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§ 6101. Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) of the nearly 800 bird species known to occur in the United States, approximately 500 migrate among countries, and the large majority of those species, the neotropical migrants, winter in Latin America and the Caribbean but breed in Canada and the United States;

(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.¹

(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.¹

(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 So in original. Pars. (1) and (4) have identical text.

- (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;
 - (B) a succinct statement of the purposes of the project;
 - (C) a description of the qualifications of individuals conducting the project; and
 - (D) an estimate of the funds and time necessary to complete the project, including sources and amounts of matching funds;
- (2) demonstrates that the project will enhance the conservation of neotropical migratory bird species in the United States, Canada, Latin America, or the Caribbean;
- (3) includes mechanisms to ensure adequate local public participation in project development and implementation;
- (4) contains assurances that the project will be implemented in consultation with relevant wildlife management authorities and other appropriate government officials with jurisdiction over the resources addressed by the project;
- (5) demonstrates sensitivity to local historic and cultural resources and complies with applicable laws;
- (6) describes how the project will promote sustainable, effective, long-term programs to conserve neotropical migratory birds; and
- (7) provides any other information that the Secretary considers to be necessary for evaluating the proposal.

(d) Project reporting

Each recipient of assistance for a project under this chapter shall submit to the Secretary such periodic reports as the Secretary considers to be necessary. Each report shall include all information required by the Secretary for evaluating the progress and outcome of the project.

(e) Cost sharing

(1) Federal share

The Federal share of the cost of each project shall be not greater than 25 percent.

(2) Non-Federal share

(A) Source

The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project shall not be derived from any Federal grant program.

(B) Form of payment

(i) Projects in the United States and Canada

The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in the United States or Canada shall be paid in cash.

(ii) Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean

The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in Latin America or the Caribbean may be paid in cash or in kind.

(Pub. L. 106-247, §5, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 594; Pub. L. 109-363, title III, §302(d), (e), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2076.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 109-363, §302(d), inserted “Canada,” after “United States.”

Subsec. (e)(2)(B). Pub. L. 109-363, §302(e), amended subpar. (B) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(i) PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES.—The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in the United States shall be paid in cash.

“(ii) PROJECTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in a foreign country may be paid in cash or in kind.”

§ 6105. Duties of the Secretary

In carrying out this chapter, the Secretary shall—

- (1) develop guidelines for the solicitation of proposals for projects eligible for financial assistance under section 6104 of this title;
- (2) encourage submission of proposals for projects eligible for financial assistance under section 6104 of this title, particularly proposals from relevant wildlife management authorities;
- (3) select proposals for financial assistance that satisfy the requirements of section 6104 of this title, giving preference to proposals that address conservation needs not adequately addressed by existing efforts and that are supported by relevant wildlife management authorities; and
- (4) generally implement this chapter in accordance with its purposes.

(Pub. L. 106-247, §6, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 595.)

§ 6106. Cooperation

(a) In general

In carrying out this chapter, the Secretary shall—

- (1) support and coordinate existing efforts to conserve neotropical migratory bird species, through—
 - (A) facilitating meetings among persons involved in such efforts;
 - (B) promoting the exchange of information among such persons;
 - (C) developing and entering into agreements with other Federal agencies, foreign, State, and local governmental agencies, and nongovernmental organizations; and
 - (D) conducting such other activities as the Secretary considers to be appropriate; and
- (2) coordinate activities and projects under this chapter with existing efforts in order to