The North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 provides matching grants to organizations and partnerships to carry out wetland conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Accomplishments
Since 1991, more than 1,180 partners have been involved in 312 North American Wetlands Conservation Act projects in Mexico. Partners have matched grant funds more than two-to-one, tripling the impact on the ground. Grant and matching funds support a wide range of conservation activities in Mexico, including projects that:

- protect, restore, or enhance wetlands and other migratory bird habitats throughout the country;
- create or strengthen conservation-stewardship attitudes within many local communities through environmental education programs;
- enhance Mexican conservation professionals’ capabilities in natural resource management through various technical or capacity-building training programs; and
- advance the conservation community’s understanding of bird populations and habitats through monitoring and sustainable use initiatives.

The Process
Once a year, applicants submit project proposals both to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Division of Bird Habitat Conservation and Mexico’s Secretariat of the Environment and Natural Resources Division of Wildlife (SEMARNAT-DGVS), the Service’s counterpart in Mexico. Based on their longstanding partnership, the offices collaborate on the evaluation of each proposal. Eligible proposals are presented to the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, which reviews, ranks, and recommends projects to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission for final funding approval. The Division of Bird Habitat Conservation awards grants and administers the approved projects.

2018 Grants

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Number of Projects: 8

Program Totals since 1991

Grant Funding: $58,031,045
Matching Funds: $126,683,348
Projects: 312
Mexican States: 11
History

Over the past 25 years, the Act has provided funds to protect and restore more than 30 million acres in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The Act was originally passed to support activities under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, a trinational agreement that provides a strategy for the long-term protection of wetland and associated upland habitats needed by waterfowl and other migratory birds. Since then, the Act has expanded its scope to include the conservation of wetland associated migratory birds listed in the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan, the North American Waterbird Conservation Plan and the Partners In Flight Conservation Plans.

More Information

Please visit www.fws.gov/birds/grants.php or contact Andrea Grosse, Program Coordinator, 703/358-2472, andrea_grosse@fws.gov.

Project Highlights

In 2017, approved projects will invest more than $2.2 million in U.S. federal funds in 11 Mexican states, including:

- $174,234 for the ecological restoration of mangroves in northern Yucatán (Pronatura Peninsula de Yucatan)
- $495,570 for the protection, ecological enhancement and management of Laguna Santiaguillo (Pronatura Noreste, A.C.)
- $260,649 for the restoration of freshwater wetlands as waterfowl habitat in La Mezquitoza Ranch (Ducks Unlimited de México, A.C.)
- $124,244 for the hydrological restoration of wetlands at Chuburna Puerto (Ducks Unlimited de México, A.C.)

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