The IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria:
Comparison between versions 2.3 (1994) and 3.1 (2001)

All new assessments and reassessments for publication on the IUCN Red List must use the 2001 *IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria. Version 3.1.* Some taxa included in the current IUCN Red List have not been reassessed since before 2000 and therefore still use the 1994 *IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria. Version 2.3*.

The table below shows the difference between the two versions of the Red List Categories and Criteria.

	IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria	
	2001 (ver. 3.1)	**1994 (ver. 2.3)**

Red List Categories	Extinct (EX)
	Extinct in the Wild (EW)
	Critically Endangered (CR)
	Endangered (EN)
	Near Threatened (NT)
	Least Concern (LC)
	Data Deficient (DD)
	Not Evaluated (NE)
		Extinct (EX)
		Extinct in the Wild (EW)
		Critically Endangered (CR)
		Endangered (EN)
		Lower Risk (LR):
		    Lower Risk (conservation dependent) (LR/cd)
		    Lower Risk (near threatened) (LR/nt)
		    Lower Risk (least concern) (LR/lc)
		Data Deficient (DD)
		Not Evaluated (NE)

Criterion A	**A1:** Reduction (CR = ≥90%, EN = ≥70%, VU = ≥50%) over past 10 yrs or 3 generations where causes of reduction are understood AND have ceased AND are reversible **A2:** Reduction (CR = ≥80%, EN = ≥50%, VU = ≥30%) over past 10 yrs or 3 generations where causes of reduction may not be understood OR may not have ceased OR may not be reversible **A3:** Reduction (CR = ≥80%, EN = ≥50%, VU = ≥30%) over next 10 yrs or 3 generations up to max. of 100 yrs **A4:** Reduction (CR = ≥80%, EN = ≥50%, VU = ≥30%) over over any 10 yr or 3 generation time period (up to max. of 100 yrs in future) where the time period includes both the past AND the future, AND where causes of reduction may not be understood OR may not have ceased OR may not be reversible	**A1:** Reduction (CR = ≥80%, EN = ≥50%, VU = ≥20%) over past 10 yrs or 3 generations **A2:** Reduction (CR = ≥80%, EN = ≥50%, VU = ≥20%) over next 10 yrs or 3 generations

	IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria	
	2001 (ver. 3.1)	**1994 (ver. 2.3)**
Criterion B	**B1:** EOO (CR <100 km², EN <5,000 km², VU <20,000 km²) AND at least two of a, b or c. **a:** Population severely fragmented or number of locations (CR = 1, EN ≤5, VU ≤10) **b:** Continuing decline in EOO, AOO, habitat, locations or subpopulations, or mature individuals **c:** Extreme fluctuation in EOO, AOO, locations or subpopulations, or mature individuals **B2:** AOO (CR <10 km², EN <500 km², VU <2,000 km²) AND at least two of a, b or c. **a:** Population severely fragmented or locations (CR = 1, EN ≤5, VU ≤10) **b:** Continuing decline in EOO, AOO, habitat, locations or subpopulations, or mature individuals **c:** Extreme fluctuation in EOO, AOO, locations or subpopulations, or mature individuals	**B:** EOO (CR <100 km², EN <5,000 km², VU <20,000 km²) or AOO (CR <10 km², EN <500 km², VU <2,000 km²) AND at least two of B1, B2 or B3. **B1:** Population severely fragmented or number of locations (CR = 1, EN ≤5, VU ≤10) **B2:** Continuing decline in EOO, AOO, habitat, locations or subpopulations, or mature individuals **B3:** Extreme fluctuation in EOO, AOO, locations or subpopulations, or mature individuals

	IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria	
	2001 (ver. 3.1)	**1994 (ver. 2.3)**
Criterion C	**C:** Population size (CR <250, EN <2,500, VU <10,000) AND at least one of C1 or C2 **C1:** Continuing decline (CR ≥25% within 3 yrs or 1 generation, EN ≥20% within 5 yrs or 2 generations, VU ≥10% within 10 yrs or 3 generations) up to max. 100 yrs in future **C2:** Continuing decline AND at least one of a or b. **a:** number of mature individuals in all subpopulations (CR ≤50, EN ≤250, VU ≤1,000) OR % of mature individuals in one subpopulation (CR ≥90%, EN ≥95%, VU = 100%) **b:** Extreme fluctuations in population size	**C:** Population size (CR <250, EN <2,500, VU <10,000) AND at least one of C1 or C2 **C1:** Continuing decline (CR ≥25% within 3 yrs or 1 generation, EN ≥20% within 5 yrs or 2 generations, VU ≥10% within 10 yrs or 3 generations) **C2:** Continuing decline AND number of mature individuals in all subpopulations (CR ≤50, EN ≤250, VU ≤1,000) OR 100% of mature individuals in 1 subpopulation
Criterion D	**D:** Population size (CR <50, EN <250) **D1:** VU only - Population size <1,000 **D2:** VU only – Restricted AOO (typically <20 km²) or number of locations (typically ≤5) AND a plausible threat	**D:** Population size (CR <50, EN <250) **D1:** VU only - Population size <1,000 **D2:** VU only – Restricted AOO (typically <100 km²) or number of locations (typically <5) AND a plausible threat
Criterion E	**E:** Quantitative analysis showing probability of extinction in the wild, up to a max. of 100 yrs (CR ≥50% within 10 yrs or 3 generations, EN ≥20% within 20 yrs or 5 generations, VU ≥10% within 100 yrs)	**E:** Quantitative analysis showing probability of extinction in the wild (CR ≥50% within 10 yrs or 3 generations, EN ≥20% within 20 yrs or 5 generations, VU ≥10% within 100 yrs)