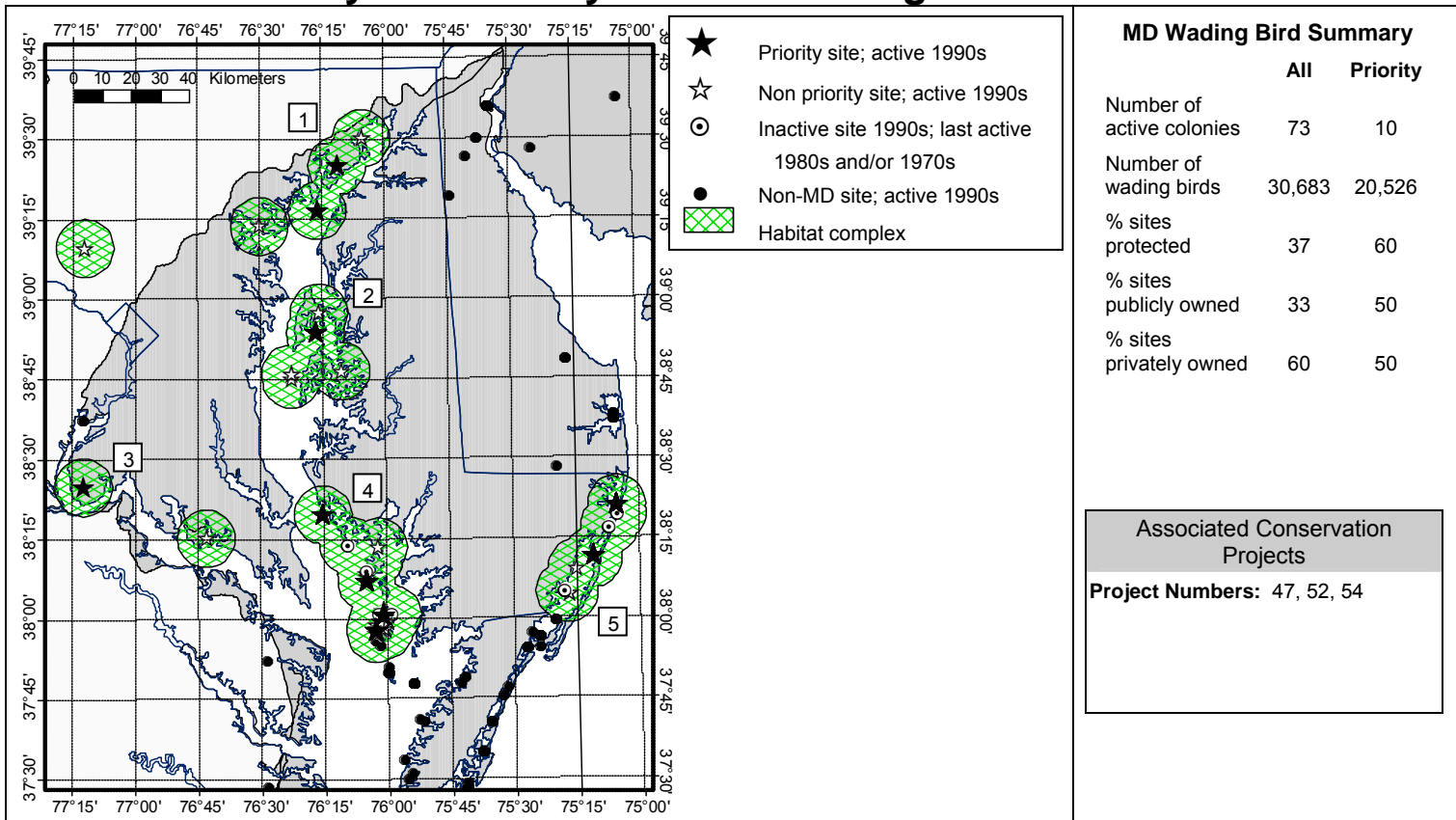


Maryland Priority Coastal Wading Bird Habitats



| MD Wading Bird Summary | | |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|
| | All | Priority |
| Number of active colonies | 73 | 10 |
| Number of wading birds | 30,683 | 20,526 |
| % sites protected | 37 | 60 |
| % sites publicly owned | 33 | 50 |
| % sites privately owned | 60 | 50 |

Associated Conservation Projects

Project Numbers: 47, 52, 54

| HABITAT COMPLEX | | | | PRIORITY SITES | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|---|--------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|--|--|
| ID | Name | N Birds; Species | Habitats | Site Name | Lat | Lon | Status-Owner | N Birds; Species | Conservation Actions |
| 1 | Aberdeen | 5200; BCNH, CAEG, GBHE, SNEG | Nesting-6 active sites; Foraging-10km (SNEG 1-2km); coastal and freshwater wetlands, tidal flats, marshes; CAEG 25km assoc w/ grazing livestock | Poole's Island | 39° 27' | 76° 27' | Protected-Federal | 2760; BCNH, GBHE | IBA, control shoreline erosion: primary threat to habitat on Poole's Island |
| | | | | Romney Creek | 39° 41' | 76° 19' | Protected-Federal | 1400; BCNH, GBHE | IBA, control shoreline erosion; assess impact of firing range area; recently abandoned (2003). |
| 2 | Eastern Bay | 5700; CAEG, GBHE, GLIB, GREG, LBHE, SNEG, TRHE | Nesting-7 active sites; Foraging-10km (SNEG 1-2km); coastal and freshwater wetlands, tidal flats, marshes; CAEG 25km assoc w/ grazing livestock | Bodkin Island | 38° 89' | 76° 28' | Unprotected-Private | 1650; CAEG, GLIB, LBHE, SNEG, TRHE | Colony has undergone recent significant decline (2003). |
| 3 | Nanjemoy Creek | 2600; GBHE | Nesting-1 active site; Foraging-10km estuarine marshes | Nanjemoy Creek | 38° 41' | 77° 20' | Protected-Private | 2600; GBHE | IBA |
| 4 | Mid-Chesapeake Bay | 23,000; BCNH, CAEG, GBHE, GLIB, GREG, LBHE, SNEG, TRHE, YCNH | Nesting-26 sites (21 active); Foraging-10km (SNEG 1-2km); coastal and freshwater wetlands, tidal flats, marshes; CAEG 25km assoc w/ grazing livestock | Lookout Tower | 38° 01' | 76° 01' | Protected-Federal | 2678; BCNH, CAEG, GLIB, GREG, GBHE, LBHE, SNEG, TRHE, YCNH | IBA, control severe erosion / habitat loss, some parts of the island losing up to 12 ft of shoreline per year |
| | | | | Holland Island | 38° 11' | 76° 08' | Unprotected-Private | 2294; BCNH, CAEG, GLIB, GREG, GBHE, LBHE, SNEG, TRHE, YCNH | IBA |
| | | | | Rhodes Point South | 37° 96' | 76° 04' | Unprotected-Private | 1178; BCNH, CAEG, GLIB, GREG, LBHE, SNEG, TRHE, YCNH | IBA |
| | | | | Barren Island | 38° 32' | 76° 25' | Unprotected-Private | 1150; CAEG, GLIB, GREG, GBHE, SNEG | |
| 5 | Chincoteague Bay | 13,200; BCNH, CAEG, GLIB, GREG, LBHE, SNEG, TRHE | Nesting-7 sites (4 active); Foraging-10km (SNEG 1-2km); coastal and freshwater wetlands, tidal flats, marshes; CAEG 25km assoc w/ grazing livestock | South Point Spoils | 38° 19' | 75° 18' | Protected-State | 3304; BCNH, CAEG, GLIB, GREG, LBHE, SNEG, TRHE | IBA |
| | | | | Heron Island | 38° 35' | 75° 08' | Protected-State | 1512; BCNH, CAEG, GBHE, GLIB, GREG, GRHE, LBHE, SNEG, TRHE | IBA, NPS camping during breeding season; reduce human use of beaches at nearby Assateague S.P. and Assateague Is. N.S. so not to limit use of areas by birds, recently abandoned (2003). |