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**Cover photograph:** The Helmeted Hornbill has been listed in Appendix of CITES since 1975 and the trade in the species is not permitted. In 2015, partly in response to the evidence in the paper authored by Claire Beastall *et al.* in this issue, its IUCN Red List status was uplifted from 'Near Threatened' to 'Critically Endangered', justified by the expectation that populations will experience an extremely rapid and severe decline over the next three generations. Poaching and illegal trade were listed as leading threats. The study published in this volume compiled data on recent seizures of Helmeted Hornbills, or their body parts, in order to make a first assessment of the numbers currently occurring in the illegal trade across Asia and to assist in guiding future conservation and enforcement efforts. Image credit: Muhammad Alzahri.

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