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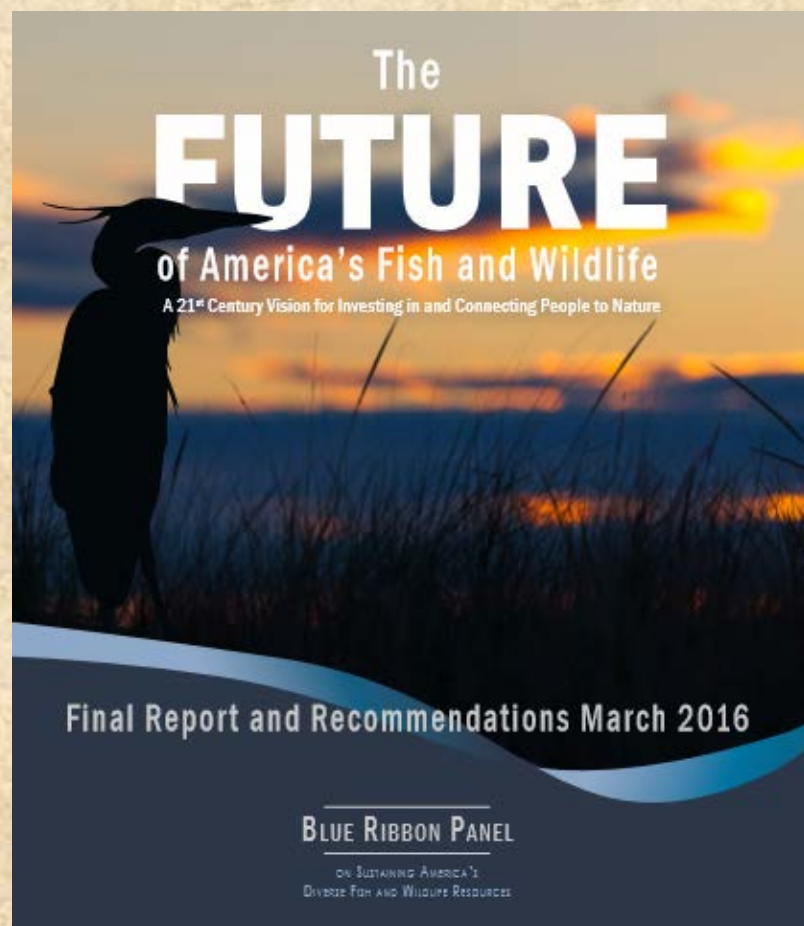
AFWA and State Agencies Report on International Activities



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THE BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON SUSTAINING AMERICA'S DIVERSE FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

- Twenty visionary leaders to chart a course toward a new mechanism to sustainably fund fish and wildlife conservation.
- Convened in 2015
- In March 2016, the Panel recommended that a \$1.3 billion trust fund be created using existing fees from energy and mineral development on federal lands and water to support implementation of State Wildlife Action Plans in every state, territory and the District of Columbia.



CITES



- AFWA has a Working Group of State Wildlife Agency representatives to engage on CITES issues, and works closely with the FWS.
- The CITES Technical Work Group represented the state fish and wildlife agencies at the 28th Animals Committee meeting August 28-September 3, 2015, and the 66th Standing Committee in January 2016.
- The Animals Committee discussed 23 substantive agenda items, including but not limited to: non-detriment findings; the review of significant trade in Appendix II species; the periodic review of animal species included in the Appendices; tortoises and freshwater turtles; and snake trade and conservation management

NAWCA

- State wildlife agencies contribute funds to Ducks Unlimited, which matches the funds for wetland and waterfowl projects in Canada.
- Since 1986, State wildlife agencies have contributed over \$78 million of non-federal match to the AFWA endorsed initiative for Canadian NAWMP/NAWCA projects.



Mexican Wolf Recovery

- Dec 2015 - April 2016: AZ, NM, UT, and CO participated in a series of recovery planning workshops for the Mexican wolf.
- Identify and evaluate the most current scientific information available on habitat suitability modeling, population demographics, and prey availability for the recovery of the Mexican wolf.
- Information gathered during these workshops will be used to develop the recovery criteria that will be the basis for delisting the Mexican wolf under the Endangered Species Act.



SOUTHERN WINGS PROGRAM

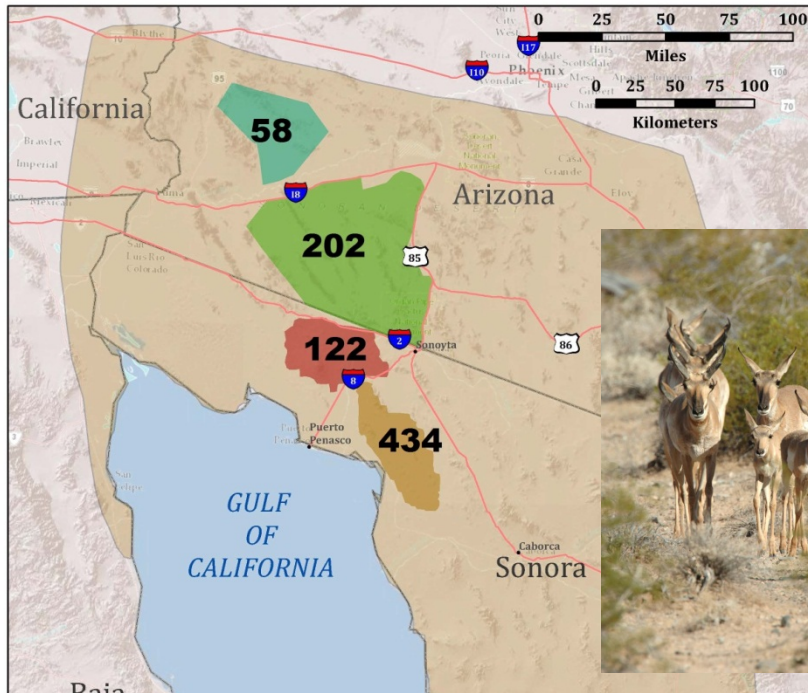
- Since its inception, state agencies and their in-state partners have contributed over \$1,200,000 USD and \$557,000 in-kind leveraging hundreds of thousands of additional funds.
- Protecting crucial wintering habitat for priority species including Cerulean, Golden-winged and Prothonotary Warbler, Bicknell's and Wood Thrush, as well as a suite of grassland birds including Long-Billed Curlew and Mountain Plover



US-Mexico Border States



- AZ – Contributed to update the Mexican Conservation Action Program (PACE) for the Pronghorn, including all the subspecies present in Mexico.



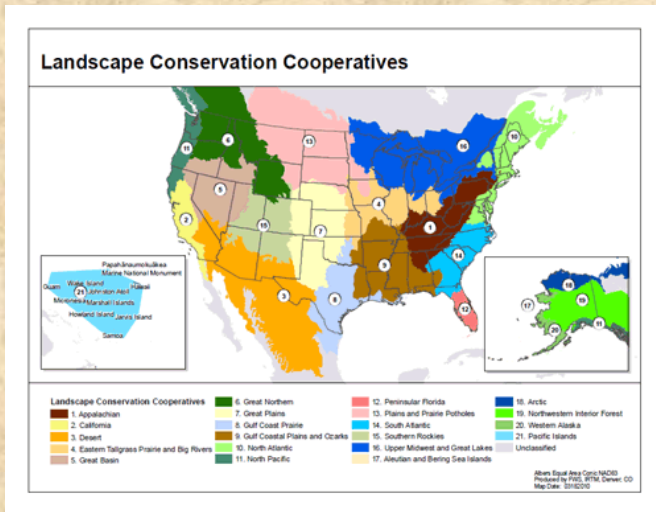
- AZ - Estimated population of Sonoran pronghorn in AZ is 490 (from 21 in 2002) and in Sonora is 979 (versus 241 in 2011).



US-Mexico Border States



- TX: contributed \$350,000 to NAWMP/NAWCA projects
- TX: detection of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in a white-tailed deer breeding facility in Texas and invited Mexico to participate in the CWD
- TX: Continues to coordinate the Border states-Safari Club International (SCI) partnership. Expanded to other Latin America countries.



US-Mexico Border States



- TX - provided \$200,000 to support binational recovery actions for the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle.

- TX: During the 2015 Kemp's Ridley nesting season 14,006 nests were registered from Tamaulipas beaches, mostly from the Rancho Nuevo beach.



- TX: The Deepwater Horizon Sea Turtle Restoration Program hopes to provide \$450,000 per year for the next 9 years.



Thank you!



Cerulean warbler
– SGCN
in 32 states



Buff-breasted Sandpiper – SGCN in 15 states