



Understanding the “Recovering America’s Wildlife Act”



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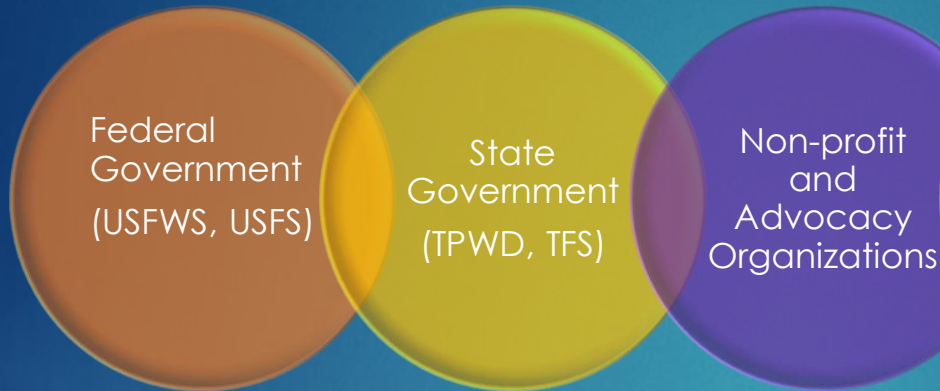
Overview

- ▶ Conservation challenges
- ▶ Funding for conservation
- ▶ Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA)

Natural Resource Partners



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- Licenses and stamps
- Federal Sportfish and Wildlife Restoration Acts funding
- Boat Fees
- State Wildlife Grant
- “Other” (grazing leases, sand and gravel sales, fines and penalties collected)

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Management challenges



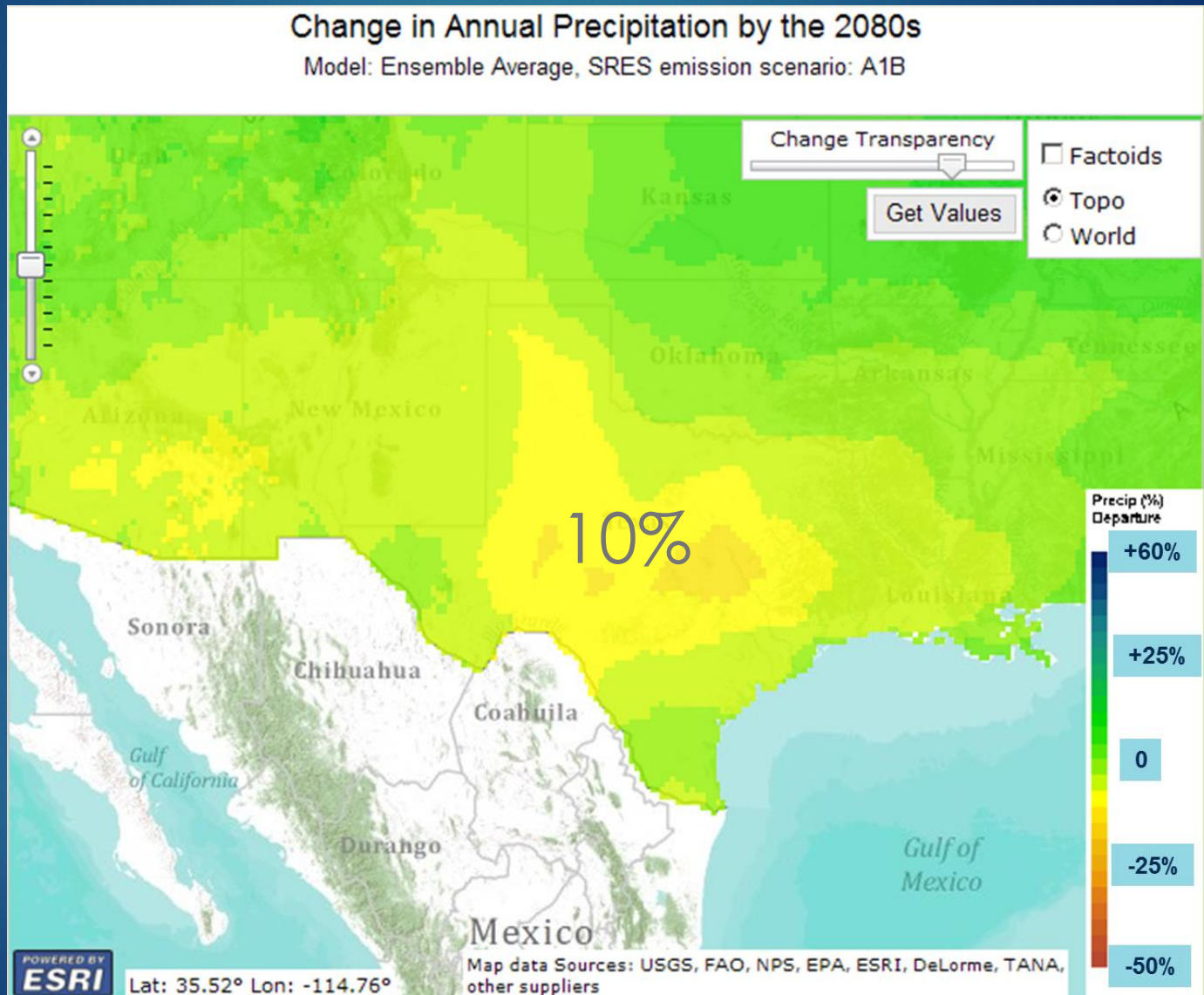
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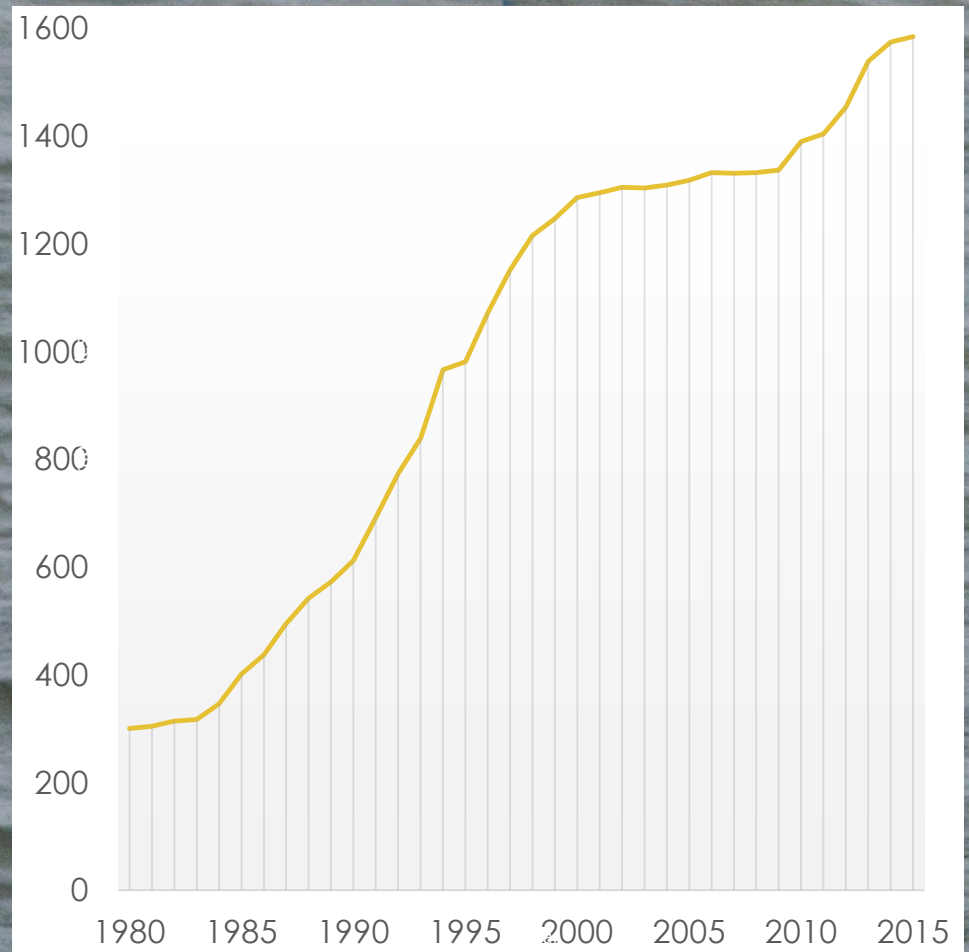
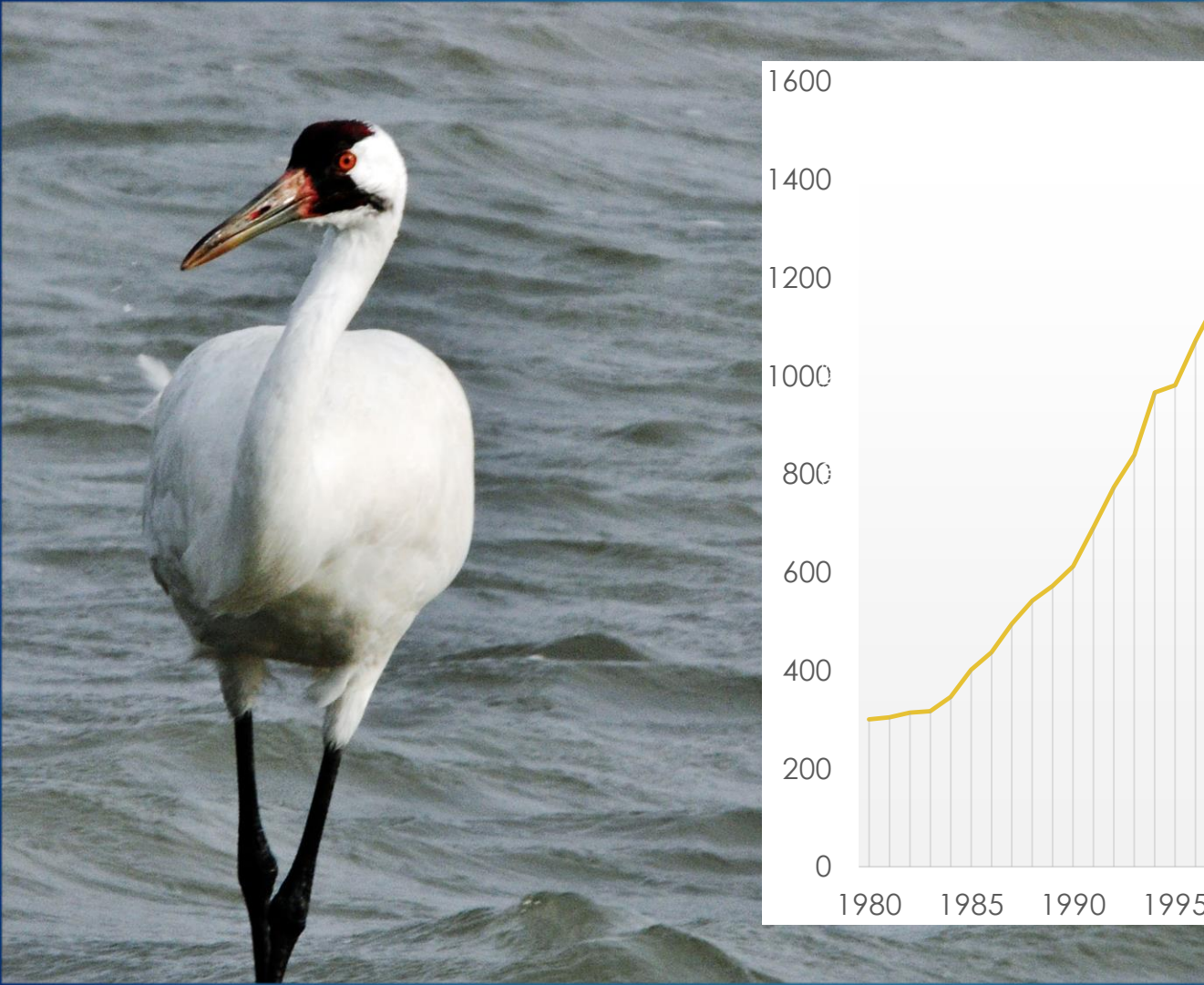


Zebra mussel
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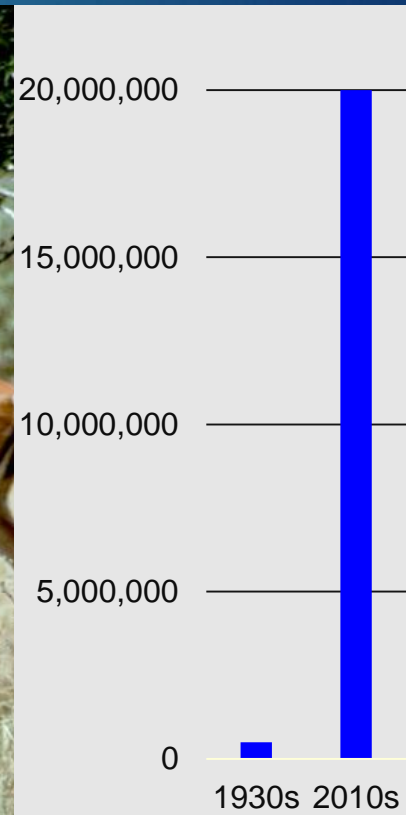


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Emerald Ash Borer

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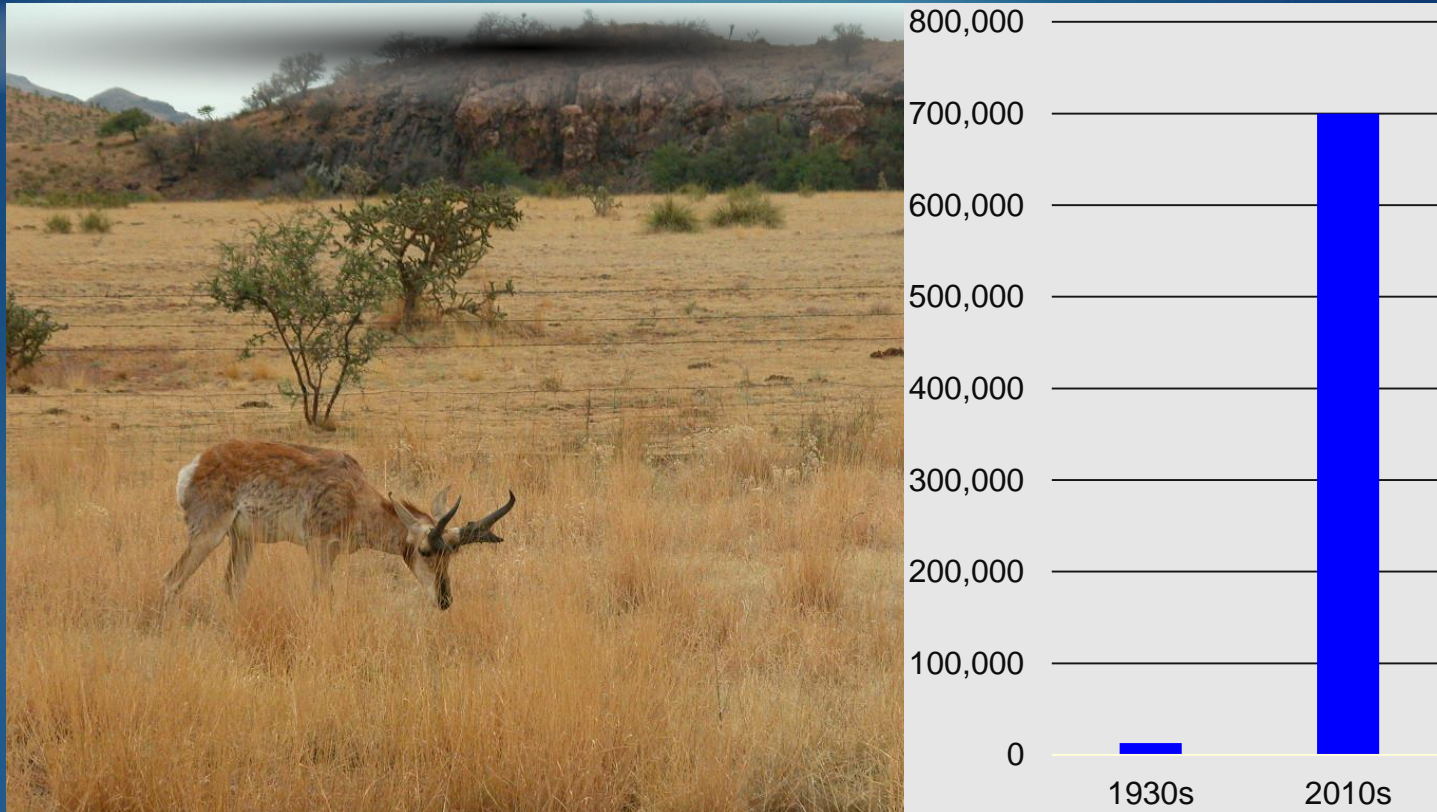
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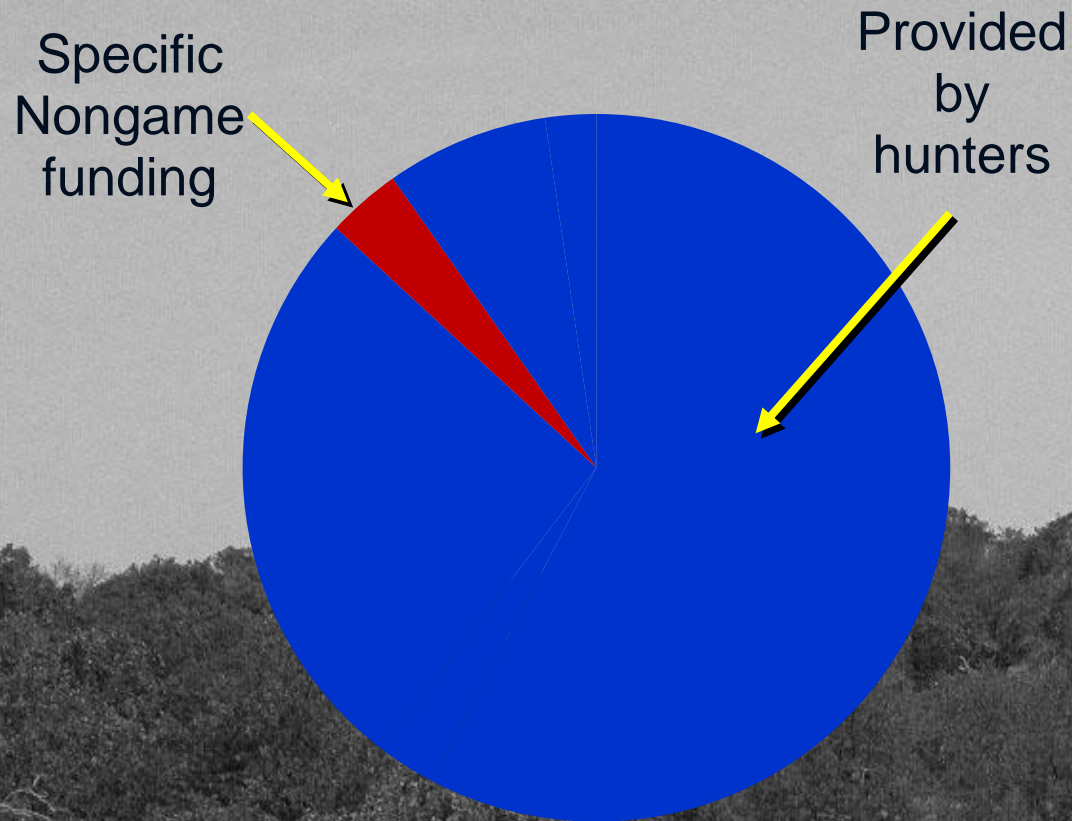
Wild Turkey U.S. Population Estimate



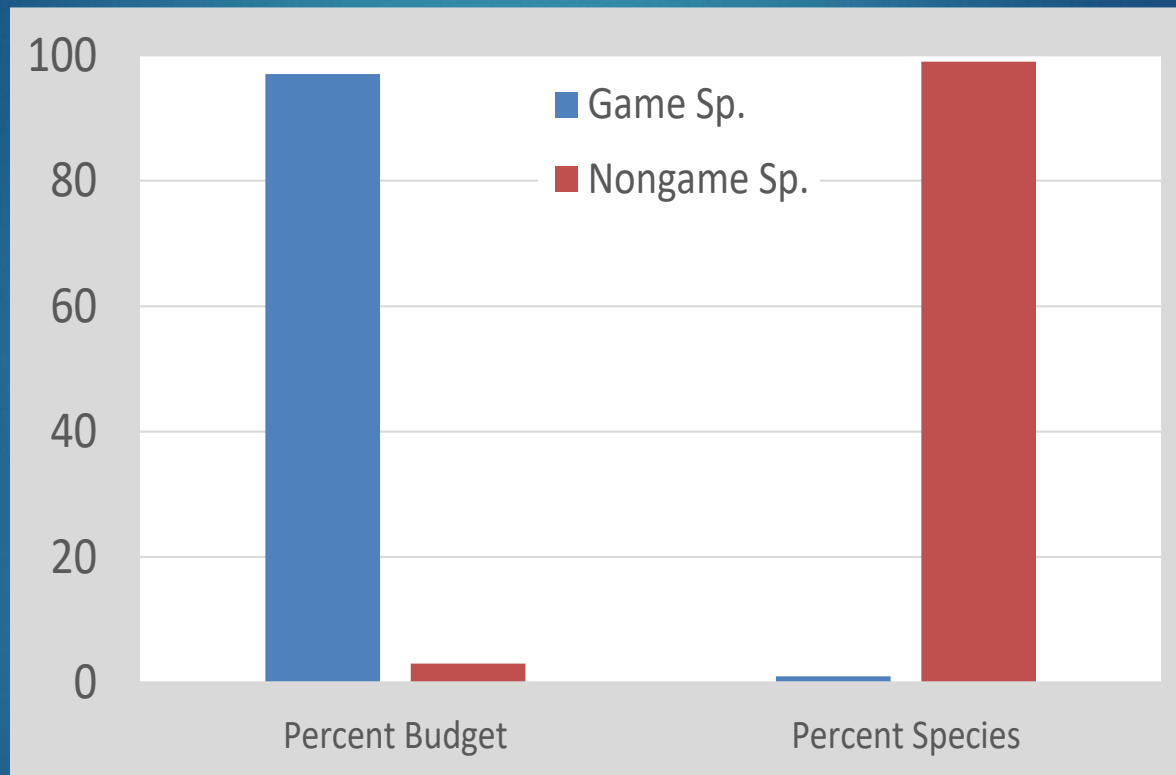
Pronghorn U.S. Population Estimate



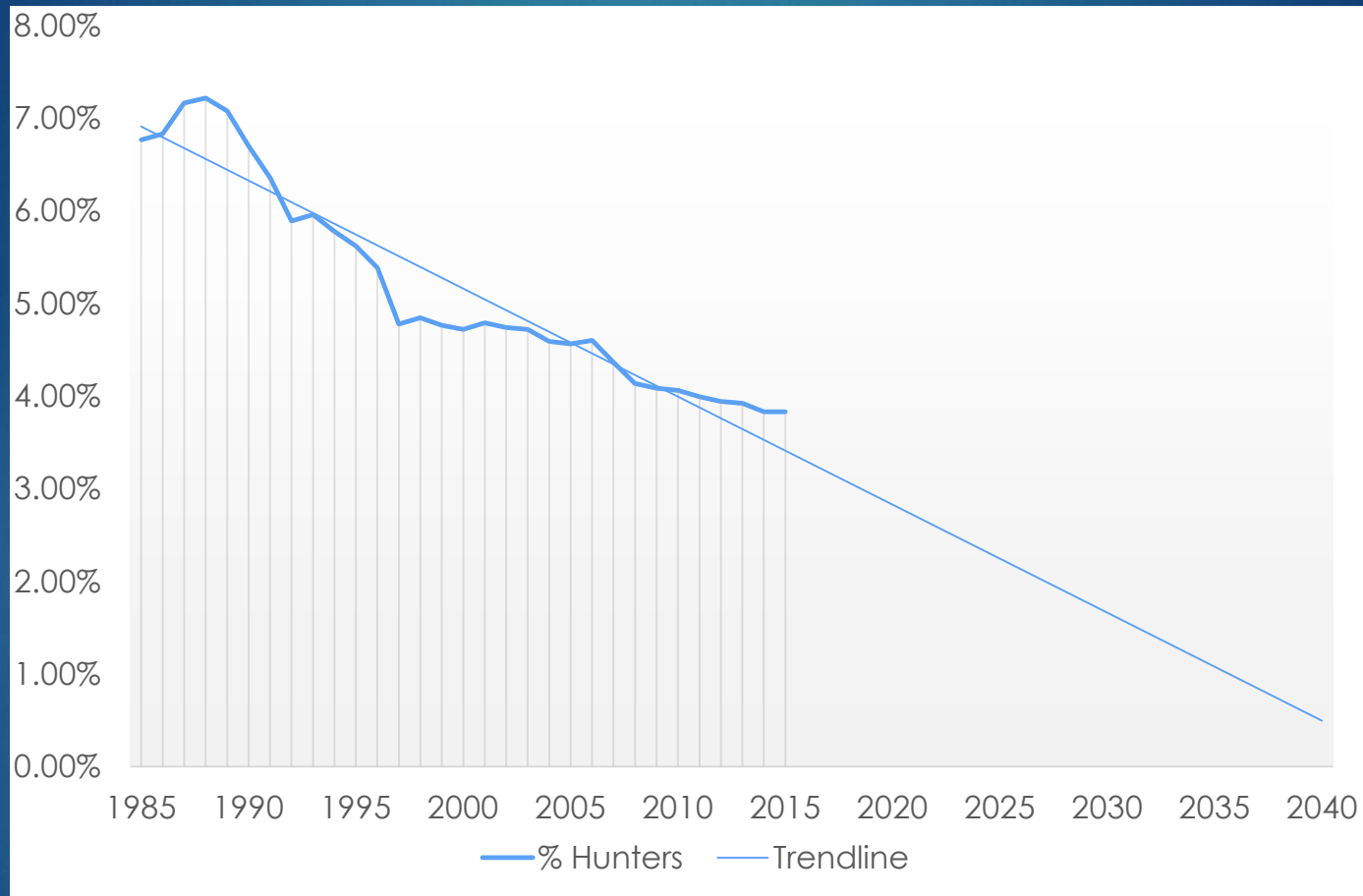
How is fish and wildlife management funded?



Fundamental Problem



Percent of Texas Population with Hunting License Projected to 2040



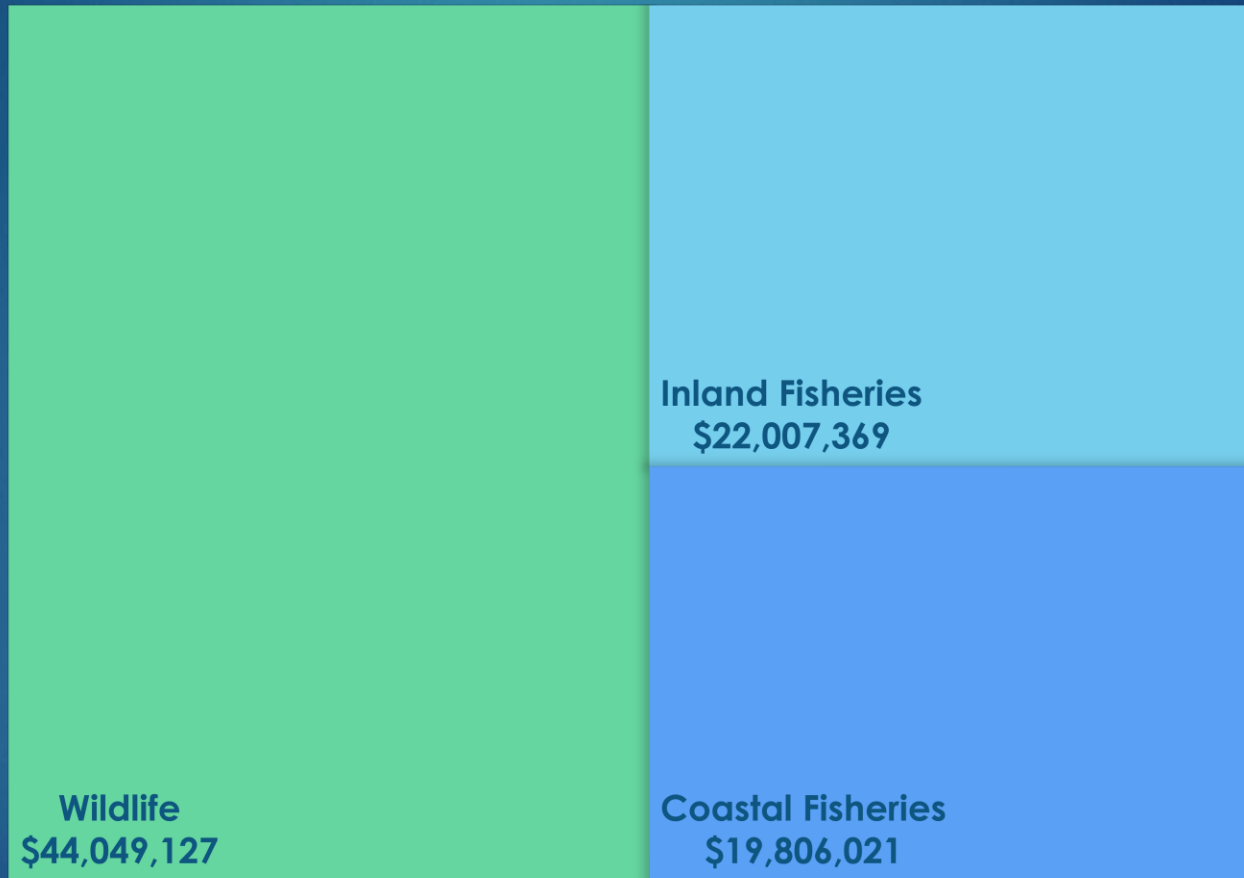
What is the combined TPWD **Natural Resource Divisions** budget?

- A. ~\$1.3 Billion
- B. ~\$85 Million
- C. ~\$30 Million
- D. ~\$300 Million



Natural Resource Budget Overview

2017 FUNDING



Blue Ribbon Panel

- ▶ 24 member panel
Wildlife NGOs
Sporting groups
Industry
- ▶ Recommend a
mechanism to
sustainably fund the
conservation of ALL
fish and wildlife



John Morris
Owner/CEO Bass Pro Shops



Dave Freudenthal
Former Gov. of Wyoming



RECOMMENDATION 1

Congress dedicate up to \$1.3 billion annually in existing revenue from the development of energy and mineral resources on federal lands and waters to the Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program (16 U.S.C. 669b(a)).

Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA)

H.R. 4647, S. 3223



- ▶ Federally allocates up to \$1.3B annually from existing revenues into Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program
- ▶ \$63 M to Texas
- ▶ Dedicated to implement State Wildlife Action Plans

How much additional funding could RAWA bring to Texas?



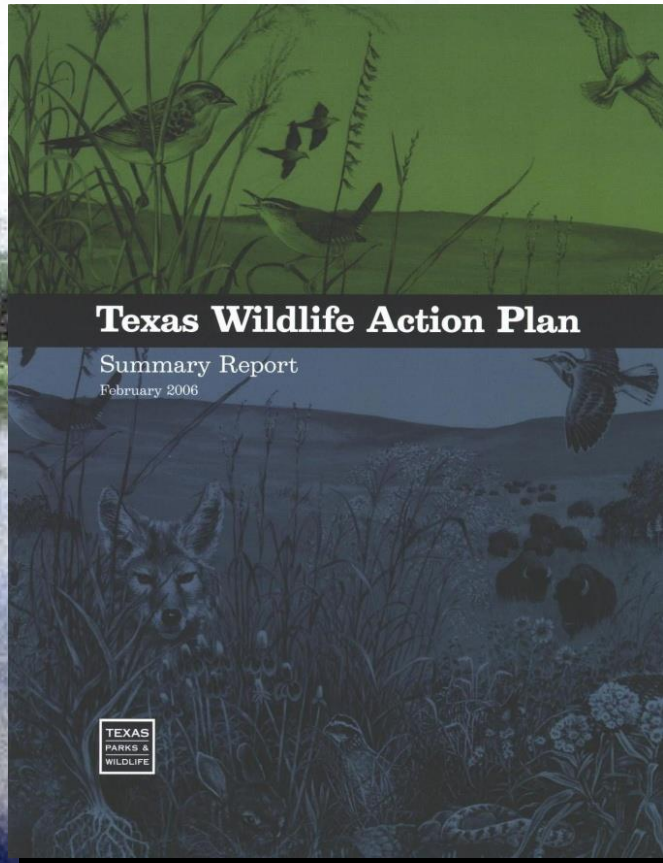
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How would RAWA be funded?

- A. Excise tax on outdoor sporting equipment
- B. Nominal tax on real estate purchases
- C. Fraction added to property tax
- D. Fraction of offshore oil and gas royalties



We have a plan



What is an SGCN? Some examples





What would RAWA specifically fund?

- A. Only SGCN (Species of Greatest Conservation Need)
- B. Only T&E (State or Federally listed Threatened or Endangered Species)
- C. Only Nongame Species
- D. Only Game Species



What types of activities could be funded by RAWA?

- A. Conservation and restoration projects
- B. Recreation projects
- C. Education projects
- D. Law enforcement
- E. All of the above



What's in it for you?

- ▶ Action Plan
Priorities
- ▶ Partnerships
- ▶ Proactive
management
- ▶ Voluntary
management



What to do?

Step 1: Sign on at txwildlifealliance.org/



What to do?

Step 2: Contact & engage influential people





Recovering America's Wildlife Act

- Bipartisan
- Use existing money
- Fund existing program
- To keep populations healthy
- Prevent listing
- Helping
 - Wildlife
 - Habitats
 - People
 - Industry





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Business of conserving habitat

