

Work Task H1: Existing Habitat Maintenance

FY10 Estimates	FY10 Actual	Cumulative Accomplishment Through FY10	FY11 Approved Estimate	FY12 Proposed Estimate	FY13 Proposed Estimate*	FY14 Proposed Estimate*
\$647,000	\$647,000.00	\$2,948,000.00	\$5,359,500	\$5,445,000	\$5,445,000	\$5,445,000

*Based on FY12 inflation estimates.

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Start Date: FY06

Expected Duration: FY55

Long-term Goal: Maintenance of existing habitat.

Conservation Measures: CLRA2, WIFL2, BLRA2, YBCU2, CRT02, LLFR2

Location: Lower Colorado River (reaches 1-7).

Purpose: Maintain existing habitat areas, excluding newly created habitat within conservation areas, by implementing actions that will prevent the further degradation or loss of habitat for LCR MSCP covered species.

Connections with Other Work Tasks (past and future): N/A

Project Description: A \$25 million fund is being established over a 10-year period to restore habitats suitable for LCR MSCP covered species in the planning areas that have become degraded since the LCR MSCP was initiated. Funding during the initial five years of the program was established at \$500,000 per year. Funding in years 6-10 of the program was established at \$5,000,000 per year. Both values are indexed to 2003 dollars and adjusted annually for inflation. The degraded habitat condition targeted by this fund is that which occurs because of past LCR operations and maintenance actions that continue into the future. The habitat maintenance fund will be administered by the Program Manager. The process for determining degradation in habitat value as well as how funds are requested, disbursed, and tracked will be defined and refined with the assistance of the Steering Committee.

Previous Activities: Annual contributions were made through FY09.

FY10 Accomplishments: A total of \$647,000 was deposited into interest-bearing accounts among the Arizona, California, and Nevada partners. The total dollar value of the fund at the end of FY10, with interest, was \$3,346,682.94.

FY11 Activities: A total of \$5,359,500 will be deposited into interest-bearing accounts among Arizona, California, and Nevada partners. A process for requesting, reviewing, selecting, disbursing, and tracking of dollars from the Habitat Maintenance Fund will be drafted in consultation with the USFWS and distributed to the Technical Work Group of the Steering Committee.

Proposed FY12 Activities: A total of \$5,535,000 is expected to be deposited into the three non-Federal interest-bearing accounts. The process for requesting, reviewing, selecting, disbursing, and tracking of dollars from the Habitat Maintenance Fund is expected to be finalized.

Pertinent Reports: N/A