

Thank you Mr chair,

I am speaking from the Zoological Society of London on behalf of the IUCN National Red List Working Group, relating to Strategic goal C.

To complement the work done for The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species at the global level, ZSL would like to suggest that countries create or update their **National** Red Lists of threatened species.

National Red Lists can provide countries with a baseline on the status and trends of biodiversity within their borders and help to identify threatened species and ecosystems.

They have the potential to help countries measure their progress towards 12 of the 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets, are a valuable resource for conservation planning through associated land-use planning tools and are essential for responsible environmental impact assessments.

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