

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), \$4,750,000 to remain available until expended. (*Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009.*)

Authorizing Statutes

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2006, (16 U.S.C. 6101).

For expenses necessary to carryout the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.) Authorizes competitive grants program for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Latin America, Canada and the Caribbean. Authorization of Appropriations: Expires September 30, 2010.

Activity: Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund

	2008 Actual	2009 Enacted	2010			Change from 2009 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs & Related Changes (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (\$000)	4,430	4,750	0	0	4,750	0
FTE	1	1	0	0	1	0

Program Performance Change

In FY 2010, 3,644 acres of habitat in U.S./Mexico/Latin America will be restored; an increase of 1,238 acres over the FY 2009 level. Also, 79,658 acres will be protected in U.S./Mexico/Latin America, which is a reduction in the planned FY 2009 target of 513,054.

The FY 2010 performance changes are not due to FY 2010 program funding alone. The changes in acres of habitat restored/enhanced or protected/secured are the result of projects funded from several years previous that were completed during a particular fiscal year. The change in performance from 2007 to 2008, 2009 and 2010 demonstrates the variability inherent in multi-year grants as to when they are proposed/funded, and when they are reported as completed. This year-to-year variability is responsible for the fluctuation in reported acreages that are associated with a given fiscal year.

Program Performance Change

Performance Goal	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Actual	2009 Plan	2010 Base Budget (2009 Plan + Fixed Costs)	2010 President's Budget	Program Change Accruing in 2010	Program Change Accruing in Out-years
Sustaining Biological Communities								
CSF 6.4 Percent of habitat needs met to achieve healthy and sustainable levels of migratory birds - cumulative (PART)	45.9% (31,038,128 of 67,673,168)	51.5% (229,656,269 of 445,882,181)	52.1% (233,127,859 of 447,161,217)	52.3% (233,903,136 of 447,209,213)	52.3% (233,903,136 of 447,209,213)	52.1% (272,550,579 of 522,937,335)	-0.2% (-0.4%)	
CSF Total Actual/Projected Expenditures(\$000)	\$7,963	\$31,303	\$44,221	\$62,359	\$62,359	\$74,333	\$11,975	
CSF Program Total Actual/Projected Expenditures(\$000)	\$5,338	\$29,224	\$41,316	\$59,876	\$59,876	\$61,253	\$1,377	
6.4.3 # of acres restored/enhanced of habitat in U.S./Mexico/Latin America through NMBCA	16,516	32,105	18,715	2,406	2,406	3,644	1,238 (34.0%)	
Comments:	Acres of habitat reported as restored or enhanced are the result of projects funded from several years previous that were completed during a particular fiscal year. The change in performance from 2007 to 08, 09 and 10 demonstrates the variability inherent in multi-year grants as to when they are proposed/funded and when they are reported as completed. This year-to-year variability is responsible for the fluctuation in reported acreages that are associated with a given fiscal year.							
6.4.4 # of acres protected/secured of habitat in U.S./Mexico/Latin America through partnerships and networked lands using NMBCA	66,964	409,123	176,641	513,054	513,054	79,658	-433,396 (-544.1%)	
Comments:	Acres of habitat reported as protected or secured are the result of projects funded from several years previous that were completed during a particular fiscal year. The change in performance from 2007 to 08, 09 and 10 demonstrates the variability inherent in multi-year grants as to when they are proposed/funded and when they are reported as completed. This year-to-year variability is responsible for the fluctuation in reported acreages that are associated with a given fiscal year.							

Program Overview

The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA) grants program provides matching grants to partners throughout the ranges of migratory birds in the Western Hemisphere. Of the 341 species of birds that breed in or pass through the U.S. to winter in Latin America and the Caribbean, seven are focal species targeted by the Service, and 121 are birds on the list of the Service's conservation concern. Eleven of the 20 birds on Audubon's "List of the Top 20 Birds in Decline" are long-distance migrants that benefit from grants provided through the NMBCA. The projects supported by this program respond to the full range of needed conservation activities to promote and protect Neotropical migrants, including securing habitat, restoring habitat, doing law enforcement, providing education and outreach, and conducting research and monitoring.

Through FY 2008, conservation partners have received more than \$25 million in grant funds in support of 259 projects in 33 countries, and 44 U.S. States across the Western Hemisphere. Partners have contributed approximately \$112 million in matching funds to these projects. All bird groups have benefited, including songbirds, raptors, shorebirds, and waterfowl.

2010 Program Performance

In FY 2010 the NMBCA grant program is expected to fund approximately 37 new projects with \$4.7 million in grant funds that eventually will protect approximately 110,000 acres of neotropical bird habitat. Every grant dollar will be matched by at least three non-Federal partner dollars; to date the program is averaging more than four dollars in non-Federal match to every grant dollar. This means our grant funds will leverage at least \$13.8 million in partner funds to support projects in the U.S., Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Among other factors, the NMBCA program's grant selection criteria considers whether a proposed project addresses neotropical migrants identified as a conservation priority, including the Service's focal species priority list; whether a proposed project addresses conservation priorities of other international bird conservation plans such as Partners in Flight; and whether the proposal represents coordination among public and private organizations, such as through a Joint Venture. These criteria have been in use by reviewers since FY 2008 and will continue to apply to grant proposal review and development for FY 2010.

Projects funded through NMBCA grants explicitly further two Fish and Wildlife Service measurable outcomes that sustain biological communities and contribute to the percent of habitat needs met to achieve healthy and sustainable levels of migratory birds. These measures are the number of acres restored/enhanced of habitat in U.S./Mexico/Latin America through NMBCA, and the number of acres of habitat protected/secured in U.S./Mexico/Latin America through partnerships and networked lands using NMBCA. Additionally, the program's actions contribute to the success of the Department and Service's goal that tracks the number of international species of management concern whose status has been improved in cooperation with affected countries.

The planned performance for the NMBCA program in FY 2010 is approximately 3,644 acres of restored or enhanced habitat, and 79,658 acres of protected or secured habitat in the U.S., Canada, Caribbean, and Latin America. These acres are the result of projects funded from several years earlier that are reaching their completion during this fiscal year. Because accomplishments are generated from previous years' grant awards, these numbers would not be changed substantially from earlier years' accomplishments. NMBCA-funded habitat acres directly address the threats to migratory birds from tropical deforestation and wintering habitat conversion. In addition to the projected habitat accomplishments, NMBCA-funded projects will benefit migratory birds through other eligible project activities, including research and monitoring of bird populations, law enforcement, and outreach and education.

Program Performance Overview

Performance Goal	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Plan	2008 Actual	2009 Plan	2010 President's Budget	Change from 2009 Plan to 2010	Long-term Target 2013
Sustaining Biological Communities									
CSF 6.4 Percent of habitat needs met to achieve healthy and sustainable levels of migratory birds - cumulative (PART)	40.5% (25,700,000 of 63,500,000)	45.9% (31,038,128 of 67,673,168)	51.5% (229,656,269 of 445,882,181)	52.1% (233,127,859 of 447,161,217)	51.5% (230,334,330 of 447,161,217)	52.3% (233,903,136 of 447,209,213)	52.1% (272,550,579 of 522,937,335)	-0.2% (-0.4%)	52.1% (272,550,579 of 522,937,335)
CSF Total Actual/Projected Expenditures(\$000)	unk	\$7,963	\$31,303	unk	\$44,221	\$62,359	\$74,333	\$11,975	\$79,580
CSF Program Total Actual/Projected Expenditures(\$000)	unk	\$5,338	\$29,224	unk	\$41,316	\$59,876	\$61,253	\$1,377	\$65,576
Performance Goal	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Plan	2008 Actual	2009 Plan	2010 President's Budget	Change from 2009 Plan to 2010	Long-term Target 2013
Actual/Projected Cost Per Acres (whole dollars)	unk	\$0	\$0	unk	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6.4.3 # of acres restored/enhanced of habitat in U.S./Mexico/Latin America through NMBCA	5,905	16,516	32,105	18,715	17,327	2,406	3,644	1,238 (34.0%)	3,644
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Standard Form 300			
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION FUND			
Program and financing (in millions of dollars)			
Identification code 14-1652-0-1-302	2008 Actual	2009 Estimate	2010 Estimate
Obligations by program activity:			
00.06 Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation	4	5	5
10.00 Total obligations	4	5	5
Budgetary resources available for obligation:			
21.40 Unobligated balance available, start of year	0	1	1
22.00 New budget authority (gross)	5	5	5
23.90 Total budgetary resources available for obligation	5	6	6
23.95 Total new obligations	-4	-5	-5
24.40 Unobligated balance available, end of year	1	1	1
New budget authority (gross), detail:			
40.00 Appropriation (special fund, definite)	5	5	5
43.00 Appropriation Total	5	5	5
Change in unpaid obligations:			
72.40 Obligated balance, start of year	7	6	5
73.10 Total new obligations	4	5	5
73.20 Total outlays (gross) (-)	-5	-6	-7
74.40 Obligated balance, end of year	6	5	3
Outlays (gross), detail:			
86.90 Outlays from new discretionary authority	5	2	2
86.93 Outlays from current authority	0	4	5
87.00 Total outlays (gross)	5	6	7
Net budget authority and outlays:			
89.00 Budget authority	5	5	5
90.00 Outlays	5	6	7
95.02 Unpaid Obligation, end of year	6	0	0
Object classification			
41.0 Grants, subsidies and contributions	4	5	5
99.9 Total obligations	4	5	5
Personnel Summary			
Total compensable workyears:			
Full-time equivalent employment	1	1	1

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