

Future of the Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa

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Plan de Route pour la Conserva- tion du Léopard en Afrique

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Compilation des informations disponibles sur l'état du léopard *Panthera pardus* en Afrique, examen des menaces et proposition d'un programme de conservation dans le cadre de l'initiative conjointe CMS-CITES des carnivores africains



<https://www.cms.int/en/document/roadmap-conservation-leopard-africa>



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- CITES-CMS/ACI2/Doc.4: CONSERVATION OF THE LEOPARD (*PANTHERA PARDUS*) UNDER THE JOINT CITES-CMS AFRICAN CARNIVORES INITIATIVE (ACI)
- CITES listing 1975, CMS Listing 2017 → CMS Secretariat commissioned Roadmap to outline leopard conservation in the frame of the ACI
- First reviews at ACI Range States Meeting 2018 in Bonn, then submitted to
 - CITES COP18, Geneva → delegated review to Animals Committee
 - CMS COP13, Gandhinagar → delegated review to Scientific Council
- CMS SC (2020) → revision at the ACI Range States Meeting
- CITES AC31 (2021) → review comments not yet integrated
- Roadmap formed basis for Leopard-specific Results/Activities in the ACI Programme of Work



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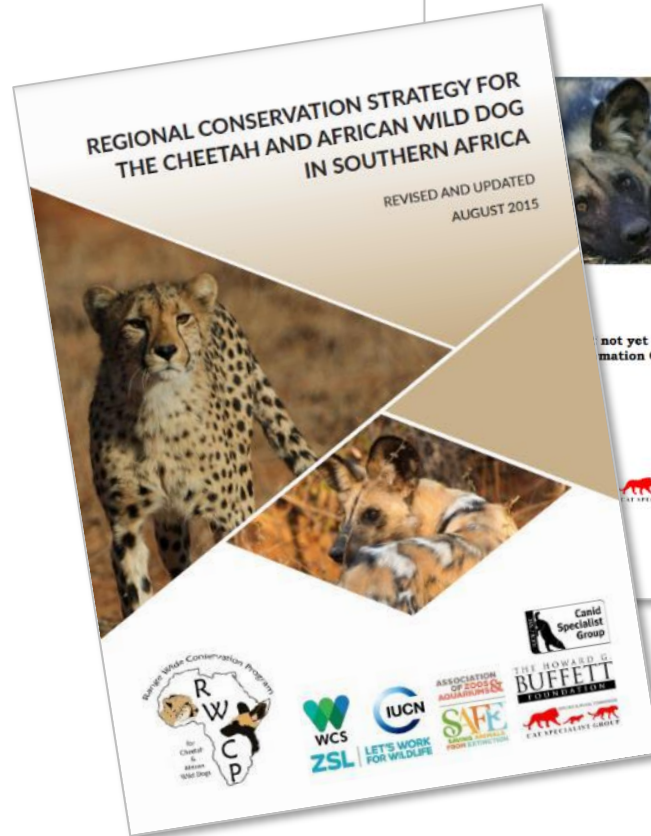
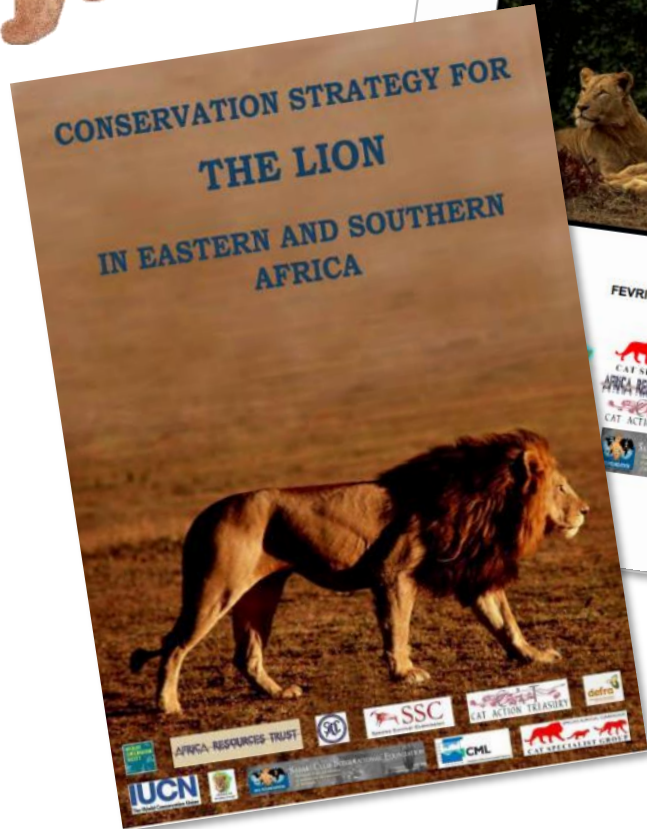
Objective 1. International cooperation, coordination and strategic conservation planning

Result 1.4. Conservation strategies and other guidelines and plans for the conservation of the ACI species are integrated into the ACI POW and, as needed, updated or newly developed in the frame of the ACI and in cooperation with the Range State Parties and other partner institutions concerned.

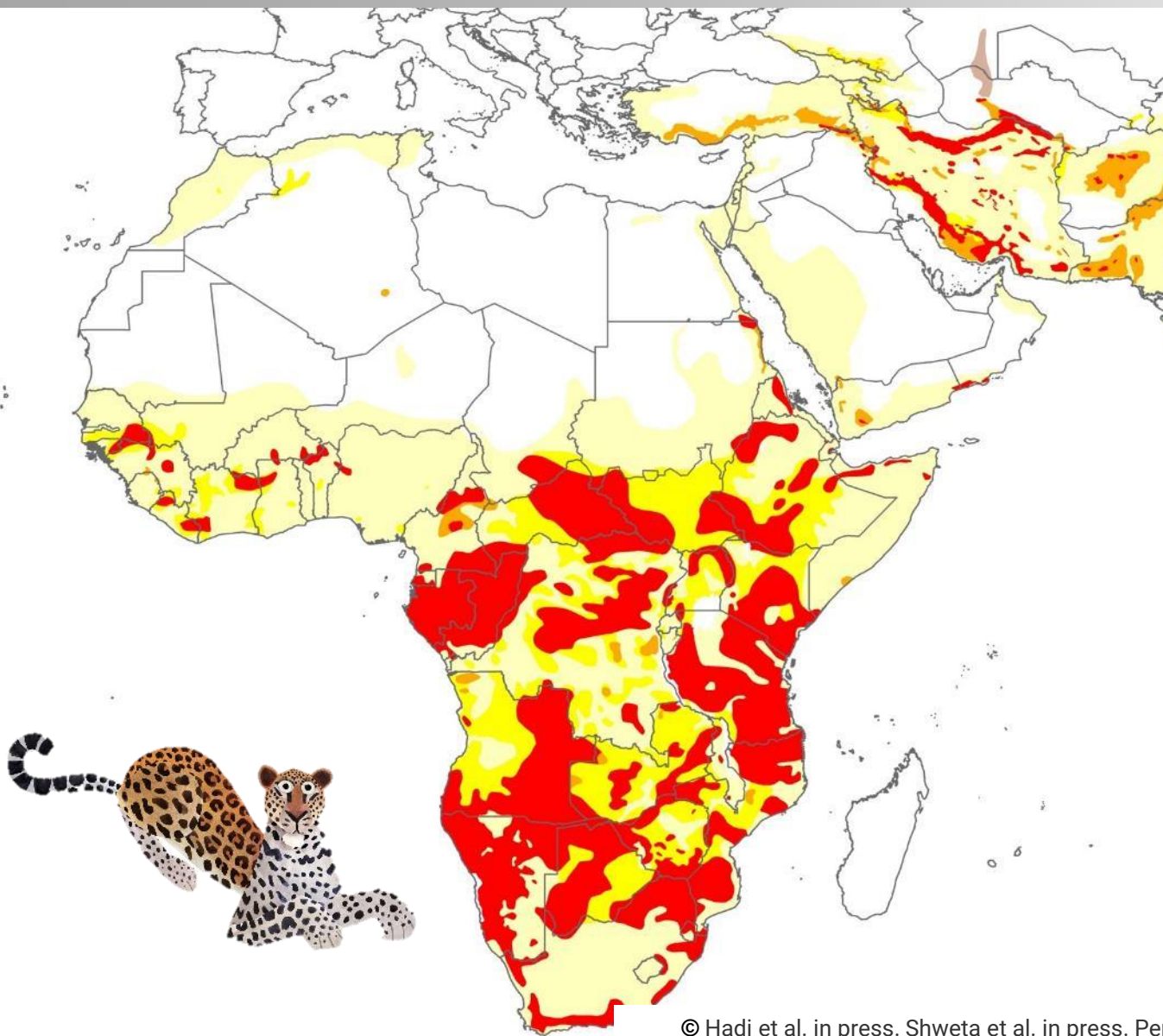
Indicators: (1) Guiding documents such as the Regional Strategies for the conservation of the Lion, Cheetah and African Wild Dog, the Guidelines for the Conservation of the Lion in Africa (GCLA) or the Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa (RCLA) are reviewed and revised regularly, and (2) further regional conservation strategies or national action plans are developed and implemented as needed.



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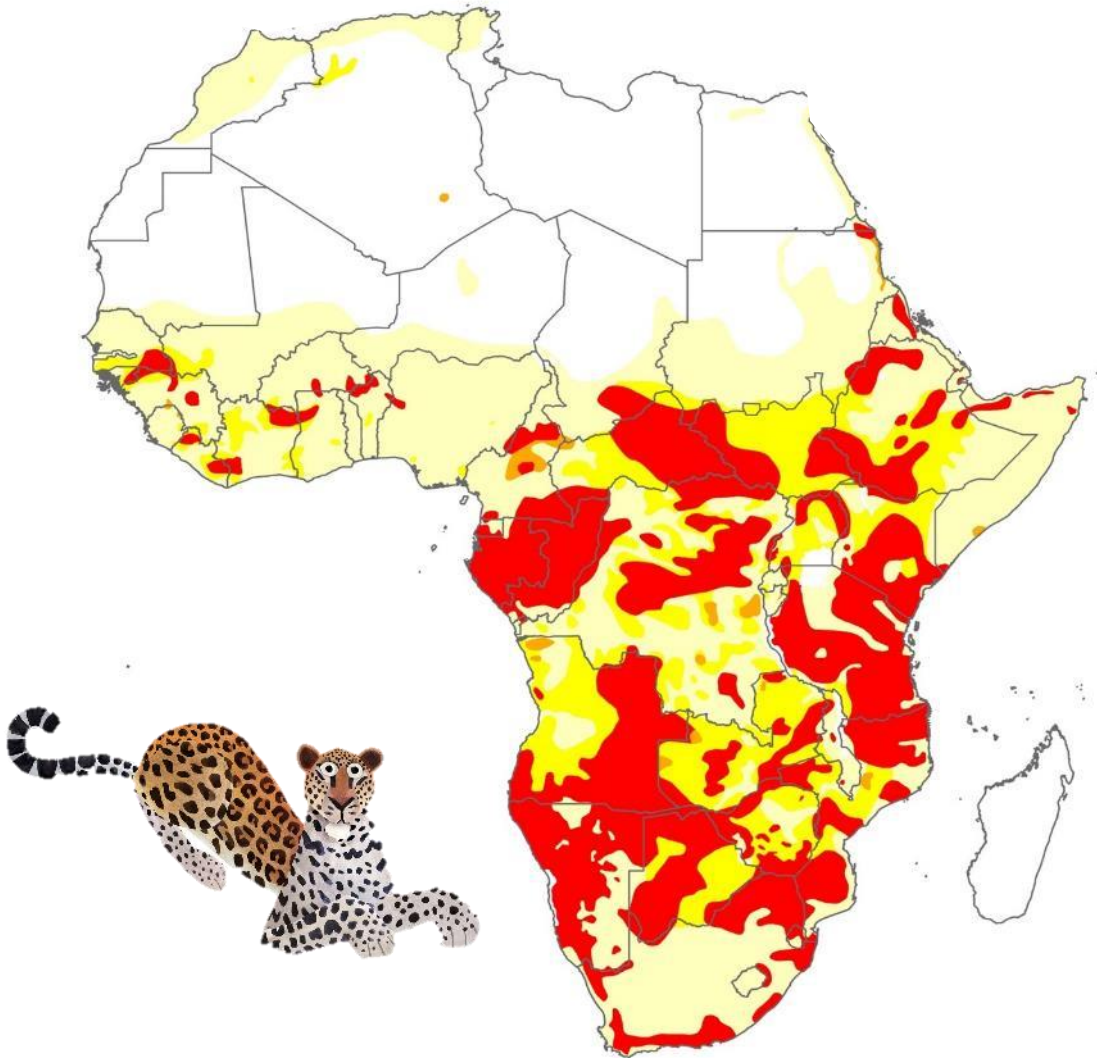


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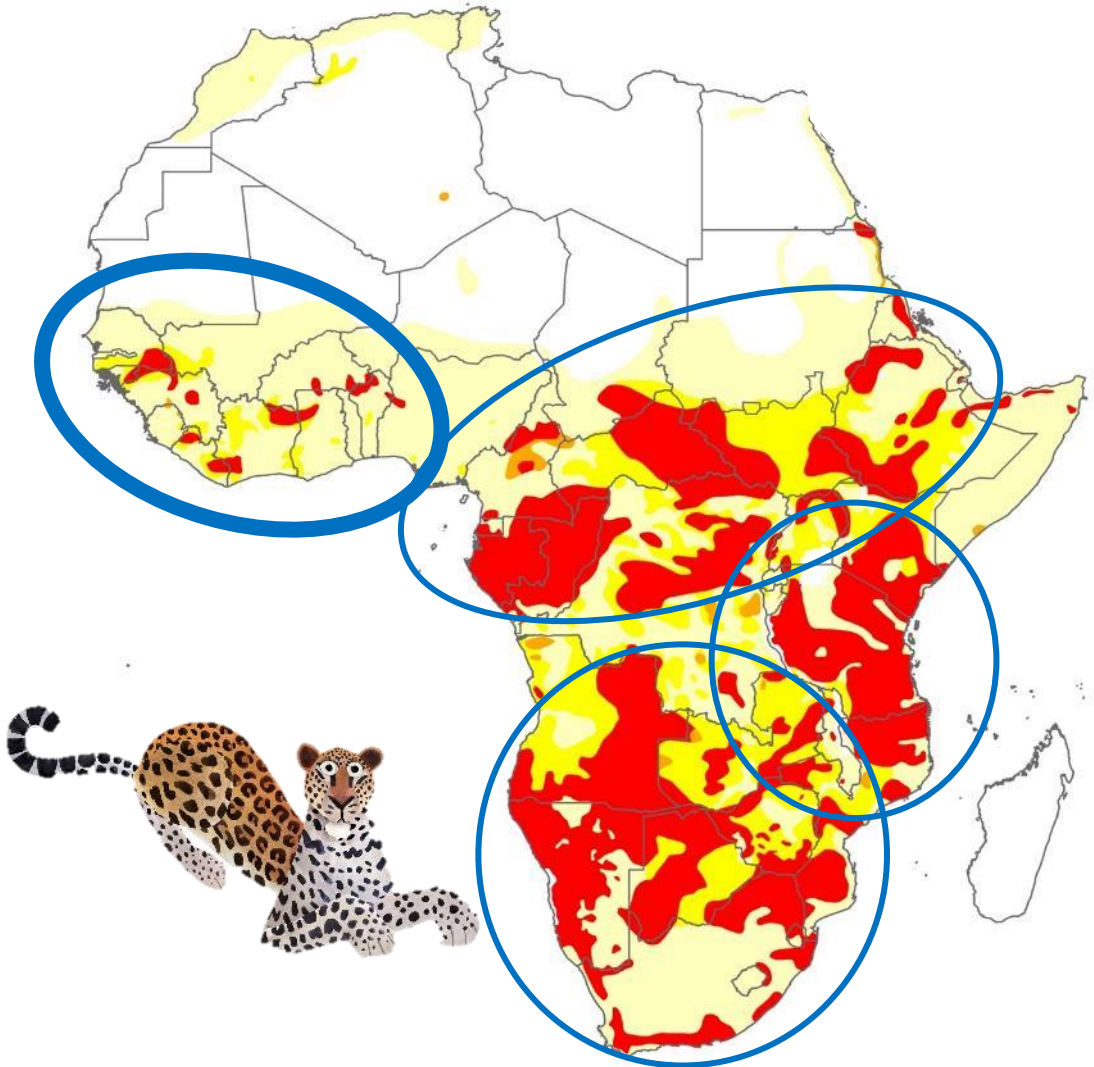
Recommendation to the Range States

14. Discuss the future of the Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa and consider if it should be updated or rather be used to inform the development of more specific Regional Conservation Strategies for the leopard.
15. Range States are urged to collaborate with the IUCN Cat SG and Panthera for developing the regional strategy for the conservation of Leopards in West Africa under the auspice of the ACI.
16. Range States may request the Secretariats to report back on the outcomes of this agenda item to the CITES Animals Committee, the CMS Scientific Council and COPs.

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Suggestion IUCN SSC Cat Specialist Group

- Leave the Roadmap as it is and what it is: A coarse, over-arching document describing the situation of the Leopard across Africa and addressing conservation challenges across the continent.
- Develop, in cooperation with the Range States, several regional Conservation Strategies addressing more specifically the regional conservation status and threats.
- Take the cheetah/African wild dog strategies as a blueprint and start with the most urgent region for leopard conservation, West Africa, based on the recent surveys (→ presentation Ph. Henschel).



Thank you!