

Evaluation Management Response Template

Purpose: To guide the formal, mandatory management response to an evaluation in the IUCN standard format.

Sign off: Approving authority according to DoA with consultation by PM&E for HQ programmes and RPC for regional programmes.

PGS instructions: PGS Module 5, section 5.5.6.

Project identification data			
Project title:	Preserving threatened species, their habitats and the people depending on them. Building on the experience and success of SOS – Save Our Species” programme		
Date started: Date closed:	Project start date: 2017 Supervision mission dates: January 2023 – July 2023	Registration n°:	P01937
Project manager:	Programme/office:		
Ana Nieto	Species Conservation Action Unit		

Management Response Summary Data	
Name of evaluation or midterm review: Mid-term evaluation of the “Preserving threatened species, their habitats and the people depending on them. Building on the experience and success of SOS – Save Our Species” programme Date received: October 2023	Unit/person responsible for managing/tracking follow-up: Species Conservation Action
Date Management Response approved: Last updated:	Units/individuals requested to take action:

Recommendation	Management response	Intended Result	Actions planned (including timeframe)	Completed Actions (progress update)	Responsibility

<i>List each recommendation from the report, one per row.</i>	<i>e.g. Agree, partially disagree or disagree (explain as needed)</i>	<i>What is the intended result of the action you plan to take?</i>	<i>Actions should be SMART</i>		<i>Responsible unit/person and any other notes</i>
<p>1- The SOS-AWI programme should not be subsumed within another EU programme, in particular NaturAfrica. Many threatened species need specific actions that can not necessarily be covered by programmes operating at a landscape scale and addressing a large number of issues.</p>	<p>Agree-the interventions supported through this programme are species specific interventions and adopting a landscape approach would dilute their impact.</p>	<p>a) Sustain support for this approach for the conservation of species</p> <p>b) Attract interest from donors and decision makers regarding the impact of this approach so that it can continue and be expanded</p>	<p>a) Continue to advocate with the EC DG INTPA and other potential donors on the impact of this current approach.</p> <p>b) The Species Conservation Action Team will consolidate and publish an impact report on Rapid Action Grants (February 2024) and one on Threatened Species Grants (December 2024)</p>		<p>a) The Species Conservation Team will lead discussion with donors and partners to attract additional funding</p> <p>b) The Species Conservation Action Team will lead on the development of the reports</p>
<p>2- A second phase of SOS-AWI programme is</p>	<p>Agree- the impact of this initiative has</p>	<p>A follow-up phase of this initiative is secured</p>	<p>Identify donors that can finance a phase 2 of SOS AWI</p>	<p>c) Discuss with EC DG INPA opportunities for a phase 2</p>	<p>d) The Species Conservation Team will lead</p>

<p>recommended to build on the success of the first phase. Working with large mammals (with slow population dynamics) requires time to deliver impacts.</p>	<p>made a positive impact and IUCN is keen to see its continuation.</p>			<p>of the SOS African Wildlife initiative</p>	<p>discussion with donors and partners to attract additional funding</p>
<p>3- The duration of grants must be extended. The current timeframe (2 years for TSG and one year for RAG) is very short when working with the conservation of large mammals. TSG should be extended to 3 years and RAG to 2 years.</p>	<p>Agree Given that the ongoing grants are more than halfway through and no further grant disbursements are anticipated before the end of the project, no action from IUCN is anticipated</p>				
<p>4- Communication mechanisms between the</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>Communication mechanisms</p>	<p>a) Share quarterly updates per</p>		

<p>programme and the EU delegations as to the project implementation and results must be put in place. As the workload of staff in the EU delegation is high, a balance must be found between “too little” and “too much” information.</p>		<p>established between the programme and the EU delegations to increase awareness of the project activities</p>	<p>country to the EU Delegations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Share impact reports when developed c) Invite EU Delegation representatives to planned lesson learning workshop in 2024 		<p>The Species Conservation Action Team</p>
<p>5- Both the technical and financial reporting system must be alleviated, especially for short projects (1 year)</p>	<p>Agree Though IUCN applies the EU regulation guidelines and this cannot be changed. All the short projects have been closed and therefore no further action from IUCN is anticipated.</p>				