

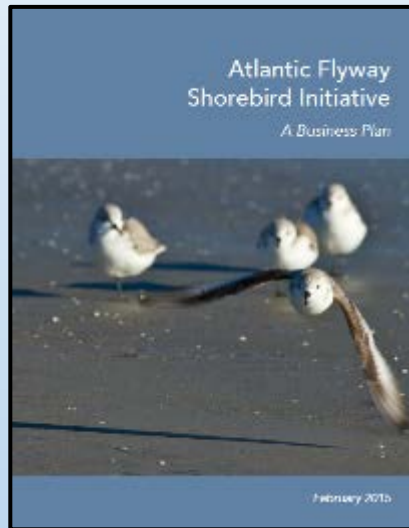
# Midcontinent Shorebird Conservation Initiative (MSCI)

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# Filling the Shorebird Conservation Gap in the Americas



# Value of Flyway-scale Approaches

- Place local action in a flyway context
- Facilitate collaboration at the scales necessary to conserve migratory shorebirds and their habitats
- Integrate efforts to secure funding to sustain a suite of shorebird populations for future generations
- Complement other large-scale plans (e.g., Grassland Roadmap), national bird and shorebird plans (e.g., Argentina), multilateral agreements (CMS, Ramsar)



# Midcontinent Shorebird Conservation Initiative (MSCI) Elements

Build a **strategic framework** through a logical process and practitioner engagement throughout the Midcontinent Americas Flyway – focus on breeding and nonbreeding shorebirds and their habitats.

Continue to engage a broad partnership **steering committee** to guide development and promote implementation

Develop new and leverage existing **revenue streams** to accomplish implementation

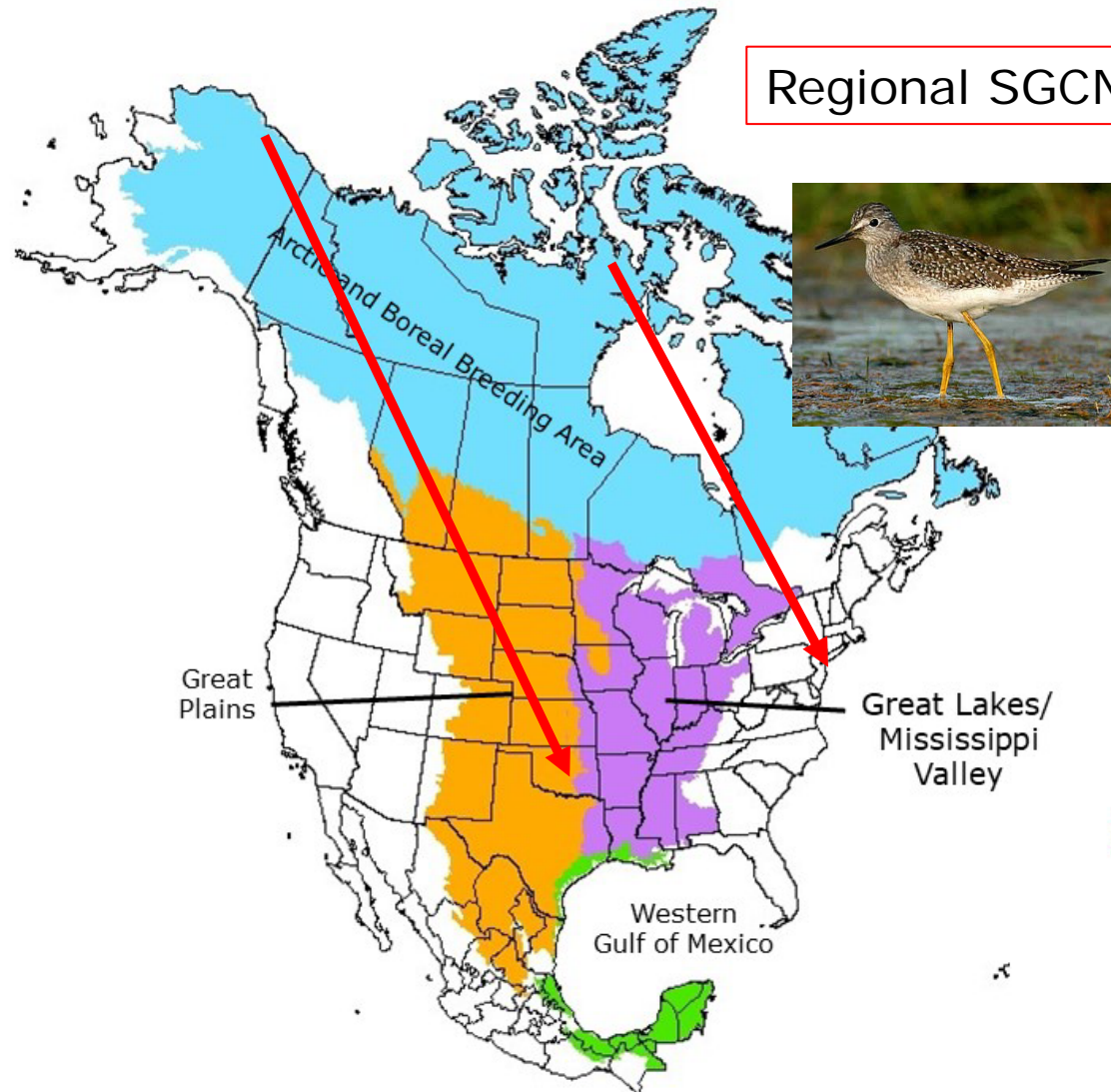


# MSCI Geography & Focal Species

North American Migrants

North-South American Migrants

South American Migrants



# Developing the Framework

## Use Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation

- Similar to AFSI & PSCI processes
- Consistent products (North & South)

Partner input through virtual workshops  
(engaging states via NTCs)

Multiple review of workshop products  
and draft sections of framework by  
state and other partners



# North America



Phase 1: Develop/Refine Situation Model

Phase 2: Regional workshops to develop conservation strategies and theories of change

# North America Next Steps



Incorporate partners' feedback on workshop products

Refine & finalize workshop products

Feb-Mar 2021



North Committee develop draft North America framework

Apr-Jun 2021



Partners review draft NA framework  
Incorporate input  
Finalize NA portion

May-Jul 2021



Merge NA & SA into draft hemispheric framework

Aug-Dec 2021



Strategic framework published in English and Spanish

Mar 2022

CWS, USFWS & partners developing conservation standard products for Arctic/Boreal Region



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