

Work Task C3: Multi-Species Conservation Program Covered Species Profile Development

FY09 Estimates	FY09 Actual	Cumulative Accomplishment Through FY09	FY10 Approved Estimate	FY11 Proposed Estimate	FY12 Proposed Estimate	FY13 Proposed Estimate
\$15,000	\$11,547.48	\$260,325.04	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000

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Start Date: FY05

Expected Duration: FY55

Long-term Goal: Species research

Conservation Measures: MRM1, MRM2, MRM3, CLRA1, CLRA2, WIFL1, WIFL2, DETO1, DETO2, BONY2, RASU2, WRBA1, WRBA2, WYBA1, WYBA3, DPMO1, CRCR1, CRCR2, YHCR1, YHCR2, LEB11, BLRA1, BLRA2, YBCU1, YBCU2, ELOW1, GIFL1, GIWO1, VEFL1, BEV11, YWAR1, SUTA1, FTHL1, FTHL2, FLSU1, MNSW1, MNSW2, CLNB1, CLNB2, PTBB1, PTBB2, CRTO1, CRTO2, CRTO3, LLFR1, LLFR2, and LLFR3

Location: System-wide

Purpose: Assess existing knowledge for each LCR MSCP covered species to determine research needs and habitat requirements for current and future habitat creation projects.

Connections with Other Work Tasks (past and future): Information collected during this literature review is currently being used to develop future work tasks, design monitoring programs, design habitat creation projects, and implement the adaptive management process. Information from this work task will be utilized under E15 and E16.

Project Description: To successfully create habitat for LCR MSCP covered species, species accounts have been developed. Extensive literature searches were conducted to accumulate existing knowledge on each covered species. Species accounts were written for both covered and evaluation species, including known habitat requirements and management concerns. Data gaps were identified to direct covered species research priorities.

Previous Activities: FY05 activities were designed to provide information for the development of backwater rating criteria for LCR MSCP covered species. These data and models were used to prioritize backwater restoration projects.

Species accounts for the 25 covered species and 5 evaluation species listed in the HCP that utilize terrestrial, marsh, and riparian habitats were completed in 2008. A species account was not developed for humpback chub as there is neither critical habitat nor occupied habitat for this species within the LCR MSCP program area.

These species accounts were based on extensive literature searches for each species and include the most recent scientific information. These accounts include current knowledge about each species' legal status, life history, distribution, habitat requirements, behavior, and LCR MSCP conservation measures as it relates to the creation and management of the species' habitats.

Reclamation will use these species accounts to identify information needed for the creation and management of covered species habitats, enabling the successful completion of conservation measures. The LCR MSCP research and monitoring data needs have been identified for each covered and evaluation species, where appropriate. These needs have been prioritized in a five-year plan and will be completed according to importance, urgency, and cost. Other potential research and monitoring opportunities, either identified through this process or by other scientists or conservation programs, that are outside of the scope and purpose of the LCR MSCP have also been listed.

FY09 Accomplishments: New information was incorporated into the species accounts. Information collected by Reclamation and others was utilized in the preparation of the draft habitat credit process. Literature searches, literature acquisition, and data compilation were conducted to update species accounts as needed.

FY10 Activities: Information will be gathered from recent literature and will be incorporated into the species accounts on a five-year cycle.

Proposed FY11 Activities: Information will be gathered from recent literature and will be incorporated into the species accounts on a five-year cycle.

Pertinent Reports: *Species Accounts for the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Covered Species* is posted on the LCR MSCP Web site.