



The U.S. Shorebird Conservation Partnership

Building Collaborative Action for Shorebird Conservation

Happenings within the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Partnership

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1) The Program for Regional and International Shorebird Monitoring (PRISM) is currently reviewing "**Standards for Monitoring Nonbreeding Shorebirds in the Western Hemisphere**". Although the focus was on programs that cross state boundaries, such as the ISS, many of the ideas are applicable to any scale. Input was gathered through workshops and reviews included the folks that administer the programs and some practitioners. The general motivation was the need to obtain larger scales perspectives from the various programs underway. A final draft should be available in May.

2) We are embarking on a revision to the 2012 **shorebird populations sizes and trends** paper. If anyone has information that should be considered, please forward to Brad Andres.

3) We were finally able to distribute \$464,650, through USAID, to partners to address **Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative implementation** in Brazil, Suriname, Guyana and Barbados. Most of the projects addressed shorebird hunting. We are currently looking for funding for assessment work in Trinidad and Tobago and Guadeloupe and for establishment and maintenance of a second non-shooting swamp on Barbados.

4) A **Spanish language** version of the **Pacific Americas Shorebird Conservation Strategy** has been completed and is currently being distributed to Latin American partners.

5) The **Pacific Americas Shorebird Conservation Strategy** is hiring a part-time coordinator to begin **catalyzing work with the shrimp aquaculture industry** in relation to shorebird conservation and human wellbeing. The purpose is to provide a comprehensive overview of shrimp aquaculture production and the positive and negative interactions with shorebirds. The initial geographic focus will be the Northern and Southern Mesoamerican Mangrove Forests of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama, with a special emphasis on the Gulf of Fonseca.

6) The **WHSRN-US Committee** has been resurrected has developed an updated Terms of Reference, Committee member list, and work plan (through December 2018). Items currently being worked on or have been worked on, include: 1) review of U. S. site/landscape nominations, 2) recommended changes for land owner agreement language for nominations, and 3) identification of potential sites for total numbers of shorebirds and populations of greatest conservation concern (not listed under the U. S. Endangered Species Act. We will also be working on building communications with and among current U. S. sites.

7) The Centro de Ornitología y Biodiversidad (CORBIDI) hosted a very successful seventh meeting of the **Western Hemisphere Shorebird Group** in Paracas, Peru in November. Besides the general science papers, we held a one-day joint Atlantic-Pacific Flyway workshop on shrimp aquaculture and shorebirds. Cornell University, in conjunction with Conservation Solutions, are developing a shorebird conservation fellowship program, funded by the Packard Foundation, to address the needs identified in the PASCs. There was also a presentation on the use of eBird as a monitoring tool for shorebirds, and planned changes relative to ancillary data collection and spatial delineation may enhance the utility of eBird for shorebird monitoring.

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