

Crocodile Specialist Group Steering Committee Meeting
Sofitel Royal Bay Hotel, Agadir, Morocco
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Ecotoxicology Working Group

The CSG's Ecotoxicology Working Group (EWG) was formally established following the endorsement of its Terms of Reference by the CSG Executive Committee on 19 January 2026. The EWG has identified three principal objectives:

- Objective 1: Establish a network of ecotoxicology and toxicology specialists with expertise in Crocodylia to provide support to CSG members.
- Objective 2: Develop standardised protocols and practical guides to support sample collection, preservation and analysis techniques relevant to crocodilians.
- Objective 3: Develop protocols for assessing the impact of crocodilian population and their health.

After the approval of the Terms of Reference, a call for expressions of interest was conducted from 4 February to 18 February 2026. Twenty-three (23) individuals submitted interest in joining the EWG. Following a review undertaken in consultation with the CSG Executive Officer, 17 applicants were selected. The six applicants who were not selected were invited to contribute to the work of the EWG through the review of draft documents.

The inaugural meeting of the EWG was convened on 13 March 2026, with 14 participants in attendance. This meeting marked the formal initiation of the EWG's activities, during which key organizational and operational matters were deliberated. The EWG further agreed to convene a dedicated working session at the 28th CSG Working Meeting in Morocco.

Members of the EWG have commenced the development of a comprehensive inventory of available expertise and equipment, with the objective of supporting CSG members engaged in ecotoxicological research in crocodilians.

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