



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 will be organized by the recent NABCI priorities and will be available by May 2021.

The Atlantic, Midcontinent and Pacific flyway shorebird initiatives are still working on the development of a universal **Americas Shorebird Flyways landing page** to present a unified web presence for all of the flyway-scale shorebird conservation efforts. The website should be launched in the next few months.

Partners are currently developing a strategic framework as a part of a new **Midcontinent Shorebird Conservation Initiative (MSCI)**. Virtual workshops in North America have been completed for the Mississippi Valley/Great Lakes, Great Plains and Western Gulf of Mexico Coast. Final edits are being made on the situation model and theories of change and will soon be available for review by partners. Flyway Council Nongame Technical Committees are engaged in the process. Parallel workshops are currently being undertaken for interior South America. A Canada-USA group has been established 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 starting a process to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy. National Audubon has produced the report, in Spanish and English, *International Environmental Policy Initiatives and Multilateral Funding Mechanisms – Alignment with the Pacific Americas Shorebird Conservation Strategy*, which is available at <https://pacificflywayshorebirds.org/resources/>.

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. – Mexico border.

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