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All Birds, All Habitats

The North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NABCI) aims to ensure that populations and habitats of North America's birds are protected, restored and enhanced through coordinated efforts at international, national, regional and local levels guided by sound science and effective management. It is designed to increase the effectiveness of existing and new initiatives through:

- Effective coordination,
- Building on existing regional partnerships, such as the Joint Ventures, and
- Fostering greater cooperation among the nations and the peoples of the continent.

NABCI was officially recognized and supported by the Council of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), whose members are the environment ministers of Canada, Mexico and the United States, at their Sixth Regular Session 27-28 June 1999 in Banff, Alberta, Canada. Council encouraged international cooperation to conserve the continent's bird species. The initiative is a statement of principles and approaches shared by individuals, organizations, agencies and programs engaged in bird conservation. It intends to make programs more effective without reducing their autonomy.

Efforts for the protection of birds and their habitats are being carried out in each country, but significant gaps still exist and bird populations continue to decline. In response to the issues and challenges of bird conservation, NABCI's vision is to achieve regionally-based, biologically-driven, landscape-oriented partnerships that deliver the full spectrum of bird conservation across North America.

These partnerships will:

- Undertake comprehensive biological planning
- Foster enhanced partnerships for implementation
- Build a strong scientific foundation
- Promote international cooperation
- Garner sufficient resources.

For more information on comprehensive bird conservation, visit our other links and national sites.