

(2) neotropical migratory bird species provide invaluable environmental, economic, recreational, and aesthetic benefits to the United States, as well as to the Western Hemisphere;

(3)(A) many neotropical migratory bird populations, once considered common, are in decline, and some have declined to the point that their long-term survival in the wild is in jeopardy; and

(B) the primary reason for the decline in the populations of those species is habitat loss and degradation (including pollution and contamination) across the species' range; and

(4)(A) because neotropical migratory birds range across numerous international borders each year, their conservation requires the commitment and effort of all countries along their migration routes; and

(B) although numerous initiatives exist to conserve migratory birds and their habitat, those initiatives can be significantly strengthened and enhanced by increased coordination.

(Pub. L. 106-247, § 2, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 593; Pub. L. 109-363, title III, § 302(a), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2075.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2006—Par. (1). Pub. L. 109-363 inserted “but breed in Canada and the United States” after “the Caribbean”.

#### SHORT TITLE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-363, title III, § 301, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2075, provided that: “This title [amending this section and sections 6102 to 6104 and 6106 to 6109 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 6106 and 6108 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2006’.”

#### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 106-247, § 1, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 593, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act’.”

### § 6102. Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are—

(1) to perpetuate healthy populations of neotropical migratory birds;

(2) to assist in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds by supporting conservation initiatives in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean; and

(3) to provide financial resources and to foster international cooperation for those initiatives.

(Pub. L. 106-247, § 3, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 593; Pub. L. 109-363, title III, § 302(b), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2075.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2006—Par. (2). Pub. L. 109-363 inserted “Canada,” after “United States.”.

### § 6103. Definitions

In this chapter:

#### (1) Fund

The term “Fund” means the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund established by section 6108(a) of this title.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Pars. (1) and (4) have identical text.

#### (2) Caribbean

The term “Caribbean” includes Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.

#### (3) Conservation

The term “conservation” means the use of methods and procedures necessary to bring a species of neotropical migratory bird to the point at which there are sufficient populations in the wild to ensure the long-term viability of the species, including—

(A) protection and management of neotropical migratory bird populations;

(B) maintenance, management, protection, and restoration of neotropical migratory bird habitat;

(C) research and monitoring;

(D) law enforcement; and

(E) community outreach and education.

#### (4) Fund

The term “Fund” means the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund established by section 6108(a) of this title.<sup>1</sup>

#### (5) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 106-247, § 4, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 593; Pub. L. 109-363, title III, § 302(c), (h)(3)(A), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2075, 2076.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2006—Par. (1). Pub. L. 109-363, § 302(h)(3)(A), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1). Text read as follows: “The term ‘Account’ means the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Account established by section 6108(a) of this title.”

Pars. (2) to (5). Pub. L. 109-363, § 302(c), added pars. (2) and (4) and redesignated former pars. (2) and (3) as (3) and (5), respectively.

### § 6104. Financial assistance

#### (a) In general

The Secretary shall establish a program to provide financial assistance for projects to promote the conservation of neotropical migratory birds.

#### (b) Project applicants

A project proposal may be submitted by—

(1) an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or other private entity;

(2) an officer, employee, agent, department, or instrumentality of the Federal Government, of any State, municipality, or political subdivision of a State, or of any foreign government;

(3) a State, municipality, or political subdivision of a State;

(4) any other entity subject to the jurisdiction of the United States or of any foreign country; and

(5) an international organization (as defined in section 288 of title 22).

#### (c) Project proposals

To be considered for financial assistance for a project under this chapter, an applicant shall submit a project proposal that—

(1) includes—

(A) the name of the individual responsible for the project;