

**Report on Actions of Crocodile Specialist Group Steering Committee Meeting,
Skukuza, South Africa, 22 May 2016**

Action 1: Regional Reports, East and Southern Africa: Christine Lippai to report back on options for reactivating the African Survey database.

Christine Lippai contacted by EO on 14 June 2016. Christine spoke to Jon Hutton post-Skukuza but no firm decision was made on way forward. In August 2017 Christine advised that she had contacted Jon Hutton again. He advised that the database is currently ‘housed’ and hosted by WCMC, and that it makes sense to retain this set-up (otherwise we would have to find a new host and almost start again from scratch to set it all up). Jon is writing to the individuals who were involved in the original set-up of the database. Ongoing.

Action 2: Regional Reports, Lake Mesangat, East Kalimantan, Indonesia. Executive Officer to coordinate preparation of letter to Indonesian President and contact IUCN Director General through the Chair of the SSC.

28 June 2016: Draft letter forwarded to SSC. Subsequently signed by the IUCN Director General and forwarded to President of Indonesia. Done.

Action 3: Regional Reports, South Asia and Iran: Working group to report on Nepalese issues at plenary.

26 May 2016: Jeff Lang advised that they did not get a chance to convene a working group with the Nepalese delegation in Skukuza. However, Jeff has maintained contact with the Nepalese authorities, and provided advice and feedback to them on the Gharial program. A summary of the situation on Gharial in Nepal was published in the CSG Newsletter [2017; 36(2): 9-12].

14 August 2017: The consensus appears to be to let the Nepalese sort this matter out, without intervening directly at this stage. It was agreed that this position/strategy should be re-evaluated frequently in the coming months and upcoming year.

Action 4: Regional Reports, Latin America and the Caribbean: Working group to report back to meeting at plenary on possible establishment of Central American and Caribbean region.

15 June 2016: Central America and the Caribbean Sub-Region Working Group report received from Marisa Tellez.

In May 2017 a sub-region (CA&C) was established under responsibility of Marisa Tellez, and \$US5000 was provided for establishment of a sub-regional office.

Action 5: Regional Reports, Jamaica Update: Perran Ross was requested to draft a CSG letter that the Chairman could send to the Jamaican authorities.

17 June 2016: Perran circulated draft letter to interested members for comments. Subsequently, Perran proposed that the letter should be delayed. The Jamaican Government cancelled the Goat Island project in September 2016, making the need for a letter redundant. Continued monitoring and action of Jamaican crocodile situation by local members and contacts is recommended.

Action 6: Thematic Group Reports, Public Education and Community Participation: PECP to report back to plenary of working meeting.

The PECP Working Group report was received at the Plenary session. Done.

Action 7: Thematic Group Reports, General Research: Executive Officer to follow up with Mark Merchant on details for proposed genetics meeting.

The Crocodylian Genomics, Morphology, and Molecular Science Meeting was scheduled to be held in Lake Charles, Louisiana, USA, on 8-11 August 2017. However, due to the lack of registrations the meeting was cancelled.

Action 8: Thematic Group Reports, Tomistoma Task Force: Executive Officer to circulate CSG-TTF report to SC members out-of-session.

Report was circulated by EO on 31 May 2016. Done.

Action 9: Thematic Group Reports, Future Leaders Working Group: FLWG to report back to Plenary.

12 June 2016: Matt Shirley provided report on the FLWG meeting, which was circulated to the CSG Executive. Done.

Action 10, General Business, Crocodylian Capacity Building Manual: Completed sections of the CCBM to be loaded onto CSG website as a matter of urgency.

Done.

Action 11: General Business, Crocodylian Capacity Building Manual: Charlie Manolis and Colin Stevenson to identify authors of remaining sections of the CCBM.

Done.

Action 12: General Business, Junior CSG Program: Executive Officer to circulate Junior CSG Report to SC members out-of-session.

Done on 31 May 2016.
