



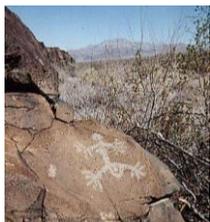
## Department of Defense Legacy Resource Management Program

### Program Background:

The Department of Defense (DoD) is steward of an estimated 29 million acres of land in the United States that contains invaluable natural and cultural resources. In 1990, Congress passed legislation establishing the Legacy Resource Management Program to provide financial assistance to preserve the Department's natural and cultural heritage. The National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 104-201, Section 2694) established the current Program mandate in fiscal year 1997. Under this mandate, the Legacy Program is tasked with managing, in a coordinated approach, our nation's natural and cultural resources. Legacy funds natural and cultural resources projects with national, regional or other wide-scale DoD applications to support overall DoD conservation goals and military readiness. Three general principles have guided the Legacy Program since its inception: stewardship, leadership, and partnership.

### Legacy Goals:

The DoD Legacy Resource Management Program (Legacy) falls within the DoD's Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment (ODUSD). Legacy is uniquely positioned to assist in natural and cultural resource matters above and beyond federal regulatory and statutory compliance requirements. The Department's natural and cultural resources are mission supporting. DoD protects and manages these resources to ensure continued access to realistic habitat conditions that support the military's combat readiness mission, while fulfilling its stewardship responsibilities. Protecting these resources can inspire Department personnel and encourage and maintain the national public support for its military. The Department's natural and cultural heritages are the Nation's assets; DoD holds these resources in trust for future generations.



**Petroglyph,  
China Lake Naval Air  
Weapons Station, CA**

### Areas of Emphasis:

The Legacy Program supports diverse areas of emphasis in order to preserve natural and cultural resources:

- Species at Risk, Species of Concern, Declining Species and Habitat;
- Integrated Natural Resource Management;

- Regional Ecosystem Management Initiatives;
- Cultural Resources Data Management;
- Context and Model Development;
- Readiness and Range Sustainment;
- Communication, Partnerships, and Public Awareness;
- National and International Initiatives; and,
- Program Management.

The Legacy Program is a source of conservation and preservation management funds for projects that directly relate to the DoD mission. The Legacy Program is NOT a grants program. Program funding requires the recipient(s) to enter into a bi-lateral agreement with DoD (or designee). When approved, Legacy Program funding is conditional on the agreed-upon project completion dates, periods of performance and delivery of expected products that must be satisfactorily met. Expected final products vary and may include (but are not limited to) items such as management plans, fact sheets, hardcopy or electronic reports, GIS data, and audio or visual representation of the completed project.



**Least Turn (*Sterna  
Antillarum*) – Photo from  
Gulf Coastal Plain  
Ecosystem Partnership**

### Legacy Program Funding:

Activities and projects eligible for Legacy Program funding must meet the following four criteria, as mandated by Public Law 104-201, Section 2694. **Each project must:**

- Have regional or DoD-wide significance and involve more than one Military Department (also referred to as "Military Service" or "Service" throughout this document);
- Be necessary to meet legal requirements or to support military operations;
- Be more effectively managed at the DoD level; and,
- Not be an Executive Agent responsibility. (An executive agent is a branch of a Military Service with designated responsibility over an area.)

### **Registration and Pre-proposals:**

Each year the Legacy Program releases a Request for Proposals (RFP), which is posted for public view on the Defense Environmental Network & Information Exchange website (DENIX) at [www.denix.osd.mil/legacy](http://www.denix.osd.mil/legacy) and at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The RFP is also made available to the general public on the Legacy Program's website at <https://www.dodlegacy.org>. The RFP initiates the call for proposals and stipulates the due date for pre-proposal submission. Creating a Legacy Program Tracker account and filling out the pre-proposal form on the Tracker is the first step in the application for Legacy Program funds. The completion and submittal of a pre-proposal initiates an applicant's request for Legacy Program funds. Filling out the pre-proposal is a straightforward task, as the applicant accesses the form online via the Legacy Tracker and fills in the blank fields. This online form is available to applicants online only during the pre-proposal submission period specified in the Request for Proposals (RFP) announcement.

### **Performance and Expected Projects:**

Each Legacy Program project is treated as completely independent; there is an agreed upon period of performance, reflecting an agreed upon scope of work to produce defined expected products. A project that will not produce stand-alone results will not receive Legacy funding. When approved, Legacy Program funding is conditional on the agreed-upon project completion dates, periods of performance and delivery of expected products that must be satisfactorily met. The Legacy Program awards funds each fiscal year (FY). The period of performance begins the day ACE ERDC-CERL (Legacy's contract office) signs the bi-lateral agreement with the project author (or relevant party) and ends on the day listed on that agreement as the "period of performance". The Legacy Program awards funds each fiscal year (FY). The period of performance begins the day ERDC signs the bi-lateral agreement with the project author (or relevant party) and ends on the day listed on that agreement as the "period of performance".

### **Benefit:**

The Legacy Program is uniquely positioned to respond rapidly to national and regional natural and cultural resources issues that go beyond regulatory and statutory compliance requirements. The Program utilizes public and military resources for the promotion of conserving natural and cultural resources on DoD lands. The Legacy Program provides benefits for the military through the management of its land by maintaining suitable training areas while preserving the natural and cultural environments being used. Many benefit from the projects funded by the Program. Final project products are posted on the Defense Environmental Network and Information Exchange website ([www.Denix.osd.mil](http://www.Denix.osd.mil)).

### **Accomplishments:**

As a result of Legacy projects, historical sites, landmarks, and other objects of cultural significance are preserved for future generations. Endangered species, sensitive habitats, migratory animals and other natural resources are conserved and protected to maintain diversity and sustainable use. Final products provide the Legacy Program with documentation that can be used to inform the public about the accomplishments of military installations in upholding the preservation of the natural and cultural resources found on their lands, while supporting the military mission.

### **For More Information about the Legacy Resource Management Program or our projects, please visit**

[www.DoDLegacy.org](http://www.DoDLegacy.org), email [Legacy@osd.mil](mailto:Legacy@osd.mil), or call Legacy Staff at 571-372-6906 for Natural Resources information, 571- 372-7547 for Cultural Resources information, or 571-372-6903 for general information.