



# SWAP/INRMP Workshops A Success

## Analysis of State Wildlife Action Plan/Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan Integration Workshop Implementation

### Summary:

To preserve natural resources on military installations, Congress passed the Sikes Act as amended (2003). The Act requires and enables the Department of Defense (DoD) to manage its natural resources through Integrated Natural Resource Management Plans (INRMP). INRMPs are integrated plans to comprehensively manage natural resources at a given installation (or group of installations) that harbor significant natural resources.

States also are required to comprehensively manage natural resources on their lands. State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAPs) facilitate the conservation of wildlife by outlining the actions needed to protect important species and natural areas before they become too rare or costly to protect.

The 2-day SWAP/INRMP Workshops, sponsored and funded by the DoD Legacy Resource Management Program (Legacy), were implemented to facilitate the integration of SWAP and INRMP actions, and to identify opportunities for collaborative conservation projects. The workshops sought to develop a framework for how DoD, state fish and wildlife agencies, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and other stakeholders can work together to identify problems and solutions relating to SWAPs and INRMPs.



### Workshop Goals:

- To inform participants about past projects that received funding, how they were implemented, and how they were successful.
- To brainstorm ideas for proposals that could lead to successful funding and implementation.

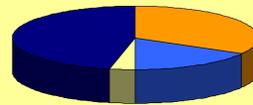
### Methodology

A survey was sent to participants from all five workshops asking about ideas and projects resulting from workshops. Survey content included:

- Number of proposal ideas developed
  - Number of projects submitted for funding
  - Proposal ideas funded as projects
  - Number of projects funded by Legacy
  - Number of projects funded by others
  - Obstacles preventing projects from receiving funding
- More importantly, our analysis helps shed light on the effectiveness of these workshops. Following are survey results:



### Funding

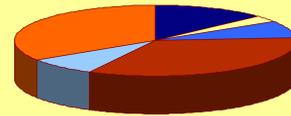


### Statistics

- 29% of workshop participants responded
- 37% of ideas became piloted projects
- 89% of proposals submitted received funding
- 71% of respondents still show interest in submitting proposals for funding

### Obstacles

Primary Reasons for Proposals not being Submitted



### Other

- Not their purpose in attending
- Inability to develop proposals at workshops for various reasons
- No need for projects

### Analysis

Of the 82 ideas developed on day 1 of the five workshops, 30 were considered worthy of proposal development. According to survey results, 15 of the 30 projects were submitted for funding, ten were funded by Legacy and five by others.

The primary reasons proposals were not submitted included time constraints and "other" (see pie chart). The most popular explanation in the "other" category was that developing proposals was not the participant's purpose in attending the workshop. Over 70% of survey respondents expressed support for continuing the workshop series.

### Conclusions and Recommendations

Our analysis indicates that the SWAP/INRMP workshops resulted in a significant number (50% of identified priority projects) of successful on-the-ground cooperative efforts that benefit both DoD and partner resources. Further, the majority of respondents believed future workshops would be of value. We recommend that additional workshops be pursued.

### Workshop Format:

**Day 1** is normally an informational day when speakers provide an overview of SWAPs and INRMPs, as well as summaries from previous workshops and resulting projects. Attendees divide into small breakout groups to brainstorm ideas for tackling current issues. The group reconvenes at the end of the day to prioritize the ideas.

**Day 2** involves taking the top priorities identified during day 1, and expanding and elaborating those ideas into 4-8 pilot project ideas that may then be developed as proposals for funding.

### Completed Workshops:

To date, five workshops have been held. Each has attracted a mix of DoD, state, USFWS, and non-governmental organization participants.

- **Southeast**- Atlanta, GA (5-06)
- **Southwest**- Phoenix, AZ (12-06)
- **Southern Plains**- Albuquerque, NM (5-07)
- **Mid-Atlantic**- Arlington, VA (11-07)
- **Northeast**- Boston, MA (5-08)



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