



IUCN Red List Assessment Workshop European Red List of Bryophytes

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The European Red List is a review of the status of European species according to IUCN regional Red Listing guidelines. It identifies those species that are threatened with extinction at the European level (Pan-Europe and the European Union) so that appropriate conservation action can be taken to improve their status.

Thanks to a LIFE-funded project, IUCN is currently assessing all European bryophyte species. As part of this project, a four-day work session will be hosted by the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon (FCUL) between the 15th and 18th of December 2016. This meeting is being organized in collaboration with the Centre for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes (cE3c), and around 200 bryophyte species that occur mainly in the Macaronesian region and Iberian Peninsula will be assessed. The work session will be attended by 12 invited experts including members of cE3c, the IUCN SSC Bryophyte Specialist Group and the European Committee for Conservation of Bryophytes, among others.

Developing European Red Lists for these species will provide a comprehensive overview of their extinction risk and distribution in Europe, and will contribute to guiding policy decisions and conservation actions. These new assessments will supplement the existing European Red Lists and will provide a detailed picture of the status of biodiversity in Europe.