



# Coastal Conservation Key to a Thriving Economy and a Healthy Environment

America's coastal watersheds are economically significant and ecologically complex. Management of our coasts requires a thoughtful balance of working landscapes and habitat conservation.

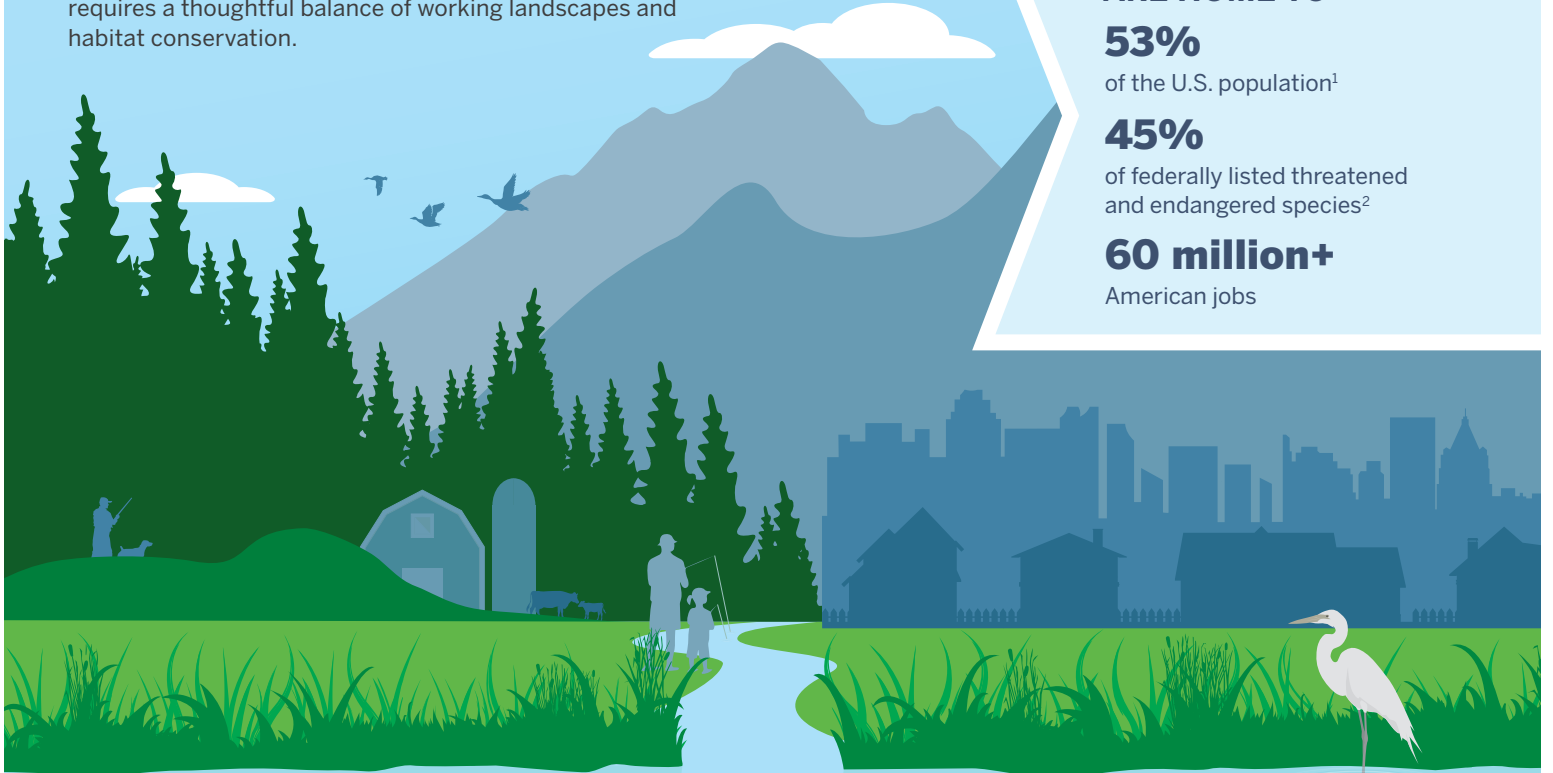


## COASTAL WATERSHEDS ARE HOME TO

**53%**  
of the U.S. population<sup>1</sup>

**45%**  
of federally listed threatened  
and endangered species<sup>2</sup>

**60 million+**  
American jobs



## U.S. COASTAL HABITATS GENERATE

**\$23.2 billion**

in storm protection services per year,  
by mitigating the impact of hurricanes.<sup>3</sup>

**\$43.6 billion+**

in recreational fishing and migratory  
bird hunting.<sup>4</sup>

**\$44 billion**

in travel: Americans take more than  
900 million trips to coastal areas annually.<sup>5</sup>

## U.S. COASTAL HABITATS SUPPORT

**40%**

of the U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service's  
National Wildlife  
Refuges.

**75%+**

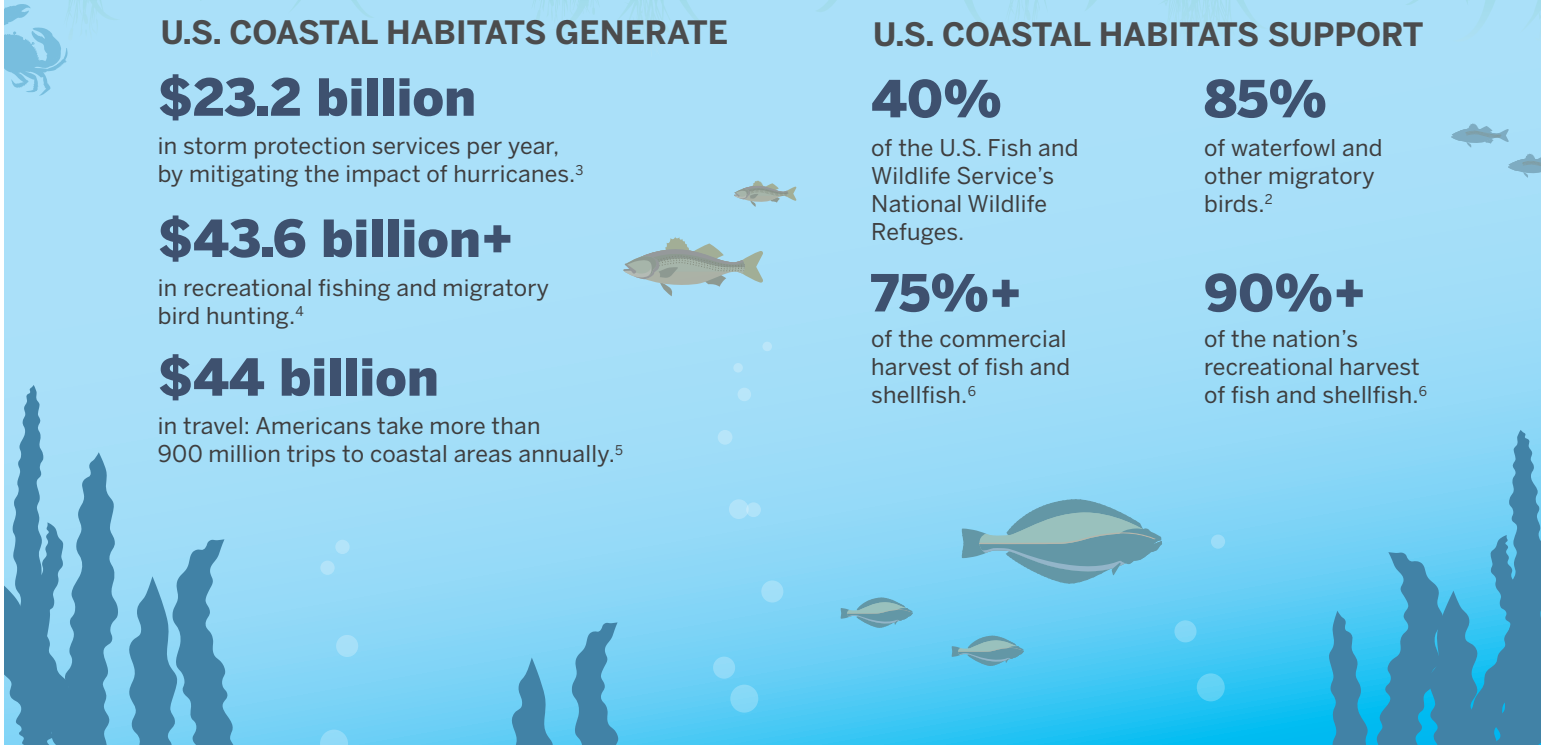
of the commercial  
harvest of fish and  
shellfish.<sup>6</sup>

**85%**

of waterfowl and  
other migratory  
birds.<sup>2</sup>

**90%+**

of the nation's  
recreational harvest  
of fish and shellfish.<sup>6</sup>



# The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program A Conservation Leader

The Coastal Program works with communities to voluntarily restore and protect habitats that benefit fish, wildlife, and people. We also develop resources that help land managers and practitioners deliver habitat conservation. By working together, we can sustain the people, economies, and wildlife that rely on coastal ecosystems.



## OUR MISSION

*to achieve voluntary habitat conservation by providing technical and financial assistance, in collaboration with partners, for the benefit of federal trust species.*

Since 1985 the Coastal Program has worked with over **8,200 PARTNERS** to:

**PROTECT**  
**2,100,000+**  
acres of habitat



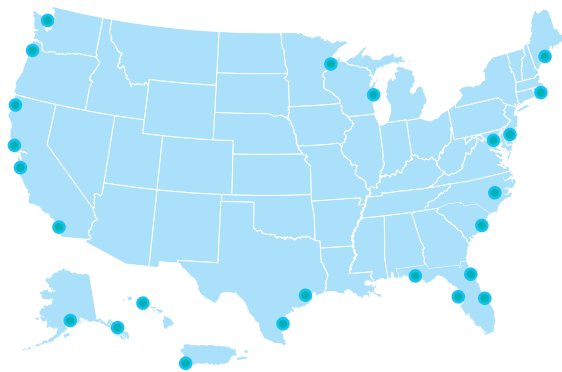
**RESTORE**  
**550,000+**  
acres of habitat



**RESTORE**  
**2,600+**  
miles of stream



**DELIST/DOWNLIST**  
**15** federally-listed threatened and endangered species



## WE WORK WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES

from field offices located around the nation to improve and protect habitat on both public and private lands, from the headwaters to the near shore, to deliver landscape conservation and maintain habitat connectivity and continuity.

● Coastal Program Field Offices

The Coastal Program is instrumental in delivering federal and partner resources to **LOCAL ECONOMIES**:

**DELIVERING**  
**\$1+ BILLION**  
in partner contributions<sup>7</sup>



**LEVERAGING**  
**\$5 FOR EACH \$1**  
in Coastal Program  
enacted funding levels<sup>7</sup>



**SUPPORTING**  
**2,700 BUSINESSES**  
**& 4,100 JOBS** annually<sup>7</sup>

