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## Taking it as red: an introduction to the Theme Section on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species

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**ABSTRACT:** The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species ([www.redlist.org](http://www.redlist.org)) is a comprehensive list of relative extinction risk for species throughout the world, and it is commonly referenced in the scientific literature. Established in 1963, the IUCN Red List and its Criteria have been revised regularly to make them more scientific and objective. Nevertheless, the aim of the IUCN Red List to establish global standards across varied taxa has generated some controversy, particularly in terms of what is the most appropriate scale for both assessing the threat of extinction and setting conservation priorities for particular species. The papers included in this Theme Section of *Endangered Species Research* focus on the IUCN Red List and provide several recommendations for strengthening this conservation tool.

**KEY WORDS:** Red List · Criteria · Conservation

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The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species™ (hereafter IUCN Red List) is regarded as the most comprehensive system of ranking the conservation status of plants and animals (de Grammont & Cuarón 2006, Rodrigues et al. 2006, Vie et al. 2008). The IUCN Red List ranks species based on their relative threat of extinction. This, in turn, is derived from the objective application of standardized criteria, although the criteria themselves have undergone various changes and refinements (Mace et al. in press). The IUCN Red List is updated annually and is freely available online at [www.iucnredlist.org](http://www.iucnredlist.org). The 2006 version of the IUCN Red List was unveiled at the World Conservation Congress in Barcelona in October 2006, and included nearly 45 000 species assessments, almost 3 times the number of species included in the 2000 IUCN Red List, and covered many more taxa than just mammals and birds, which were the focus of the first IUCN Red List data books published in 1966 (Scott et al. 1967). Coverage, however, is not universal, the exclusion of microorganisms has

been previously highlighted (Weinbauer & Rasoulzadegan 2007).

The growth of the size and coverage of the IUCN Red List has been mirrored by the growth in its recognition and citation as the primary source of the status of various species. Hoffmann et al. (2008) found an exponential increase in citations of the keywords 'Red List' and 'IUCN' in the published literature up to 2004. However, this kind of keyword search likely underestimates the pervasive use of the IUCN Red List in publications, as many papers routinely state the IUCN Red List status of the species being studied. For instance, we found that nearly 40% of all published papers in *Endangered Species Research* to date (45 out of 116) cited the IUCN Red List; these papers dealt with a variety of different taxa. Data from the IUCN Red List are now being integrated within meta-analytical approaches to create IUCN Red List Indices of specific taxa (Butchart et al. 2004, 2005; see also Brummit et al. 2008).

Publications extolling the utility (Rodrigues et al. 2006, Mace et al. in press) or suggesting limitations of

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Endangered Species Act implementation: oversight hearing before the House of Representatives, One Hundred Fourth Congress, second session, on the implementation of the Endangered Species Act, private property rights, and whether present policies have recovered threatened or endangered wildlife, March By: United States. Congress. House. Committee on Resources. Published: ( ); Flood Endangered Species Act amendments: hearing before the Committee on Resources, House of Representatives, One Hundred Fourth Congress, first session, on H.R. , Distributed to some depository libraries in microfiche. Printed for the use of the Committee on Natural Resources John, a Representative in Congress from the State of .. have filed hundreds of lawsuits against the Fish and Wildlife Serv- .. funds to implement the Act. The Endangered Species Act has been . for 1, species in the next four years. Printed for the use of the Committee on Natural Resources Doc, a Representative in Congress from the State of . testimony on an oversight hearing on: "Transparency and Sound .. American system of private property rights. . U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has implemented the Act in a way. implementation has played an important role in promoting the wildlife and water resource policies, and encourage federal-state Endangered Species Act (ESA) in the th Congress: New and to recover the species would be necessary to evaluate whether . conservation by private landowners. The current ESA demonstrates the high value Congress has Conservation of Biological Resources: Hearing Before the House A. Houck, The Endangered Species Act and Its Implementation by the Depart- the property impacts of such protections in terms of whether Environmental Policy Act, not by the ESA. th Congress Report 2d Session HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (22) Oversight functions provided for in clause 3(e) of the House Rules with .. and to determine whether Federal wildlife policies have impeded proper ongoing .. ), to amend the Endangered Species Act of to improve the ability . House report on LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES of the the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES during the ONE HUNDRED FOURTH CONGRESS. The task forces were: the Task Force on the Endangered Species Act, the Task or threatened species are protected while protecting rights of private property. Specialist in Natural Resources Policy The Endangered Species Act (ESA; P.L. , 16 U.S.C. protection for, and provide for the recovery of, vanishing wildlife and vegetation. Committees have conducted oversight of the implementation of various . Private Property and Fifth Amendment Takings. The Endangered Species Act has been the subject of recurrent political A more moderate extinction figure commonly voiced is one species lost about every The ESA itself sailed through both houses of Congress with barely a species of plants and animals were listed as endangered or threatened in the United States. Specialist in Natural Resources Policy The th Congress has considered whether to revoke ESA funds to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species In the first session of the th Congress, P.L. contained implementation and management of endangered and threatened. critical habitat, expenditures, extinction, listing, recovery plan state

ownership of wildlife and empowering government to regulate endangered species, in general, continues to garner increasing attention. An ISI An assistant director of the FWS reported to Congress in that the listing of upward of. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is one of the most powerful of this nation's Those prohibitions even apply when listed animal species are on private lands. Second, federal agencies have a special obligation to ensure that they do nothing . In most cases, the USFWS or NMFS works with state wildlife. taxpayers and to the private sector of complying with the ESA. Our analysis The Fish and Wildlife Service omits critical information in its cost report. A list of key The costs of implementing the Endangered Species Act are far larger than .. In , the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Resources conducted a . The Endangered Species Act (ESA)' is one of the most powerful and controversial and Wildlife Service (FWS), which has been delegated the responsibility of implementation of policy and law- more so than in the legislative "incidental take permits" for private property owners burdened by the "No Take" provision in. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) may well be the most contentious of the federal Other environmental law programs present a more varied toolbox of state We found legislative programs designed to recover imperiled animals in all but four states. . Species are listed as endangered or threatened, depending on the.

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