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Crocodile Specialist Group Steering Committee Meeting Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Santa Fe, Argentina (6 May 2018)

Red List

The augmented Red List (RL) team of Sally Isberg, Sergio Balaguera- Reina and Perran Ross, assisted by Robbie McLeod, Matt Brien and others, have moved Crocodylian assessments into high gear. Sally is also Red List Authority and Sergio takes major responsibility for species GIS mapping. Perran and Sergio attended a training session in Phoenix AZ USA in October 2017 and we are in constant contact with Red List coordinators at SSC.

We believe that the available Red Listings (www.iucnredlist.org) correctly represent current crocodylian status, despite some assessments needing updates. Seven species meet the RL criteria for Critically Endangered (CR), 0 Endangered (EN), 5 are Vulnerable (VU) and the remaining 12 do not meet any RL criteria and are Least Concern (LC).

Since the last Working Meeting, assessments using current RL criteria version 3.1 (2012) have been accepted for *C. mindorensis* **CR**, *M. cataphractus* **CR**, *C. johnsoni* **LC**, *A. sinensis* **CR**, *C. intermedius* **CR** and 2 more submitted- *G. gangeticus* **CR** and *C. niloticus* **LC**. We have in progress, and hopefully to be concluded at this meeting, assessments for the two *Paleosuchus spp.*, *Caiman yacare*, *C. crocodilus* and *C. latirostris* - all **LC**. These are all being fast tracked in response to the SSC global assessments of all reptiles due for completion by 2019.

Outstanding and in need of assessment are *C. porosus, C. suchus, C. novaeguineae, Osteoleamus* and *Alligator mississippiensis*. Our intention is to address these with vigor in the second half of this year, completing current assessments for all crocodylians.

Impediments to completing RL Assessments remain the process of identifying a small group of expert assessors to gather and update information, the need to enter this, with references, in the RL Species Information Service (SIS) database, and the complexities of mapping crocodylian distributions. We have addressed these needs by training more people in the RL process, assigning CSG financial resources to the tasks and designing CSG Action Plan revisions and Red List assessments to be complimentary and supportive.

We express our gratitude to all the assessors, reviewers and contributors who have supported the CSG Red List process and urge anyone with interest in assessments to contact any of the Red List team. To assist the RL process, we encourage those conducting surveys to collect data that distinguishes adults from non-adults as only 'mature individuals' are used for RL assessments. In addition, we request permission from researchers to use their data and will assign full recognition and citation of sources.

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	IUCN Red List Status	Date
Gavialidae	7	Assessed/published
Gavialis gangeticus	CR A2bc C1 / A2bce	Assessed 2007; in prep. 2018
Tomistoma schlegelii	VU A2cd	Assessed 2011; published 2014
Alligatoridae		
Alligator mississippiensis	LC/LR	Assessed 1996
Alligator sinensis	CR A1b, B1ab(11.v)+2ab (ii.v), C1 +2a(i)	Assessed 2017
Caiman crocodilus	LC/LR	Assessed 1996; in prep. 2018
Caiman yacare	LC/LR	Assessed 1996; in prep. 2018
Caiman latirostris	LC/LR	Assessed 1996; in prep. 2018
Melanosuchus niger	LR/conservation dependent	Assessed 2000; published 2000
Paleosuchus palpebrosus	LC/LR	Assessed 1996; in prep. 2018
Paleosuchus trigonatus	LC/LR	Assessed 1996; in prep. 2018
Crocodylidae		
Crocodylus acutus	VU A2cd	Assessed 2009; published 2012
Crocodylus intermedius	CR A2bcd, C2a(i)	Assessed 2017
Crocodylus moreletii	LC/LR	Assessed 2009; published 2012
Crocodylus rhombifer	CR A2cde	Assessed 2008; Published 2008
Crocodylus niloticus	LC/LR	Assessed 1996; in prep. 2018
Crocodylus suchus	??VU	Initial assessment in prep. 2018
Crocodylus palustris	VU A2cd	Assessed 2009; published 2013
Crocodylus siamensis	CR A2cd	Assessed 2012; published 2012
Crocodylus mindorensis	CR A2cd	Assessed 2012; published 2016
Crocodylus noveaguineae	LC/LR	Assessed 1996; in prep 2018
Crocodylus johnstoni	LC/LR	Assessed 2016; published 2017
Crocodylus porosus	LC/LR	Assessed 1996; in prep. 2018
Mecistops cataphractus	CR A2acde+3cde+4acde	Assessed 2013; published 2014
Osteoleamus tetraspis	VU A2cd	Assessed 1996
Osteoleamus osborni	??	

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