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# A Delicate Balance

## Salt Ponds, Wetland Restoration, and Wildlife in San Francisco Bay

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- Nearly 15,000 acres of salt ponds were purchased in 2003 for restoration by a partnership of Federal, State, and non-profit organizations
- How important are the salt ponds for migration and wintering of waterfowl and shorebirds?
- Restoration of wetland in the Nation's most urbanized estuary faces many challenges
- Will it be possible to manage concentrated salts, low dissolved oxygen, and toxicity of sequestered mercury as pond levees are opened?
- Restoring wetlands while controlling invasive species, such as smooth cord grass, may prove very difficult

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