

Rice and Waterbirds Working Group
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interested in applicability of shade-grown coffee/landbirds model to rice/waterbirds; interested in function of rice fields abutting wildlife refuges; wants to promote education and marketing aspects of rice/waterbirds

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recently completed a project to study waterbirds and shorebirds utilizing rice habitats in Argentina and Brazil, and now developing technical publication

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coordinates shorebird and waterbird conservation for Canada

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interested in promoting rice agriculture as it provides new habitats for migratory shorebirds; interested in provision of habitat by rice cultivation in and near WHSRN sites, also concerned about potential toxicity of treated fields

Chris Elphick; chris.elphick@uconn.edu; 860) 486-4547; Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Connecticut, 75 North Eagleville Road, U-43, Storrs, CT 06269, USA

extensive experience studying avian use of rice fields in California; has authored chapter in forthcoming book (Eady et al., funded by DU) interested in compiling and providing nexus for fragmented research efforts on waterbird use of rice and other row crops (activities include drafting review manuscripts, cataloguing waterbird/rice datasets from literature, providing on-line reference database)

Catherine Hickey; chickey@prbo.org; 415.868.0371 ext 307; Southern Pacific Shorebird Conservation Coordinator, PRBO Conservation Science, 4990 Shoreline Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970, USA

interested in promoting shorebird habitats in central valley, CA; interested in promoting best management practices in rice agriculture to benefit shorebirds through policy initiatives

Sammy King, sking16@lsu.edu; (225) 578-7564; Leader, Louisiana Coop Fish and Wildlife Unit, USGS Biological Resources Division Louisiana State University, 124 School of Renewable Natural Resources, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, USA

interested in regional issues facing lower Mississippi valley with regard to rice and waterbirds—including conversion to sugar cane, hurricane and saltwater intrusion problems, plans to restore coastal prairie habitats; conducting research with graduate students on marshbird (rails, bitterns, other) and waterfowl use of rice habitats; working broadly throughout the region with joint venture and other partners, including TNC

Lourdes Mugica; lmugica@fbio.uh.cu;

studies waterbird use of rice habitats in Cuba

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experience studying impacts of pesticides on birds and reptiles in cranberry wetlands and associated habitats; published a literature review of waterbirds and agricultural wetlands in 2002; interested in applied research to develop agrochemical management practices in agricultural lands that reduce toxic exposures in wildlife

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sees helping to fill a nexus role in connecting various constituencies around rice/waterbirds topic; interested in issue of rice agriculture and proximity to Ramsar wetlands