



Background:

As the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) continues to expand its efforts to support natural resources issues, the time and responsibilities of the DoD Deputy Director of Natural Resources (DDNR) are stretched. In FY08, Booz Allen Hamilton began supporting the DDNR to alleviate some of these demands and increase the DoD Natural Resources (NR) Program's ability to be more proactive and innovative. The benefits of having staff support to facilitate DoD NR Program efficiencies has resulted in additional and expanded accomplishments by the DDNR who is now able to focus on more substantive tasks.

Objective:

This project's goal was to maximize DoD headquarters' effectiveness in managing its high priority natural resources efforts by providing general support to the DoD NR Program, as assigned by the DDNR. This assistance allowed the DDNR to focus on high priority issues that required his attention (*i.e.*, Congressional responses and funding actions), and alleviated the need for him to spend time on efforts that can be done by others (*i.e.*, coordinating meetings, taking minutes, and drafting presentations). This project funded staff to support tasks identified and assigned by the DDNR.



Summary of Approach:

Booz Allen support staff assessed and coordinated short-suspense issues and ongoing DoD NR Program priority tasks. These responsibilities included identifying NR Program priorities, establishing and maintaining partnerships, updating and creating policy and guidance, attending conferences and workshops designed to meet DoD natural resources managers' needs, supporting the DDNR at meetings with federal agency counterparts, and creating outreach materials to expand the DoD NR Program's audience. Booz Allen staff met regularly with the DDNR to discuss these issues and priorities to increase the DoD NR Program's efficiency, influence, and outputs.

Benefit:

This project enabled the DDNR to focus on inherently governmental aspects of managing the DoD NR Program. With Booz Allen support staff, the DDNR engaged more fully and more proactively on DoD's most important natural resources issues, including threatened and endangered species, climate change, new and existing policy, and ensuring that DoD NR Program efforts support and enable the military mission.

Accomplishments:

Booz Allen staff worked with the DDNR to:

- update the *Department of Defense Instruction 4715.03* by coordinating with the Military Services and incorporating comments;
- facilitate meetings and comment submissions on the *DoD Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan Implementation Manual*;
- develop a *DoD NR Program Strategic Plan*;
- lead the SD-106 coordination process with Washington Headquarters Services;
- draft, edit, and finalize fact sheets on DoD's outreach efforts and invasive species management;
- provide logistical support at meetings with federal agencies and non-governmental organizations including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program/ Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (SERDP/ESTCP) during In-Progress Reviews;
- participate in and draft presentations for the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association annual meeting, the NatureServe Conservation Conference, the Hawaii Conservation Alliance Conference, The Wildlife Society Conference, and the SERDP/ESTCP Partners Symposium;
- provide agendas, and capture and distribute notes to the DDNR for monthly Conservation Committee and client-NR team meetings;
- edit the *Natural Selections* newsletters on a monthly basis before publication; and
- routinely update and maintain the DoD NR Program web portal.

All of these accomplishments promote the DoD NR Program principles of stewardship, leadership, and partnership.

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