

# Partnering Tools



## DoD Natural Resource Programs & INRMP Implementation:

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## Available Partnering Tools

- Cooperative Agreements
- REPI projects
- Partnering Networks
  - Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units
  - DoD PIF



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## Cooperative Agreements

- An acquisition tool
- Less formal than a contract
- More control than a grant
- Effective way to implement INRMPs
- Substantial government involvement
- DoD/USFWS/state conservation partnership teams



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## Cooperative Agreement Authority

- Authorized by Sikes Act
- DoDI 4715.3 Natural Resources Conservation
- DoDGAR 3210.6-R DoD Grant & Agreement Regulations
- Governing Regulations:
  - DoDGAR Part 22
  - Circular A-110 & DoDGAR Part 32
  - Circular A-102 & DoDGAR Part 33

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## Cooperative Agreements: Typical Cooperators

- State Agencies
  - Soil Conservation Districts
  - Forestry and Wildlife Divisions
- Universities
- Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs)
  - Resource Conservation and Development Boards
  - The Nature Conservancy
- Individuals (SMEs)

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## Cooperative Agreements

- DoD provided \$184,994 in transfer funding to the states for Sikes Act-related work in FY 2007
- States used \$1,565,831 of their own program funds for Sikes Act related activities in FY 2007



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## Cooperative Agreements: Typical Projects

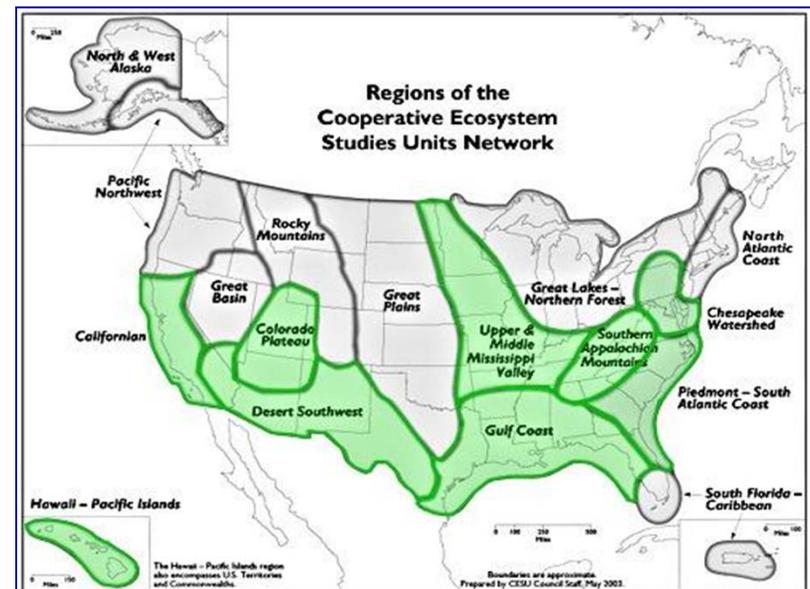
- Soil Surveys
- Timber Cruises
- Prescribed Burning
- Genetic Studies
- Invasive Species Control
- Shoreline Stabilization
- Predator Control
- MAPS Projects
- T&E Surveys
- Monitoring Projects

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## Partnering Networks: Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU)

- Partnership of federal agencies, universities and non-governmental organizations
- Research, technical assistance, and training provided
- Natural and cultural resources management addressed
  - Multiple scales
  - Ecosystem context



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## Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (continued)

- Not a funding program
  - Funding should be committed prior to project approval
- Fast access and implementation of cooperative agreements
- Increased research, assistance and education for resource managers
- DoD Participation: 57 projects, over \$6.2 million in funding
- For more information: [www.cesu.org](http://www.cesu.org)