



2018 Annual Report

The Snow Leopard Network (SLN) is a worldwide organization dedicated to facilitating the exchange of information between individuals around the world for the purpose of snow leopard conservation. Our membership includes leading snow leopard experts in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

The main goal of this organization is to implement the Snow Leopard Survival Strategy (SLSS), which offers a comprehensive analysis of the issues facing snow leopard conservation today.

Our 2018-2020 SLN Steering Committee consists of:

Ms. Lu Zhi, Ph.D. (People's Republic of China) - Chair
Ms. Belinda Wright (India) - Member
Mr. Jaffar Ud Din (Pakistan) - Member
Mr. Kubanychbek Jumabay Uulu (Kyrgyzstan) - Member
Ms. Li Juan, Ph.D. (People's Republic of China) - Member
Mr. Sandro Lovari, Ph.D. (Italy) - Member
Mr. Som B Ale, Ph.D. (Nepal) - Member

The committee met twice this year, in January and August.

SLN support of the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program (GSLEP).

The GSLEP Program is a unique alliance of governments, international and national organizations, conservationists and researchers working together in the field of snow leopard conservation. Given its overlapping mandates with the Snow Leopard Network, all possible opportunities of engagement are capitalized upon. The year 2018 marked the successful organization of the third steering committee in June in Issykkul Province, Kyrgyzstan, followed by an international conference on snow leopard conservation in Shenzhen, China. The Issykkul Statement and Shenzhen Consensus highlight key priorities and action items as identified and agreed upon by snow leopard range countries. Several training and planning workshops were organized to help improve the understanding of

processes that will lead to successful implementation of PAWS. A database on occurrences of illegal wildlife trade in snow leopard and other species sharing its habitat has been set up with collaborative inputs from various national and international organizations. The database structure and organization received an approval from the Steering Committee. The GSLEP Program, in collaboration with its other partners organized various symposia in the Conservation Asia 2018 international conference in Bishkek. The main symposia that aligned with SLN's interests were: Microcosmic methods for snow leopard conservation: Innovations and challenges; Assimilated Knowledges: an integrated approach to conservation in snow leopard landscapes; and Illegal Trade in Big Cats in Asia: an update from source to demand. Other than that, early career conservationists and researchers working in snow leopard landscapes presented their works in thematic sessions focused on population ecology, climate change, green infrastructure, and conservation financing.

Membership

By the end of 2018, SLN membership totalled 738 members from over 47 countries. 17 new members were welcomed to the SLN this year. We currently have 551 Individual members, 67 Organisational members and 120 Affiliate members.

Bibliography

By the end of 2018 the SLN Bibliography contained 1445 articles and references.

SLN Communications

During 2018 the SLN continued to actively share news and information from members and others via the List Serve, the website and the SLN Twitter account. We now have 698 followers on Twitter.