



The Coastal Program at Chesapeake Bay Field Office *Caring for Our Coastal Habitats*

Overview

The Chesapeake Bay Field Office (CBFO) Coastal Program was established to conserve one of the nation's most important resources; the Chesapeake Bay which supports more than 2,700 plant and animal species. The Coastal Program works with other federal, state and local agencies and organizations to restore the health of the Bay which is integral to the history, culture and quality of life in this region.

The mission of the Coastal Program is to protect and recover Trust resources including threatened and endangered species,

Coastal Program Accomplishments

FROM 2000-2006	IN FY 2006
Restored <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ 41,958 acres of coastal wetlands➢ 396 acres of coastal uplands➢ 333 miles of coastal streamside habitat	Restored <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ 28 Partnership agreements➢ 5,626 acres of coastal wetlands➢ 100 miles of streamside habitat➢ Recently obtained \$6,000,000 to protect and restore 3,165 acres of prime Chesapeake Bay coastal habitat
Protected <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ 2,197 acres of coastal habitat	

migratory birds, and inter-jurisdictional fish through protection, conservation, and restoration of critical coastal habitats used by these species. Critical habitats include wetlands, streamside areas, forests and uplands.

Priorities

The Coastal Program has recently identified high-priority coastal watersheds to focus its efforts. One of the focus areas, the Pocomoke River watershed contains large contiguous blocks of forested wetlands dominated by bald cypress, black gum and red maple as well as pine/oak/hickory upland forests. The habitats of Pocomoke River watershed are vital to many neotropical migratory birds, and forest interior dwelling species. Other focus areas were chosen due to important estuarine and highland habitats.

For More Information

For more information, contact the Chesapeake Bay Field Office Coastal Program at 410-573-4521 or visit <http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/Coastpgm.htm>

