Table 2: Changes in numbers of species in the threatened categories (CR, EN, VU) from 1996 to 2015 (IUCN Red List version 2015-4) for the major taxonomic groups on the Red List

Changes in number of threatened species from year to year **should not** be directly interpreted as trends in the status of biodiversity. The figures displayed below reflect increased assessment efforts by IUCN and its Partners over time, rather than genuine changes in numbers of threatened species. For a clearer view of genuine trends in the status of biodiversity please refer to the IUCN Red List Index (see the section Trends in the status of biodiversity on the IUCN Red List website: http://www.iucnredlist.org/about/summary-statistics#TrendsInBiodiversityStatus).

Critically Endangered (CR)															
Group	1996/98	2000	2002	2003	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Mammals	169	180	181	184	162	162	163	188	188	188	194	196	196	213	209
Birds	168	182	182	182	179	181	189	190	192	190	189	197	198	213	218
Reptiles	41	56	55	57	64	73	79	86	93	106	137	144	164	174	180
Amphibians	18	25	30	30	413	442	441	475	484	486	498	509	520	518	528
Fishes	157	156	157	162	171	253	254	289	306	376	414	415	413	443	446
Insects	44	45	46	46	47	68	69	70	89	89	91	119	125	168	176
Molluscs	257	222	222	250	265	265	268	268	291	373	487	549	553	576	576
Plants	909	1,014	1,046	1,276	1,490	1,541	1,569	1,575	1,577	1,619	1,731	1,821	1,957	2,119	2,347
Fungi	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5

Endangered (EN)															
Group	1996/98	2000	2002	2003	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Mammals	315	340	339	337	352	348	349	448	449	450	447	446	447	477	481
Birds	235	321	326	331	345	351	356	361	362	372	382	389	397	419	416
Reptiles	59	74	79	78	79	101	139	134	150	200	284	296	329	356	361
Amphibians	31	38	37	37	729	738	737	755	754	758	764	767	783	789	810
Fishes	134	144	143	144	160	237	254	269	298	400	477	494	530	587	614
Insects	116	118	118	118	120	129	129	132	151	166	169	207	247	270	305
Molluscs	212	237	236	243	221	222	224	224	245	328	417	480	486	501	503
Plants	1,197	1,266	1,291	1,634	2,239	2,258	2,278	2,280	2,316	2,397	2,564	2,655	3,009	3,231	3,510
Fungi	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11

Vulnerable (VU)															
Group	1996/98	2000	2002	2003	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Mammals	612	610	617	609	587	583	582	505	505	493	497	497	500	509	507
Birds	704	680	684	681	688	674	672	671	669	678	682	727	713	741	741
Reptiles	153	161	159	158	161	167	204	203	226	288	351	367	386	397	403
Amphibians	75	83	90	90	628	631	630	675	657	654	655	657	647	650	656
Fishes	443	452	442	444	470	681	693	717	810	1,075	1,137	1,149	1,167	1,192	1,211
Insects	377	392	393	389	392	426	425	424	471	478	481	503	524	555	565
Molluscs	451	479	481	474	488	488	486	486	500	587	769	828	859	873	871
Plants	3,222	3,331	3,377	3,864	4,592	4,591	4,600	4,602	4,607	4,708	4,861	4,914	5,099	5,234	5,376
Fungi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13