



Exercise: Information Hunt – Red List Documentation Standards

Instructions:

The purpose of this exercise is to help you become familiar with the required and recommended supporting information for IUCN Red List assessments.

1. Break into pairs/trios.
2. You have **45 minutes** to work through the **10 questions** below.
3. All of the answers can be found in the list of *Required and Recommended Supporting Information for IUCN Red List Assessments*.

1. If a species is listed under criteria A or C1, what must be included in the supporting information for the assessment?
 - A. Major threats
 - B. Generation length
 - C. Narrative text on the utilization of the taxon
 - D. Date the species was last recorded in the wild

2. All species submitted for publication on the IUCN Red List must have a common name recorded.
 - A. True
 - B. False

3. For which species are Assessors required to record the major threats affecting the species?
 - A. Only for species being reassessed and uplisted to a higher threat category.
 - B. This must be recorded for all species being assessed for the IUCN Red List.
 - C. For taxa listed as EX, EW, CR, EN, EN, VU, or NT.
 - D. For vertebrates only; this is not required for assessments of invertebrates or plants.

4. Why are Assessors required to record all of the known countries of occurrence for all taxa being assessed for the IUCN Red List?
(Select all answers that apply)
 - A. To allow a range map to be created.
 - B. To justify the Red List Category used for the species.
 - C. To support functionality of the IUCN Red List website (i.e., to allow users to search for lists of species within different countries).
 - D. To allow basic analyses of Red List data.

5. The range map provided with the Red List assessment must always be submitted as a GIS distribution map.
 - A. True
 - B. False.

6. What is the purpose of a Red List assessment including text about the taxon's geographic range, population, habitat and ecology, and threats?
 - A. To make all of the information published about the species available in one place.
 - B. To justify the Red List Category and Criteria used for that species.
 - C. To demonstrate the expertise and writing skills of the Assessor.
 - D. To slow down the assessment process and therefore limit the number of submissions for each Red List update.

7. For all assessments that use criterion E, what information must be submitted with the assessment?
(Select all answers that apply)
- A. All data, assumptions, structural equations, and Population Viability Analysis model, if used.
 - B. A rationale for the Red List assessment.
 - C. Coding of important conservation actions in place and needed.
 - D. Major threats to the taxon (coded to the lowest level in the Threats Classification Scheme).
8. The names and full contact details of all Assessors and Reviewers are displayed on the Red List website.
- A. True.
 - B. False.
9. The IUCN Species Information Service (SIS) has many data fields for recording supporting information for assessments. In SIS, Assessors must complete:
- A. All of the data fields for every species being assessed.
 - B. All of the data fields for species listed in any of the threatened Red List Categories only.
 - C. All of the data fields for items listed in Table 1 of the *Required and Recommended Supporting Information for IUCN Red List Assessments* and, where specific conditions are met, data fields for items in Table 2.
 - D. Only the data fields for the Red List Category, Red List Criteria, and the assessment rationale.
10. Which of the following supporting information is required for plant assessments only?
- A. Number of locations.
 - B. Taxonomic notes.
 - C. Elevation limits.
 - D. Growth form.

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