

How to use the forum/How to relist a species

1. Email the Program Officer iucnshark@gmail.com for a pdf of the previous listing and word document of the template to use for the revised listing – cut and paste relevant text from previous assessment to new word document.
2. New forum for discussing the listings - Save Our Seas have funded the creation of a Red List forum for soliciting and exchanging RL information. We will all have to learn this new tool but it will be beneficial in the long run due to the transparency it will bring to debates and discussion.

The best way to initiate a new listing is to start a new 'thread' for each species on the forum and invite people to join in.

The process is as follows:

- a. Go to the SSG website: www.iucnssg.org
- b. Look for the link entitled 'forum', click on 'register' to get yourself set up as the user, after reading the normal rules of engagement.
- c. Click on "Red List Assessments", which will open up to a new window with a taxonomic hierarchy
- d. Click on relevant taxon, say Batoids (ORDER RAJIFORMES)
- e. Click on "FAMILY RAJIDAE - skates"
- f. In the new page, just below "FAMILY RAJIDAE - skates" click on "Post a New Topic". and post the topic.

WARNING - the site doesn't allow attachments. So those will have to be circulated in the traditional manner, via email, or if you are web savvy it might be worth posting a link to whatever relevant documents are associated with the post – contact the Program Officer for instructions on how to do this.

3. Send a general email out to relevant scientists, the past and new assessors etc. to invite them to use this forum.

4. Here are links to the Red List Categories and Criteria (version 3.1)

http://www.iucnredlist.org/documents/redlist_cats_crit_en.pdf

the guidelines (version 8, March 2010)

<http://www.iucnredlist.org/documents/RedListGuidelines.pdf>

5. Read through these if you have a chance, but I would draw your attention to page 8 on the Categories and Criteria doc and P 10-12 in the guideline which has some guidance on how to go about transferring species across categories.