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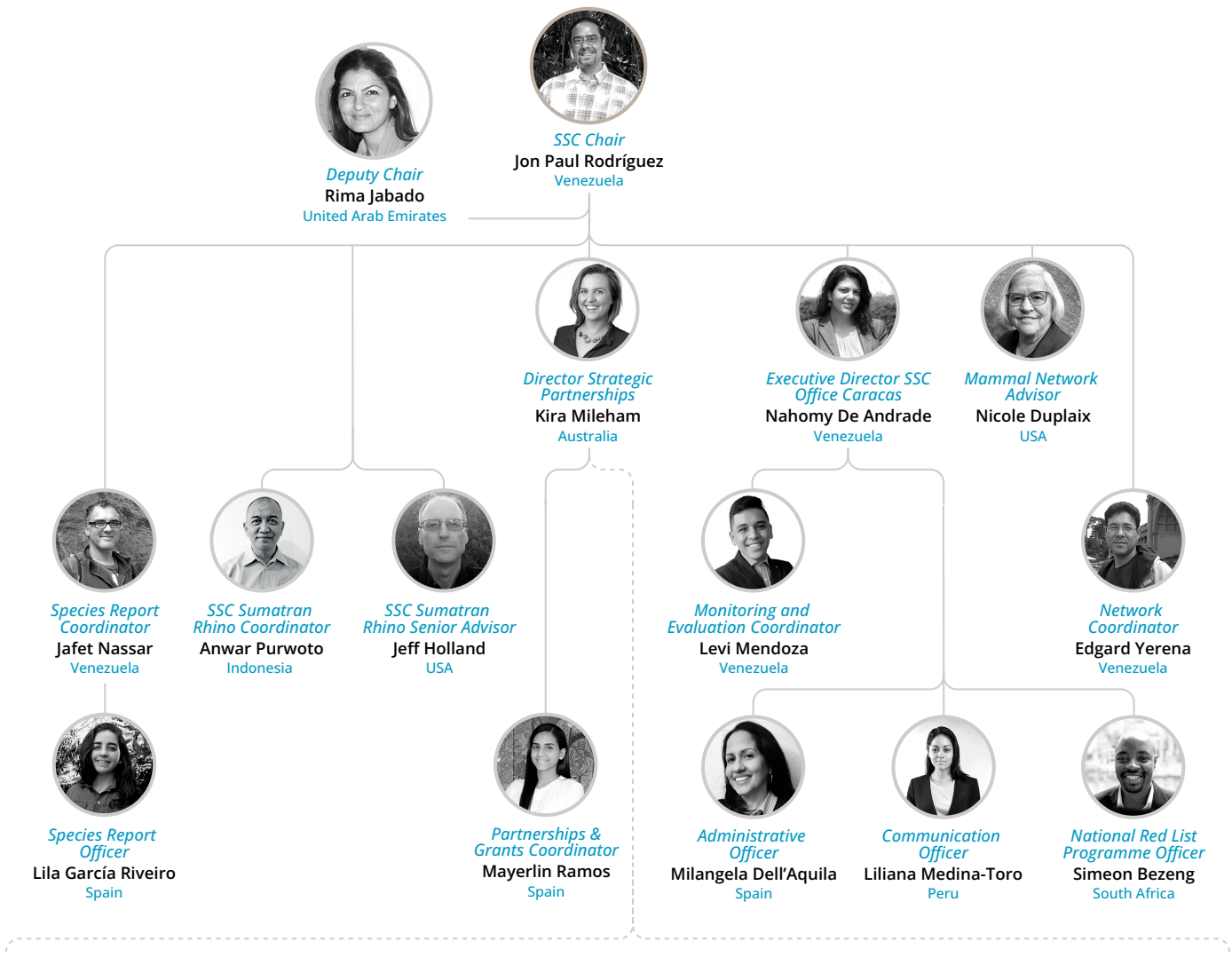


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Centers for Species Survival

EUROPE

-  **CSS Marine:**
Hosted by Oceanario de Lisboa
-  **CSS United Kingdom:**
Hosted by Paradise Wildlife Park
-  **CSS Macaronesia:**
Hosted by Loro Parque Fundacion
-  **CSS Ireland:**
Hosted by Dublin Zoo
-  **CSS Cologne Zoo:**
Hosted by Cologne Zoo

AFRICA

-  **CSS Nigeria:**
Hosted by APLORI

NORTH AMERICA

-  **CSS New Mexico BioPark:**
Hosted by New Mexico BioPark Society
-  **CSS Marine:**
Hosted by Georgia Aquarium
-  **CSS Freshwater:**
Hosted by Shedd Aquarium
-  **CSS Trees:**
Hosted by The Morton Arboretum
-  **Global CSS:**
Hosted by Indianapolis Zoo
-  **CSS Biodiversity Biobanking:**
Hosted by San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance

SOUTH AMERICA

-  **CSS Brazil:**
Hosted by Parque das Aves
-  **CSS Argentina:**
Hosted by Fundación Temaikèn

ASIA

-  **CSS India:**
Hosted by Wildlife Trust of India
-  **CSS Asian Elephant:**
Supported by Columbus Zoo and hosted by Wildlife Trust of India
-  **CSS Southeast Asia:**
Hosted by Mandai Nature

OCEANIA

-  **CSS Australasia:**
Hosted by the Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia

Bustard (*Tetrax tetrax*), and Asian Houbara Bustard (*Chlamydotis macqueenii*). Signed by the Co-Chairs of the Bustard Specialist Group, the Senior Conservation Scientist of BirdLife International, and the CEE Bankwatch Network. 19-Sep-2024.

- Environmental and biodiversity concerns about the impact of the proposed Woodside Energy Browse project to NWS Development on the Scott Reef Ecosystem, Australia. Co-signed by the Chair of the IUCN Species Survival Commission, the Chair of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management, and the Chair of the Sydney Institute of Marine Science. 11-Oct-2024.
- Extreme concern over the Azerbaijan Scaling-Up Renewable Energy Project (AZURE Project) under consideration by the World Bank in Azerbaijan, petitioning to require the entire proposed network of overhead lines in this project to be undergrounded, to safeguard the migratory birds of the west coast of the Caspian Sea. Signed by the Co-Chairs of the Bustard Specialist Group. 31-Oct-2024.
- Concerns regarding the Saguaro Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) project near Puerto Libertad, Sonora, Mexico, suggesting alternative locations for the project, as well as the formation of a working group to assess environmental impacts and promote sustainable LNG development. The Gulf of California is an “Important Marine Mammal Area” rich in biodiversity, and home to vulnerable cetaceans like the fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*). The project, as proposed, could increase vessel traffic and noise, harming marine life and local fisheries. Co-signed by the Chair of the IUCN Species Survival Commission, and the Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas. 29-Nov-2024.
- The Fungal Conservation Committee, formally requested the IUCN Council to elevate fungi in conservation discussions adopting an inclusive language, and specifically recommending the phrase “fauna, flora, and fungi” in biodiversity communications. The letter emphasizes the vital role of fungi in biodiversity and calls for enhanced recognition and collaboration in conservation efforts. 27-Nov-2024.

Progress of Sumatran Rhino Conservation in Indonesia

- Adding a new male baby rhino called Indra, which was born on November 25, 2023, there are currently ten rhinos in Way Kambas SRS. It means that the Way Kambas SRS is now fully occupied. Therefore, the management of Way Kambas SRS is planning to build another ring of rhino sanctuary.
- Learning from the experience and based on the current condition of ten rhinos in Way Kambas SRS, the management of Way Kambas SRS developed a road map with the target to have sixteen new baby rhinos by 2025.
- Due to several obstacles, the construction of the new SRS in East Aceh has been delayed. However, it is expected the new SRS in East Aceh can be completed by the end of 2024 or soon thereafter.
- The female rhino called Pari is still roaming in the wild in East Kalimantan forest and the Indonesia Government is planning to capture the rhino next year.

Communicating the work [COMMUNICATE]

This year, the work carried out on Communications was focused on three campaigns developed in collaboration with the SSC network: #WeAreSSC, Publications and SSC Leaders’ Meeting. The SSC Chair’s Office supported communication strategies of external partners through the work of Reverse the Red and the Red List.