

## Project Scoring Sheet – Species of Concern

Version 1.1

### Notes

- This is a static document intended for reference only. It includes information the Reviewer sees while scoring an application.
- Questions relating directly to requirements are indicated with a red asterisk\*.
- Checkmarks help reviewers focus in on key components of the scoring.
- The results of individual project reviews are available at the top of each project’s page in the [Conservation Certification Website](#).
- Information about other aspects of evaluations (e.g. methodology used for scoring) is available in the [Certification Support Center](#).

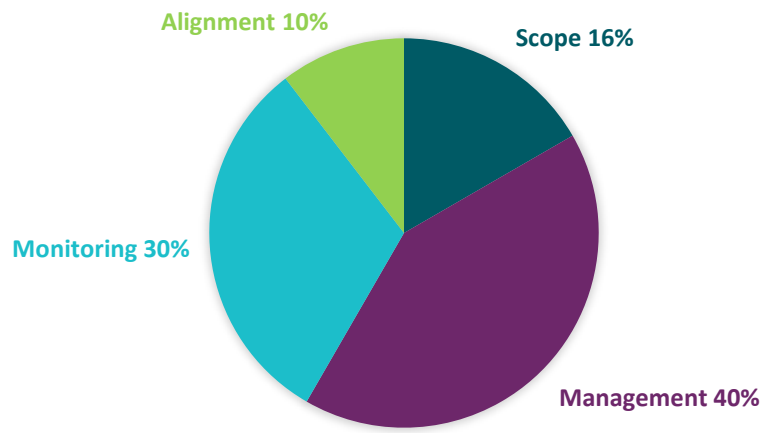
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### Overview

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Percentage of points achievable per section



## Project Info

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### \* Is this project linked to a contributing species project?

- Yes
- No

Scope | 16% of points achievable

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### \* Does the project exceed regulatory requirements?

*If the applicant answered that no aspects of the project are done in relation to regulatory requirements, select N/A. If they answered that it was done in relation to regulatory requirements, select Yes or No depending on if it exceeds requirements.*

- N/A
- No
- Yes

### Has the species been observed on site? | Up to 6 points

- 0 - Species has not been observed on site
- 1 - Species has been observed on site |6 pts

### How was the species identified, OR why is the species being targeted if it has not been identified at the site? | Up to 9.8 points

- 0 - No attempts made to identify the species on site
- 1 - Surveys have not yet confirmed species on site, but site is within known range and has suitable habitat for the species OR surveys are not performed because they pose high risk to a sensitive species |5.6 pts
- 2 - Formal survey has confirmed species presence/absence on site |9.8 pts

### \* Is there a stated conservation objective?

- ✓ Applicant understanding
- No
- Yes

## Management | 40% of points achievable

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### \* What actions are being taken on-site to address a specific threat to the species? | Up to 12 points

A threat will be a regional or site-specific threat to the target species of concern. Examples of threats to species of concern include predation by invasive or feral species, disease, unsustainable or illegal hunting/fishing or bycatch, harassment, illegal wildlife trade and migration pathway obstructions. By addressing a specific threat, the applicant seeks to reduce or eliminate the impact of that threat on the species.

- 0 - Current actions do not address any specific threats
- 1 - Actions taken only address one specific threat to the species | 3.6 pts
- 2 - Actions taken address more than one specific threat to the species | 12 pts

### Has the applicant entered into a voluntary agreement to address this species? (e.g., safe harbor agreement, candidate conservation agreement) | Up to 14 points

- 0 - No voluntary agreements have been made
- 1 - A voluntary agreement with a non-regulatory entity has been made | 4.2 pts
- 2 - A formal voluntary agreement with a regulatory entity has been made | 14 pts

### Does the project include a commitment to long-term or permanent protection? | Up to 14 points

- 0 - No commitment to long-term protection
- 1 - Informal or internal commitment to long-term protection is made (e.g., included in project objectives) | 2.8 pts
- 2 - Formal commitment to long-term protection is made (e.g., as part of a written external agreement) | 9.8 pts
- 3 - Permanent protection of the species is assured (e.g., permanent protection of habitat through a land or species conservation agreement that legally protects the habitat and target species in perpetuity) | 14 pts

## Monitoring | 30% of points achievable

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### \* Has monitoring data specific to this project been collected? | Up to 15 points

- 0 - No
- 1 - Yes | 15 pts

### Does the project contribute data towards research or monitoring of the target species? | Up to 15 points

- 0 - No data was collected for monitoring or research purposes
- 1 - Data about the target species are collected and utilized internally to guide management of the species on site | 6 pts
- 2 - Data about the target species is collected and shared with external organizations (e.g., government agency, natural heritage program, university) for monitoring or research purposes | 15 pts

## Alignment | 10% of points achievable

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### **Does the project align with a corporate strategy or species recovery plan?** | Up to 2 points

*General corporate commitments to the environment, biodiversity, or education are not recognized.*

#### ✓ Specific to project type

0 - No

1 - Aligns with a corporate strategy but not specific to species of concern | 1 pt

2 - Aligns with a corporate strategy specific to species of concern | 2 pts

### **Does the project align with an existing recovery plan for the species?** | Up to 8 points

#### ✓ Applicant understanding

0 - No

1 - The team consulted an existing recovery plan in the design of the project, but the project does not explicitly support objectives | 4.8 pts

2 - The project explicitly supports objectives of an existing recovery plan | 8 pts