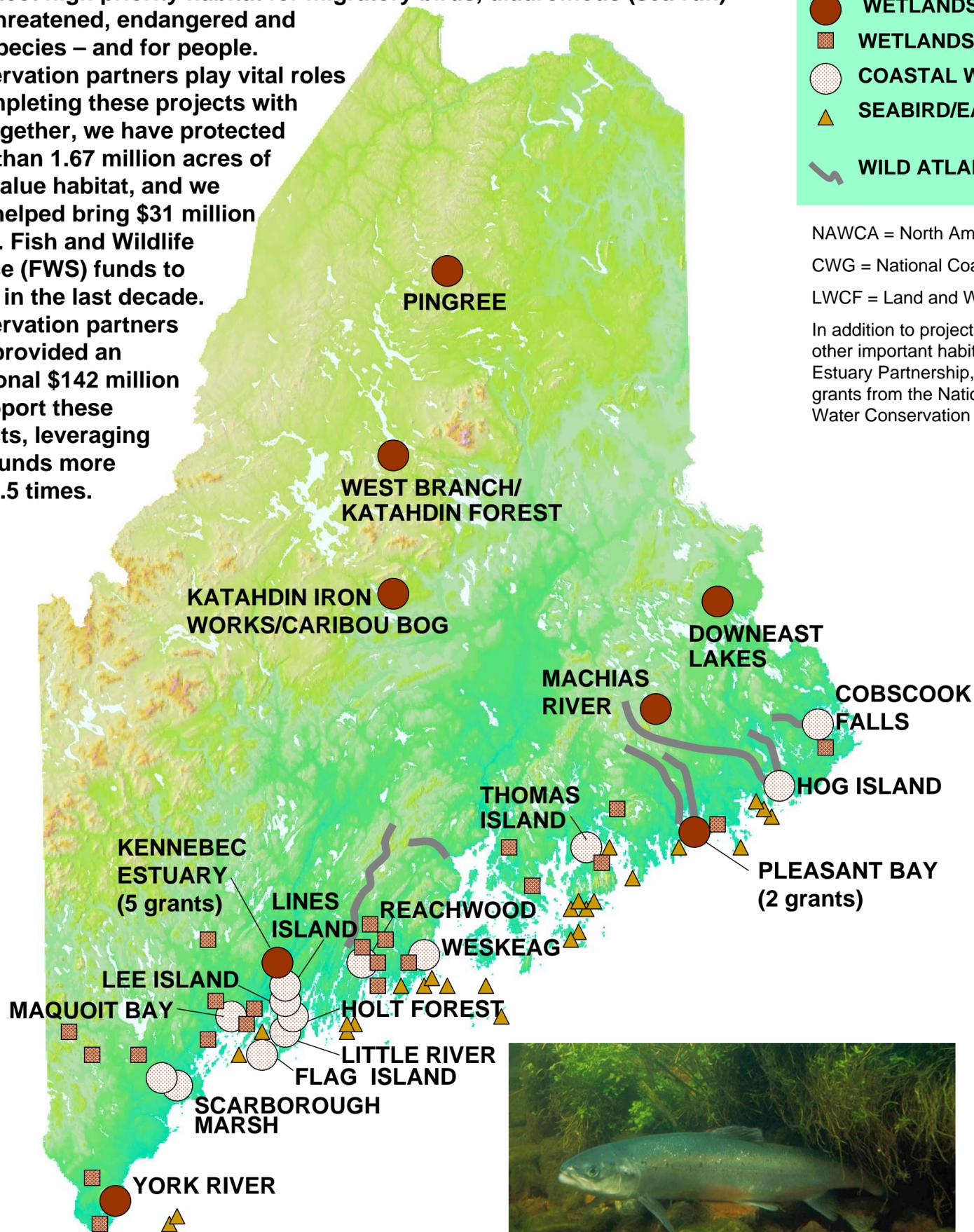




U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Gulf of Maine Coastal Program Habitat protection partnerships

Using a voluntary, collaborative approach, we work with federal and state agencies, non-government organizations and willing landowners, to protect high priority habitat for migratory birds, diadromous (sea-run) fish, threatened, endangered and rare species – and for people. Conservation partners play vital roles in completing these projects with us. Together, we have protected more than 1.67 million acres of high value habitat, and we have helped bring \$31 million In U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) funds to Maine in the last decade. Conservation partners have provided an additional \$142 million to support these projects, leveraging FWS funds more than 4.5 times.



KEY

- WETLANDS: Large NAWCA Grants: 1,452,596 acres**
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CWG = National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Act

LWCF = Land and Water Conservation Funds to ME Islands NWR

In addition to projects identified on this poster, we have also supported many other important habitat protection projects with funds from the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership, Landowner Incentives Program, individual and block grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and additional Land and Water Conservation Funds.

