

Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative

Mission and Small Grants Program
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WHMSI – A network for conservation of the migratory species of the Western Hemisphere that includes CMS, RAMSAR, Inter American Turtle Convention, NABCI, WHSRN, and Manatee Conservation Trust as examples.



Migration Species

WHMSI seeks to address all wildlife species migrating through the countries of the Americas

Most recent working groups include Marine and Flyways Strategies and Grants



Migration

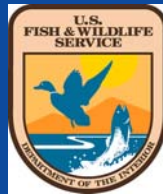


Due to their natural history, many species must travel across landscapes that cross national boundaries, languages and economies

Our vision is Path of the Panther concept throughout the Americas for all species



Marine and Flyways Committees



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- The Marine Committee financed in 2012 the implementation of:
 - 5 project proposals at \$20,000 each
 - Under the following Migratory Species Categories and habitats of greatest concern:



1. Small marine mammals



2. Sharks and Rays



3. Large Marine Mammals



4. Coral reefs and mangroves

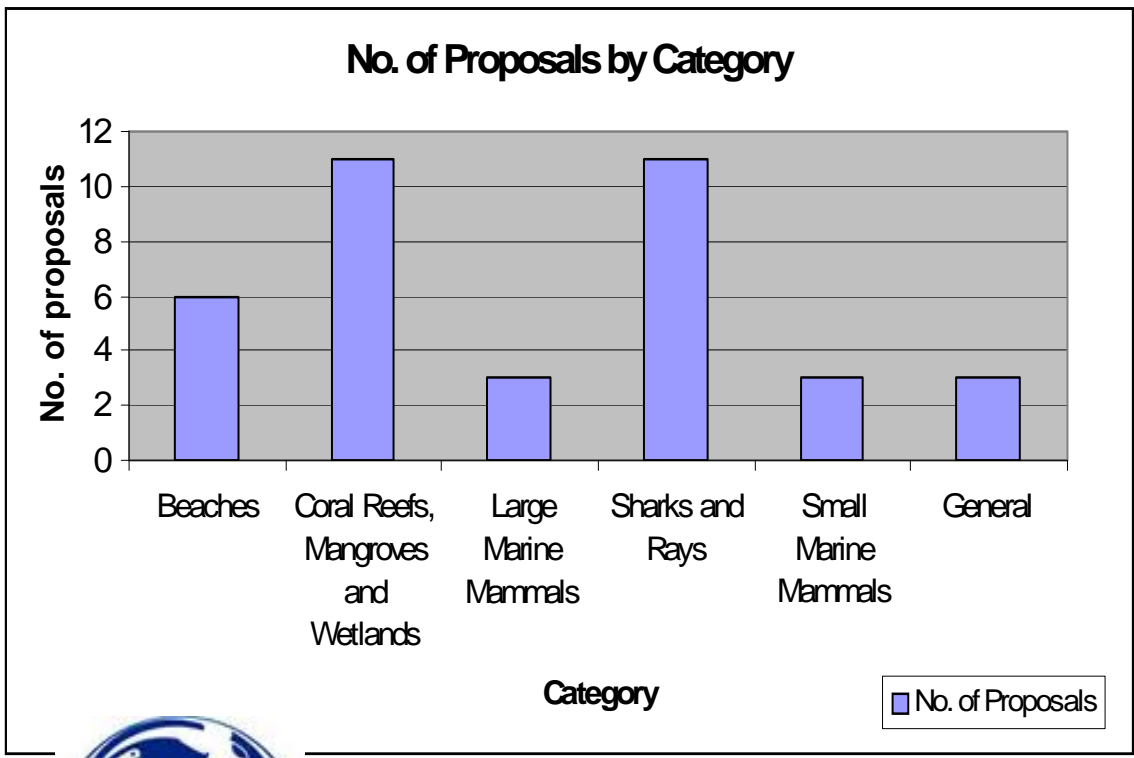


5. Beaches (including nesting beaches)

Project Proposals Received

- 37 Proposals from 16 countries were received

Country	No. of Proposals
Antigua	1
Argentina	2
Belize	1
Brazil	2
Chile	3
Colombia	5
Costa Rica	3
Dominica	2
Dominican Republic	1
El Salvador	1
Grenada	1
Honduras	1
Mexico	8
Panama	3
Peru	1
St Vincent and the Grenadines	1
Uruguay	1
Total:	37








Results – Top Proposals



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Country	Institution	Title	Score
Mexico	Teyeliz A.C. / Defenders of Wildlife	Shark Identification Workshop for Law Enforcement	90%
Argentina	Fundación Cethus	<u>Detección acústica y educación ambiental: Dos componentes esenciales para la conservación de la Franciscana (Pontoporia blainvillei)</u>	85%
Panama	MARVIVA Foundation	<u>Identifying Replicable Shark Conservation Strategies to Support Balanced Marine Ecosystems</u>	84%
Argentina	Centro Nacional Patagónico (CENPAT) - Organismo Provincial para el Desarrollo Sostenible (OPDS)	<u>Estrategias para Fortalecer Acciones de Conservación en un Humedal Clave para las Aves Playeras Migratorias: Bahía Samborombón, Argentina</u>	81%
Dominica	Caribwhale	<u>A Biogeographic Mapping Network, development of a mobile application for Regional Cetacean Monitoring</u>	81%
St Vincent and the Grenadines	Sustainable Grenadines (SusGren)	<u>Sharing Best Management Practices for Coral Reef and Mangrove Conservation in the Grenadines</u>	81%



Institution	Website	Location	Date	Description
	Monitoring Land Birds in Caribbean Protected Areas for Adaptive Management and Public Education	Bahamas National Trust, Nassau, Bahamas	Feb 23-27 2011.	Promote terrestrial bird monitoring in and buffer zones and their application to adaptive management and environmental education. Develop a strategy to increase capacity for bird and habitat monitoring using citizen scientists. More...
	"Incorporating climate adaptation into marine turtle conservation: capacity strengthening for planning and implementation"	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Nov 1-3, 2010.	Build capacity for climate change adaptation in coastal areas of Latin America and the Caribbean by focusing on habitats used by endangered marine turtles. More...
	Training Local Stakeholders in Reforestation and the Management of Land Neotropical Migrants in Colombia, Nicaragua, and Peru.	Colombia, Peru and Nicaragua	Nov 2010 - Jan 2011.	Engage local coffee growers and cattle ranchers in the region in improving the productivity of their lands for birds. An integral part of this reforestation project will be engaging local stakeholders in the protection of habitat for migratory songbirds. More...
	Creando Capacidades para Unir Iniciativas de Conservacion de Aves Migratorias de Pastizales	Audubon (USA) and Asuncion (Paraguay)	Nov - Dec 2010.	Facilitate the adaptation and application of a method to allow a planned and unified scope for the conservation of migratory species at local, regional and hemispheric scales. More...
	Estudio sobre la migracion de ballenas jorobadas (Megaptera novaeangliae) en	Guatemala	Oct 2010 - Jan 2011	Promote through research, the conservation and sustainable management of cetaceans, considered as migratory species and shared resources. This research will increase knowledge about the ecology and behavior of the humpback whale (<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>) in Central American waters, and could be useful in the

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Caribbean Birdwatch: SCSCB Bird Monitoring Program

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This workspace is being built as a place to share information, resources and files related to our new Caribbean Regional Bird Monitoring Programme and recent Bird Monitoring Training Workshop in Nassau, Bahamas, Feb. 19 - 23, 2009.

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Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative has 35 focal points – one in each OAS Member State
 Partners include 4 Conventions and Dozens of NGOs



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A collection of logos for various partner organizations and governments:

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- ASSOCIATION of FISH & WILDLIFE AGENCIES
- Environment Canada / Canadian Wildlife Service
- Environnement Canada / Service canadien de la faune
- CONSERVACION INTERNACIONAL ECUADOR
- CONAP Guatemala
- CDC
- CMS
- Fundación Cethus
- Forestry Department (Costa Rica)
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- iabin (Inter American Biodiversity Information Network)
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- Ramsar CREHO (Centro Regional de Información del Hemisferio Occidental)
- SOCIETY for the Conservation of Birds of Caribbean Origin
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