

# Revision of Arizona's State Wildlife Action Plan



**“Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy”  
2005-2015**

**What is it?**

**How was it developed?**

**How is it used?**

**What are we all here for?**



# **Arizona's State Wildlife Action Plan**

## **What is it?**



**It is a 10-year vision for managing Arizona's  
fish, wildlife, and natural habitats...**

**...and it shares many of the same elements  
and concepts with other Wildlife Action  
Plans across the nation.**

# Developed as Part of a National Effort

- In the early 2000's, a coalition of Federal and State resource agencies, sportsman and conservation groups, non-governmental organizations, businesses, and private citizens joined forces to get the U.S. Congress to provide more funding for wildlife and habitat conservation

BLOG

ABOUT

WILDLIFE FUNDING

NEWSROOM

STATE COALITIONS

CALENDAR

COALITION TOOLS

*Working together to prevent wildlife from becoming endangered*

## Teaming with Wildlife...a natural investment

Join Teaming with Wildlife as we build momentum to ensure that state wildlife agencies and their conservation partners have the funding they need to fully implement their wildlife action plans, conserving wildlife and natural areas for future generations.



**TEAMING WITH WILDLIFE**  
*a natural investment*

A coalition of more than 6,200 organizations supporting increased public funding for wildlife conservation and related education and recreation.

TAKE ACTION

NEWS OF THE WEEK

News Release - 10/30/09  
[State and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program Receive a Crucial Funding Boost from Congress](#)

WILD CALL eNewsletter

## How is it used?

1. Funding - State Wildlife Grant (SWG) program
2. Collaborative Wildlife Conservation



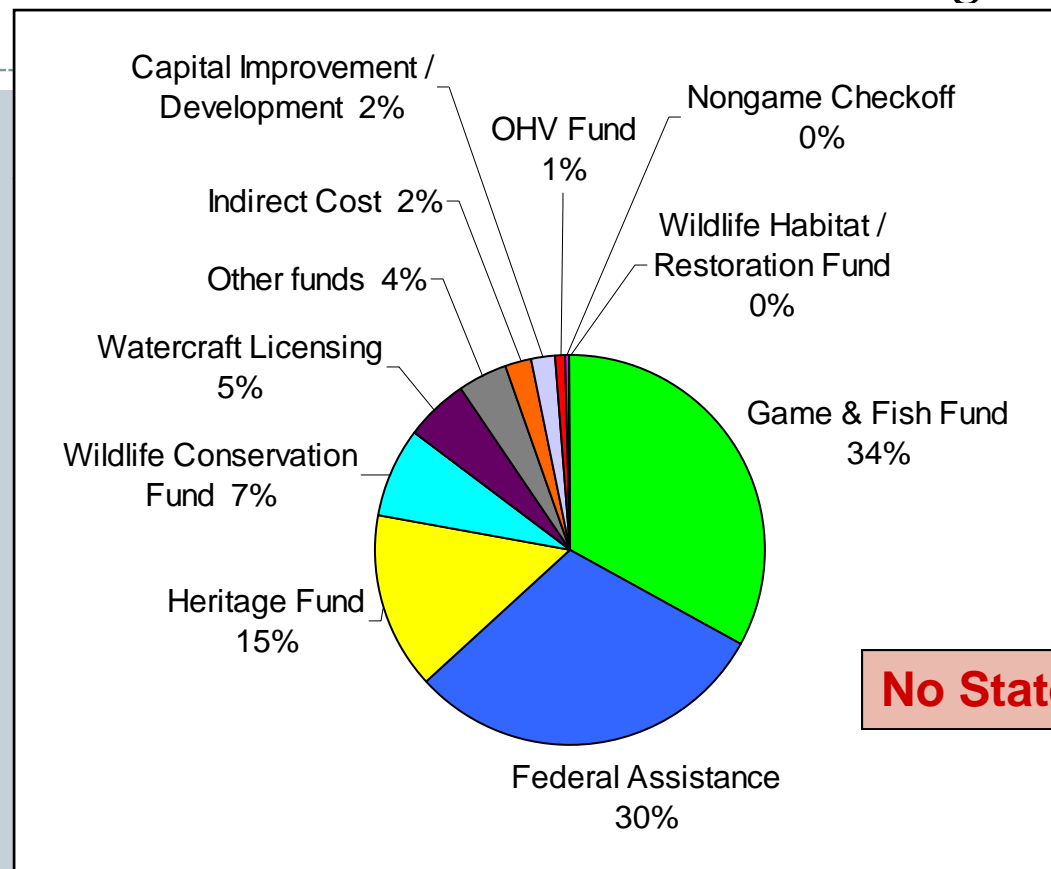
The U.S. Congress mandated that each State and Territory develop their own Wildlife Action Plans in order to be eligible for SWG monies

By October 2005, all 56 States and Territories had completed and submitted their plans to the National Advisory Acceptance Team for approval

# The Department's Funding Sources

\$1.5 – 1.75 million annually to Arizona from SWG

Various State funds and in-kind contributions used to match Federal monies and cost-share grants



**No State General Funds**

\* Amounts reported from FY08 annual report, rounded up

# Conservation

## The basic tenets of the State Wildlife Grant program



- Support conservation efforts that preclude the need to list species under the ESA
- Help keep common species common
- Engage the public and partners in wildlife and habitat conservation



# **Eight Common Elements for each Wildlife Action Plan**



- 1) Fish and Wildlife Species
- 2) Habitats and Their Condition
- 3) Threats and Info Needs
- 4) Conservation Actions and Objectives
- 5) Monitoring and Evaluation
- 6) Review Process
- 7) Coordination with Land Management Entities
- 8) Broad Public Participation

## Element 6: SWAP Review Process

Table 1. Schedule for CWCS review and revision aligned with the Department's budget cycle.					
FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10
July-1-2004 to June-30-2005	July-1-2005 to June-30-2006	July-1-2006 to June-30-2007	July-1-2007 to June-30-2008	July-1-2008 to June-30-2009	July-1-2009 to June-30-2010
Develop initial CWCS plan	Submit CWCS for approval in July 2005		Internal review - amend CWCS by Apr 2008		4-yr review partners / public in Feb 2010
Budget process	2-yr budget process		2-yr budget process		Budget process
CWCS 10-yr timeframe	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16
July-1-2010 to June-30-2011	July-1-2011 to June-30-2012	July-1-2012 to June-30-2013	July-1-2013 to June-30-2014	July-1-2014 to June-30-2015	July-1-2015 to June-30-2016
	Internal review - amend CWCS by Apr 2012		4-yr review partners / public in Feb 2014		Internal review - amend CWCS by Apr 2016
Budget process	2-yr budget process		2-yr budget process		Budget process
Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
<p>Note: State fiscal year (FY) is not aligned with the Federal fiscal year (October 1 to September 30 of the following year). Each 2-yr budget cycle process starts in Spring of the second half of the fiscal year, with the proposed budget to the Commission in June, the State's Office of Strategic Planning and Budget review in August, and to the State Legislature in January of the next fiscal year.</p>					



# Three Areas of Focus for Revision



**Criteria for Species of Greatest Conservation Need  
(Element 1)**

**Habitats necessary for the conservation of SGCN  
(Element 2)**

**Threats and Actions review with inclusion of climate change  
(Element 3)**

## Element 7: Coordination with Land Management Entities

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- U.S. Forest Service
  - Bureau of Land Mgmt
  - National Park Service
  - Department of Defense
  - National Wildlife Refuges
  - Tribal Nations
  - AZ State Land Dept
  - AZ State Parks
  - Counties, Cities & Towns
  - Non-Gov't Organizations
  - Private Landowners
  - Commercial Industries

## We also sought input & review of the SWAP by the following Federal & State agencies:

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- U.S. Geological Survey
  - Natural Resource Conservation Service
  - Army Corps of Engineers
  - U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - U.S. Border Patrol
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs
  - U.S. Federal Highways Admin
  - USDA Wildlife Services
  - AZ Dept of Water Resources
  - AZ Dept of Enviro Quality
  - AZ Dept of Agriculture
  - AZ Dept of Transportation
  - AZ Dept of Health Services
  - AZ Dept of Emergency & Military Affairs

## Element 8: Broad Public Participation in Developing Arizona's SWAP



- Over 18 months to complete the draft plan
- Involved 96 Federal and State workgroup participants
- Hosted 12 public meetings statewide and an online survey
- Received 476 public comments
- Critically reviewed by an external scientific advisory team
- Submitted June 2005; the 845-page revised plan received full approval from USFWS-NAAT in April 2006
- Final plan available at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov)

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[http://www.azgfd.gov/w\\_c/cwcs.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/w_c/cwcs.shtml)

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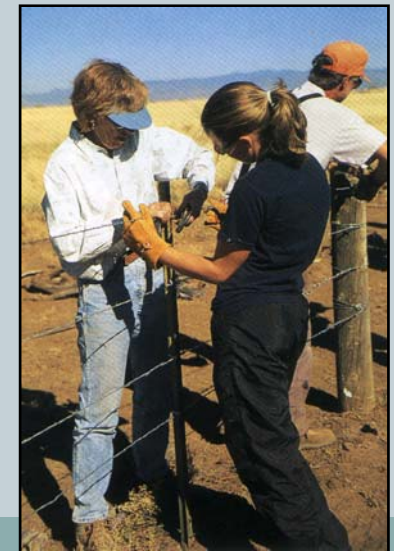


- Kingman 12/15/09
- Tucson 1/6/2010
- Yuma 1/19/2010
- Mesa 1/20/2010
- Pinetop 2/10/10
- Flagstaff 2/16/10
- Phoenix 2/25/10





**SWAP implementation relies on partnerships with Federal and State agencies, Tribes, local governments, NGOs, and private landowners**





# Tonight's Agenda



- Presentations on the 3 revision areas
- Distribution of materials
- Point you to Webpage for survey
- Seek input on the specifics of our proposed revisions



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