

**Habitat and Population Evaluation Team, Office of Conservation Science,  
Region 6, National Wildlife Refuge System/Migratory Birds**

**Mission:** The mission of the HAPET Office is to support the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the greater conservation community, with effective integration of science, planning, and delivery to conserve and manage trust resources, especially migratory birds. In meeting its core mission, HAPET is committed to delivering science and planning necessary to assist in addressing Regional Priorities in the conservation of trust resources of the Service. The HAPET office will achieve this mission by providing science support to conservation programs that address key limiting factors on populations and associated habitat of priority trust species with primary focus on species/issues associated with migratory bird joint ventures and secondarily with other partnerships geographically overlapping Region 6. **Goals to fulfill mission:**

- Pursue opportunities to collaborate with Region 6 NWRs, Migratory Bird Joint Ventures and Regional Migratory Bird offices, Region 3 HAPET, NWRS Biological Inventory and Monitoring Program, Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs), other Service programs, and partners (States, USGS, others) to develop biological, climate, energy development impacts, landscape, and habitat information relevant to the conservation of priority trust species within Region 6.
- Actively engage in Landscape Conservation Cooperatives through their technical committees and other actions, and support the field efforts to identify emerging science needs and research proposals for LCC consideration.
- Support the development and application of spatially explicit models, decision support tools, and strategic guidance for biological planning, conservation design and delivery targeting waterfowl, other migratory birds, and specific priority trust species that are integral to achieving the goals and objectives of the National Wildlife Refuge System, Migratory Bird Program, joint ventures, and Service priorities within Region 6.
- Enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Refuge Program by developing custom GIS applications, providing training in spatial science and development of spatial models, supporting GIS activities within Region 6, and sharing GIS and modeling applications and expertise with partners and refuges nationally.
- Enhance the Service's capabilities by using science to monitor and assess the biological accomplishments of Service conservation programs, USDA conservation programs, and other habitat conservation activities on the appropriate landscapes to demonstrate these accomplishments and values to Congress and other stakeholders.
- Support the biological planning, monitoring, and evaluation for the Prairie Pothole and Northern Great Plains Joint Ventures and others where appropriate and reasonable.
- Grow HAPET's planning, monitoring and evaluation expertise to a broader suite of species and habitat to further our trust resource responsibilities.