



IUCN SSC
**Human-Wildlife
Conflict**
TASK FORCE

Membership of the IUCN SSC Human-Wildlife Conflict Task Force

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IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) Task Forces are convened around a specific conservation issue with a time-bound duty to deliver specific outputs which, in some cases may be called for in IUCN Resolutions, or for others are decided by the Chair usually in consultation with a core group of experts within the group. Since Task Forces work within a finite time frame, members are selected for areas of expertise necessary to assist in meeting the group's objectives, with a high level of engagement in the work programme of the Task Force.

Our Task Force comprises specialists from a range of disciplines across the natural and social sciences and humanities, and includes e.g. experts in conflict mediation, stakeholder dialogue processes, social psychology, behaviour change and social marketing, behavioural ecology, animal cognition, environmental history, conservation planning, and other topics, as well as a number of experts on various taxonomic groups commonly involved in human-wildlife conflicts, such as elephants, large cats and bears.

We are currently seeking members with substantial experience in the topics listed below. This list is updated periodically. Due to the objectives of the Task Force, such experience however needs to span several different human-wildlife conflicts rather than be limited to one case study or site. We especially welcome candidates from Latin America, Africa and Asia and those with a substantial field/practitioner experience. The current expertise we are seeking includes:

- Economics & human-wildlife conflict
- Livelihoods, poverty, sustainable use & human-wildlife conflict
- Agricultural/livestock sciences & human-wildlife conflict
- Financial instruments (compensation, insurance, incentives) & human-wildlife conflict
- Conflicts over sharks, shark attack mitigation
- Conflicts involving Asian bear species (especially sloth bear)

Please note that membership of the Human-Wildlife Conflict Task Force (HWCTF), as stated in the Terms of Reference for SSC leaders, is at the discretion of the Chair. The HWCTF is striving to ensure a strong membership, which encourages diversity and balanced representation, through quality rather than quantity. Members are required to participate actively in the Task Force's work for the remainder of the IUCN quadrennium (2017–2020). Any individuals interested in these future openings should please contact the HWCTF Chair via info@hwctf.org.