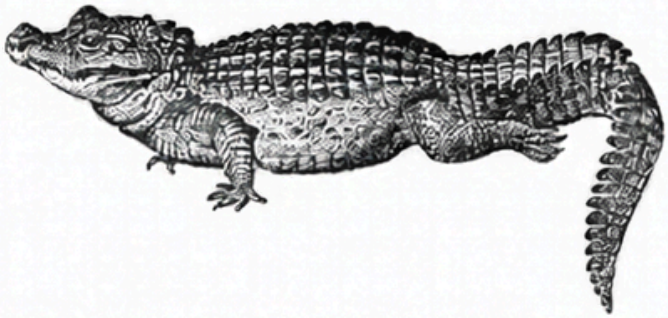
IUCN Species Survival Commission

Crocodile Specialist Group



With the continued support of our donors, the IUCN SSC Crocodile Specialist Group was able to achieve its mission in 2025 but we need your help! Please donate to help us continue our work!

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2025 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Developed and published a communication strategy to ensure a clear vision of how crocodilian conservation messaging is communicated;
- Published 4 editions of the CSG Newsletter which remains the foremost crocodilian publication;
- Awarded 14 Student Research Assistance Scheme (SRAS) grants, and two Fritz Huchzermeyer Veterinary Science Student Research Assistance Scheme (FHVS-SRAS) grants, to ensure the next generation of crocodilian researchers are being trained appropriately;
- Had delegates attend the 20th Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP20);
- Assessed the Black caiman (Melanosuchus niger) against the Red List criteria and found it to be Least Concern (LC); and,
- Attended workshops in Thailand (Crocodylus siamensis), Cuba and El Salvador, as well as hosted multiple meetings.



Your support ensures the future of crocodilians and the people and ecosystems that depend on them.

GOALS FOR 2026

1. Continue finalising and updating Species Action Plans.
2. Continue to update and complete species assessments for the IUCN Red List.
3. Continue the CSG Student Research Assistance Scheme (CSG-SRAS) and Fritz Huchzermeyer Veterinary Science Student Research Assistance Scheme (FHVS-SRAS) now with over 275 successful applicants working in 53 countries. Recipients are a significant source of new members to the CSG.
4. Within the Asian region, support projects to quantify the status of Tomistoma schlegelii in East Kalimantan, Sumatra (Indonesia) and Sarawak (Malaysia).
5. Negotiate with local researchers for surveys to be carried out in Lake Mesangat, East Kalimantan, Indonesia, which supports populations of Tomistoma (*Tomistoma schlegelii*) and Siamese crocodiles (*Crocodylus siamensis*).
6. Develop “CSG Conservation Priorities of World Crocodilians” which is anticipated to establish priorities for species, country and region, and assist CSG members and donors to enter into conservation partnerships for direct management and research.
7. Develop a review document that brings together case histories of successful management in multiple countries, to showcase the diversity of conservation tools that the CSG supports.
8. Actively participate in CITES issues as/when expert advice is required.
9. Through the CSG Taxonomy and Identification Working Group, continue to develop and update standard taxonomic relationships of all crocodilians, including newly described “species” with particular relevance for CITES.
10. Promote the 28th CSG Working Meeting will be held in Agadir, Morocco on 11–16 May 2026.
11. Upgrade the CSG website.

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