

# DoD's Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC) 2012 Annual Report



Over the last three years, DoD has expanded its amphibian and reptile conservation efforts so that we are now recognized as a leader in herpetofaunal management on military lands. Our accomplishments would not have been possible without the hard work of our installation biologists, trainers, and other partners who have help make sure that DoD's partnership for amphibian and reptile conservation, which we call DoD PARC, is working to ensure that our military personnel have the access they need to conduct mission-essential activities. We are thankful to all of you who have contributed to the success of DoD PARC, and look forward to working with you in future years.

Here is a summary of our 2012 accomplishments:

## DoD PARC Workshop

We held a workshop at the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association (NMFWA) meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on March 12, 2012. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. Topics discussed included recent completed and ongoing projects, futures projects and DoD PARC group structure. Meeting minutes are available by contacting [chris.petersen@navy.mil](mailto:chris.petersen@navy.mil).



## Publications and Awards

*Natural Selections* – Winter 2012

WHAT'S HOPPIN' IN DOD PARC? Forging the Way for Better Understanding in 2012

We received a poster award “Peer Appreciation Award for Outstanding Poster Presentation” at the Environmental Planning and Readiness Sustainment Training Symposium (Sept. 2012)

### Update of Herpetofauna Species Lists

During 2012, we developed an Access database that creates species lists for military installations at the “county level”. The database is a good starting point for new herpetofauna species lists updates and revisions. The database was demonstrated at the NMFWA meeting in Georgia. In the coming year, DoD PARC members will work on updating Navy amphibian and reptile species lists using the database, site-specific reports and discussions with the installation natural resource managers.

The DoD PARC Photo Website (<http://dodparcphotolibrary.shutterfly.com>)

Several hundred pictures were added to the photo website this year, bringing the total to approximately 500 amphibian and reptile photographs which DoD biologists and environmental planners can use for INRMPs, reports, and publications. The photo website is also used to communicate with group members and share information.



### Amphibian and Reptile Conservation and Management on DoD Lands - the “DoD PARC Plan”

We continue to work with senior DoD leadership to finalize the action plan. The document, which lays out a common set of herpetofaunal-related priorities and actions for installations, has gone through several reviews and revisions. We are hopeful it will be approved and published this coming year.

## Looking Ahead

Below are some of the tasks we would like to complete this coming year. We can always use more help, so if you would like to become involved, please contact Rob Lovich or Chris Petersen.

- Update Navy and Marine Corps amphibian and reptile species lists;
- Link the photo website pictures to military installation species lists;
- Continue to grow and mature our efforts, including identifying regional representatives and officers, who can help coordinate on-the-ground activities.
- Solicit and coordinate additional webinars.
- Begin to review/rank Legacy pre-proposals and proposals

Thank you again for all your hard work this year. We look forward to working with you even more in 2013!

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