



# IUCN Training Workshop on Species and Ecosystems Red Lists for Abu Dhabi Emirate

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## Brief summary of Workshop programme

- Introduction to National Red Lists of Threatened Species (RLTS) and Ecosystems (RLE), using IUCN categories and criteria  
*Jon Paul Rodríguez.* A broad explanation was given on what extinction/collapse risk assessments are all about for Species/Ecosystem Red Lists, as an introduction to the activities that would be done during the rest of the workshop
- Theory-practice training on the utilization of IUCN categories and criteria to assess species' extinction risk  
*Ariany García-Rawlins, Jesús Morales-Campos, and Robert Bullock.* The one-day training curriculum was used for the theoretical explanations on day 1, together with practical case studies (hypothetical and of Abu Dhabi species), for the activities on day 2. The practical part of species assessments was also applied on day 5, dividing the participants in three work tables, with a trainer per table, so that each group would perform full species' extinction risk assessments according to their specialties and choices.
- Theory-practice training on the utilization of IUCN categories and criteria to assess ecosystems' collapse risk  
*Irene Zager, José Rafael Ferrer, and Rebecca Miller.* Presentations on Introduction, key concepts and terms, and the application of criteria were given on day 3. Presentations focused on Abu Dhabi ecosystems (Available data, proposed examples) were given at the end of day 3 and beginning of day 4 (Wednesday 14 February). During day 4, the participants worked in groups on exercises based on Abu Dhabi's ecosystems (application of criteria A, B, C and D for Coral reef using fake data, development of conceptual models for Mangroves and *Haloxylon persicum* – vegetation community).
- Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) Introduction  
*Jon Paul Rodríguez.* The concept and utilization of KBAs was explained, as well as their relationship with Red Lists of Ecosystems and Threatened Species, and their global and regional importance