



The U.S. Shorebird Conservation Partnership *Building Collaborative Action for Shorebird Conservation*

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The **U.S. Shorebird Conservation Partnership (USSCP)** is completing a draft of a synopsis that will highlight progress since plan development in 2001 and identify its future direction. The structure is organized by NABCI priorities and will be available by December 2021.

The Atlantic, Midcontinent and Pacific flyway shorebird initiatives have developed a universal **Shorebird Conservation Initiatives of the Americas** landing page to present a unified web presence for all of the flyway-scale shorebird conservation efforts. The website is available at <https://shorebirdflyways.org/>.

Partners in South America are completing workshops as part of the development of the **Midcontinent Shorebird Conservation Initiative (MSCI)**. A Canada-USA group is working to integrate an Arctic and Boreal perspective into the MSCI framework and to contribute to an **update of the Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative Business Plan**, which is currently underway. The **Pacific Shorebird Conservation Initiative** is in the process of evaluating the effectiveness of its strategy. The Asian Development Bank, the **East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership** and BirdLife International are developing a Regional Flyway Initiative that will support the protection, maintenance and restoration of coastal wetlands in East and Southeast Asia.

The Knobloch Family Foundation has provided three years of funding to establish the **Shorebird Science and Conservation Collective**, which aims to 1) synthesize shorebird tracking and integrate it with other information such as eBird citizen science data and shorebird survey count data, and 2) provide scientific information to landowners, managers, and conservation groups to use in on-the-ground conservation and management projects to promote robust populations of shorebirds. Three conservation fellows are in the process of being hired to accomplish these objectives.

Details of the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funding through the USAID** budget are still being worked out to implement shorebird conservation projects in the Pacific and Atlantic Americas Flyways. Appropriated funds are now \$3.75M for projects south of the U.S.

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