



CONSERVATION FACT SHEET

Hyaxes or Dassies (Hyracoidea)

Species (5):		Red List status (2016)
<i>Dendrohyrax arboreus</i>	Southern tree hyrax	Least Concern
<i>Dendrohyrax dorsalis</i>	Western tree hyrax	Least Concern
<i>Dendrohyrax validus</i>	Eastern tree hyrax	Least Concern (No longer seen in Zanzibar –may become Near Threatened in future)
<i>Heterohyrax brucei</i>	Yellow-spotted hyrax	Least Concern
<i>Procavia capensis</i>	Rock hyrax	Least Concern

Main threats and pressures:	Habitat loss (especially forests in eastern and western Africa)
	Exploitation for meat and fur
	Human-wildlife conflict (killed to reduce damage to gardens and crops)
	Predation by introduced red fox
	Sport hunting in northern Africa (mainly by the armed forces)

Main conservation and research action required		
Main Actions	Details/Locations	Estimated cost (US\$) 2016 - 2020
Develop standardized monitoring protocols for hyrax to track trends over time and produce more data for Red List assessments.	Develop monitoring protocols	US\$ 30,000
Conduct surveys to determine distribution and abundance, combined with a genetic study to facilitate taxonomic revision and to verify species diversity.	Range wide, but priorities include:	
	Dahomey Gap Islands on the East African coast Genetic analyses	US\$ 500,000 US\$ 100,000

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