Amphibian Conservation Action Plan (ACAP) Status Review -

 Open Consultation Process

Dear Colleague,

The Amphibian Conservation Action Plan (ACAP), first published in 2007 and updated to a digital format in 2015 aims to act as a roadmap for amphibian conservation at the global level. The IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group (ASG) has been working to update ACAP to include the most recent developments in amphibian research and conservation, identify gaps in knowledge and action, and propose evidence-based recommendations. This new iteration of ACAP will have two companion pieces: an academic status review, which we aim to publish as an IUCN SSC Occasional Paper, and a more user-friendly implementer-oriented document, which will be produced based on the information compiled in the status review.

ACAP has two introductory chapters and twelve thematic chapters, each of these dedicated to a theme that is relevant to amphibian conservation. ASG Thematic Working Group Chairs who have expertise in their respective themes have been working with their core groups to develop their individual chapters. What you see in this draft is a reflection of the collective effort of our dedicated colleagues.

We would like for ACAP to be a useful tool to all who work on amphibian conservation and in this light we are holding an open consultation process to ensure that everyone has a chance to provide input into the plan.

A pdf draft of ACAP is available here: <https://ecoevorxiv.org/brfas/>. Please note that this is still in draft form, so it has not yet been finalized as a publication (some of the figures still need to be adapted to the standard graphic format and the document still needs to be peer reviewed). Photos will be added in a final version.

In order to collate feedback on this draft, we have developed this form. **Please only use this form** **for feedback** and send it to asg@amphibians.org with the Subject title **ACAP Open Consultation Feedback**. Please note that line numbers start afresh for each chapter.

The consultation process will be open for a period of four weeks, from **18 July to 15 August 2022**. We appreciate that it is a hefty document and are not expecting colleagues to read through the entire draft (although this is, of course, open to anyone who is interested in doing so). Rather, we would encourage those that have expertise in particular areas to please contribute to the relevant chapter(s). We ask that you please focus on substantive feedback (as opposed to grammar, spelling, copy-editing, etc.). If you are aware of important and relevant literature in a different language please feel free to provide literature details in the feedback form. If you would like to provide input into specific chapters but find that the timelines are too tight given your schedule, please write to us directly (at asg@amphibians.org) indicating which chapter(s) you would like to provide input to.

We very much appreciate your taking the time to revise this draft. Your feedback ensures that ACAP is broad and representative of the global amphibian conservation community’s input. If you are aware of colleagues who work on amphibian conservation either on the research or the conservation fronts please feel free to share this form with them.

Best wishes,

ASG Secretariat

Please submit your feedback in this form via email to asg@amphibians.org. Please note that comments received in this consultation process will not be answered individually; however, we will give all feedback consideration and credit sources accordingly in the status review acknowledgements.

Following the end of the public consultation period we will make all comments publicly available on the ASG website. If you want your comments to be made public **ANONYMOUSLY** on the website and in the status review please tick the box below.

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