

SIS Training Exercise

Sharks

Please note that this is a training exercise only – the draft assessments we will ask you to create and modify will not appear on the Red List web site, however if, during the exercise, you find erroneous information in an existing published assessment, you should notify Lucy Harrison (SSG Program Officer).

These tasks are designed to help you become familiar with SIS. The workshop facilitators are there to help, so if you need any assistance with these tasks, or if SIS does not behave as you expect it to, just ask.

Using the SIS test site (<http://sistest.iucnsis.org>), log in with the user account details provided and carry out the following tasks:

1. Create a working set containing all taxa in a family of your choice (e.g., Carcharhinidae).
2. Add all taxa from the Order Squaliformes to your newly created working set.
3. Search SIS for the species *Alopias pelagicus* using three different methods:
 - (a) Your newly created working set.
 - (b) The taxonomy browser function.
 - (c) The taxonomy search function.
4. Search SIS to find a species that you are familiar with and create a new draft assessment for that species; if there is a published assessment already attached to the species, base the new draft assessment on that; if there is no published assessment, create a new blank draft assessment.
 - a. ***If a draft assessment already exists for the species, please try a different species or let the facilitator know.***
5. (a) Add any data that are available into the data fields in the newly-created draft assessment (area of occupancy, extent of occurrence, generation length, population decline rates, continuing declines, severe fragmentation, number of locations, etc.).
 - b. (b) **Manually** enter the appropriate Red List category and criteria for that species, based on the data you have entered for the species (i.e., do not use the expert system to calculate the Category and Criteria yet).
 - c. (c) Run the quick criteria generator. ***Does the recommended assessment match the manual assessment that is currently published? If not, why?***

6. Modify or add to the information in the classification schemes (countries of occurrence, utilisation, habitats, threats and conservation measures codes).
7. Create a new reference (real or fictional) and:
 - d. Attach the reference to the assessment account in general.
 - e. Attach the reference specifically to the Area of Occupancy data field.
8. Add a common name for the species.
9. Add the following information to your assessment:
 - (a) Assessors and assessment date
 - (b) Assessment rationale
 - (c) Reasons for change (if appropriate)
10. Change the background colour for your SIS user account.