was held on the 09th of February, 2014 at the Conference Room of IUCN Bangladesh Country Office. The Meeting was arranged to finalize the list of Assessors, to compile the Species Checklist and also on the development of documentation format.





- Dr. Istiak Sobhan Programme Coordinator of IUCN Bangladesh welcomed the participants of the meeting and presented a power point presentation on the Guidelines for Application of IUCN list criteria at Regional and National Levels and also on the assessment process. He recommended to develop a standard and precise format for documentation. Besides, he also pointed out that due to certain problems, the application of EOO (Extent of Occurrence) is reducing day by day. He informed that, fund is allocated for data collection and photography. Moreover, he suggested that if any problem arises during any assessment we can consult with the Species Survival Commission about settling the species status on Global and National perspective.
- Mr. Mohammad Shahad Mahabub Chowdhury, Project Manager, Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh stated that the level of work in all the seven groups needed to be similar, especially every group need to follow the same documentation format. He mentioned that the book format will follow the publication guideline of IUCN. He emphasized on planning in a systematic way to assess all the species of seven groups within the time frame. He informed that the inception workshop will be conducted on the last week of March, 2014 and the three days Red List Training (UK Red List Team) in the Month of July.
- Mr. Enam Ul Haq, Lead Assessor RAG- Bird suggested to develop the format of the Red List book and to decide the written language of the book to be developed, i.e. whether it will be in UK- English or USA- English. He also proposed that the Lead Assessors should follow internationally recognized taxonomist in case of species classification. He pointed out that we can exclude vagrant species except those which are threatened globally and has been recorded in Bangladesh.
- Prof. Dr. M. Mostfa Feeroz, Lead Assessor RAG-Mammal presented a document on the Final Data format for evaluated species and also the process to fill-up a data sheet with examples of Hoolock gibbon. Moreover, he presented a Species distribution data sheet and proposed to follow the map of Bio-ecological zones of Bangladesh as a standard. He also suggested to take responsibility of the IUCN corresponding personnel to communicate with the Assessors to inform about the meeting to be held in different groups.
- Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahadat Ali, Lead Assessor RAG-Fish addressed that whether the fish group can follow the same format which has been developed by Prof. Feeroz.
- Dr. M. Monirul H. Khan, Lead Assessor RAG- Amphibia discussed to select the ratio of greed map, i.e. 2 km/2 km, 10 km/10 km. He pointed out about the difficulties of





drawing polygons, if the AOO is only in two locations and suggested on mentioning the name of sub species belonging to that particular species. He also emphasized on the species group which are Globally threatened but nationally not threatened or near threatened and suggested to upgrade category in case of Bangladesh perspective.

- Prof. Dr. Farid Ahsan, Lead Assessor RAG- Reptile focused on giving synonyms of the species and reference of the information provided by the assessors. Besides he proposed to include extinct and vagrant species in the checklist.
- Prof. Dr. Monwar Hossain, Lead Assessor RAG-Butterfly suggested to support the assessors with important books/field guides and to facilitate them with a laptop/desktop. He also asked about the duration of field trips.
- Dr. Md. Giasuddin Khan, Lead Assessor RAG-Crustacea addressed to include sighting of a species as a data of occurrence.

Decisions and Activities:

- 1) Assessors list provided by the Lead Assessors and suggested assessors list provided by IUCN will be finalized within 25 February, 2014.
- 2) Data format for species evaluation will be finalized and disseminated to the corresponding assessors.
- 3) Conduct meetings with the assessors to inform them on documentation process and data collection and evaluation method.
- 4) Follow the IUCN publication guideline and use International Standard English in case of writing the Book.
- 5) Inception workshop will be held on 27 March, 2014.
- 6) Internal training of the Lead assessors and assessors will be held on April, 2014.
- 7) Training by the Red List Unit from UK will be held on 18th of July.
- 8) Duration of Field work will be 15 days in total.

Closing Remarks

Dr. Istiak Sobhan Programme Coordinator of IUCN concluded the meeting with thanks to all participants.

Annex- 1





Annex- 2



Annex- 1: Agenda of the meeting

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Agenda

1. Compilation of Species Checklist
2. Finalization of Assessors List
3. Development of Documentation format
4. Others.



Annex- 2: Photographs



