

The Next Step in Strategic Habitat Conservation: Moving Forward with Landscape-scale Conservation

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Caribbean Workshop

October 30 - 31, 2012

Agenda



Location: Sheraton Old San Juan

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must continue to evolve and work closely with its conservation partners to meet today's threats to the nation's natural resources. If we don't move aggressively to determine the conservation landscape of the future, by 2050 it will be determined for us. As part of this process the Service has developed Draft Technical Guidance on Selecting Species for Design of Landscape-scale Conservation and is seeking feedback on this draft guidance.

Surrogate Species Training Objectives

By the end of the day and a half training/workshop, participants will better understand:

- 1) The role of selecting species for design of landscape-scale conservation.
- 2) The connection between surrogate species, conservation targets, and the Service's approach to landscape-scale conservation (Strategic Habitat Conservation).
- 3) How past and current work tie into surrogate species.
- 4) How to provide informed feedback on the Service's Draft Technical Guidance on Selecting Species for Design of Landscape-scale Conservation

Tuesday October 30, 2012

- 7:30 - 8 Registration and coffee. Handing out Workshop Pre-Assessment Form
- 8 Welcome, Introductions, Key Points about Objectives of these Two Days
Edwin Muñiz, Field Supervisor,
Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office, USFWS
- 8:15 **The Vision –
Where is FWS Headed with this and Why**
Cindy Dohner, Regional Director Southeast Region,
USFWS
- 8:45 **A Conservation Conversation**
Cindy Dohner
Daniel Galán, Secretary PR Department of Natural
and Environmental Resources
- 9:15 **Evolving to Meet the Challenges –
Landscape-scale Conservation and the Role of
Selecting Species**
Leopoldo Miranda, Assistant Regional Director,
Southeast Region Ecological Services, USFWS
- 9:45 Break
- 10 **Caribbean Landscape Conservation Cooperative**
Bill Gould, Coordinator, Caribbean Landscape
Conservation Cooperative
Steering Committee Members
- 11 **Concepts Behind Selecting Target Species for
Landscape-scale Conservation**
Bob Ford, USFWS
Bill Uihlein, USFWS
Ed Laurent, American Bird Conservancy
- 11:45-12:45 Lunch (On your own)
- 12:45 **Report on Pre-assessment and
Questions from Morning Session**
Laura Brandt and Bob Ford, USFWS

1-4	<p>Draft Technical Guidance on Selecting Species for Design of Landscape-scale Conservation</p> <p>Marelisa Rivera, Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office, USFWS – Moderator</p>	4:45	<p>Summary of Day 1 and Introduction to Objectives for Day 2</p> <p>Ana Román, Caribbean Islands National Wildlife Refuge, USFWS</p>
1	<p>Steps 1-3: Objectives, Scale, and Determining Which Species</p> <p>Step 1: Develop and clearly specify management or conservation objectives for the surrogate species approach.</p> <p>Step 2: Identify geographic scale.</p> <p>Step 3: Determine which species to consider in the identified landscape.</p> <p>Laura Brandt, Bob Ford, Ed Laurent</p> <p>USFWS (Joint ES and NWR) – Rafael Gonzalez</p> <p>Examples from the Caribbean Steps 1-3</p>	5	<p>Adjourn</p>
Wednesday, October 31			
2	<p>Steps 4 - 7: Criteria for Establishing Surrogates, Which Species Require Special Attention, and Population Objectives</p> <p>Step 4: Decide which criteria to use in determining surrogate species.</p> <p>Step 5: Establish surrogate Species.</p> <p>Step 6: Identify species requiring special attention.</p> <p>Step 7: Identify population objectives.</p> <p>Laura Brandt, Bob Ford, Ed Laurent</p> <p>USFWS (Joint ES and NWR) – Ricardo Colon</p> <p>Examples from the Caribbean Steps 4-7</p>	8	<p>Recap of Day 1, Insights and Consternations, Introduction to Next Section and Hand Out Post-assessment</p> <p>Susan Silander, Caribbean Island NWR Complex Project Leader, USFWS</p>
3-3:30	<p>Break</p>	8:30-12:00	<p>Existing Efforts to Select Species and Set Conservation Targets</p>
3:30	<p>Steps 8 - 10: Addressing Logic and Consistency, Knowledge Gaps and Uncertainties, and the Critical Need to State Assumptions Clearly to Drive Monitoring and Research Needs</p> <p>Step 8: Test for logic and consistency</p> <p>Step 9: Identify knowledge gaps and uncertainties</p> <p>Step 10: Monitor the effectiveness of the approach</p> <p>Laura Brandt</p> <p>Bob Ford</p> <p>Ed Laurent</p> <p>USFWS (Joint ES and NWR) – Jose Cruz and Ivan Llerandi, Examples from the Caribbean Steps 8-10</p>	8:30	<p>Puerto Rico Efforts to Select Species and Set Conservation Targets</p> <p>Miguel Garcia, Department of Natural and Environmental Resources</p>
4:30	<p>Providing Feedback on the Draft Technical Guidance</p> <p>Stacy Shelton, Public Affairs Specialist, USFWS</p>	9	<p>Forest Service Efforts to Select Species and Set Conservation Targets</p> <p>Pedro Rios, U.S. Forest Service</p>
		9:30	<p>USFWS Region 4 Efforts to Select Species and Set Conservation Targets</p> <p>Bob Ford and Bill Uihlein</p>
		10	<p>Turn in Post-assessment</p>
		10	<p>Break</p>
		10:15	<p>Break Out Groups for Discussion</p> <p>Moderator – Marelisa Rivera</p> <p>Group Leaders – José Cruz, Iván Llerandi, Mike Barandiaran, Ed Laurent, Laura Brandt and Stacy Shelton</p>
		11:15	<p>Report Back and Panel Discussion; Report Post Assessment</p>
		11:45	<p>Next Steps and Continuing the Conversation and Engagement</p> <p>Cindy Dohner</p> <p>Daniel Galan</p>
		12:15	<p>Closing Thoughts: Questions, Comments, Feedback from Participants/Evaluation Summary</p> <p>Adjourn Surrogate Species Training/Workshop</p>
		1:30-4:30	<p>Caribbean Landscape Conservation Cooperative Steering Committee Meeting: Governance and Research Priorities.</p>

This meeting will be limited to CLCC Steering Committee Members and RO Staff.

