

## IUCN Hornbill Specialist Group

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Dear Dr. Mohammed Azlan

We are very happy to announce the recent formation of the IUCN Hornbill Specialist Group.

Given your work and interest in hornbills, we invite you to participate by becoming a member of the group. **The invite along with the Terms of Reference for members and the policy for the group is attached with this mail. Please confirm your participation by clicking on the link on the last page of the attached document.**

The IUCN Hornbill Specialist Group (HBSG) had existed in the eighties. It has recently been revived because the plight of hornbills continues to deteriorate, with various additional species becoming threatened and a growing number, nationally and/or globally becoming Endangered, several of them Critically.

Hornbills occur across sub-Saharan Africa, South and Southeast Asia, therefore having members to represent these regions will help facilitate any conservation role played by the HBSG.

Most threatened species occur in the Asian region and we hope that by calling on the expertise and experience of local and regional experts, the group will be able to access the political, social and economic support that will enable activation of priority and positive interventions in support of threatened species.

In Africa, we will seek to grow capacity for hornbill research and conservation to ensure that the current conservation status assessments are valid and not due to data deficiency. Thus, we hope that we can all work together under the HBSG to facilitate better networking and training to encourage further research to understand the status, distribution and biology of hornbills across all

range countries and to ensure the conservation of hornbills.

With best wishes,

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