Lower Colorado River
Multi-Species Conservation Program

Balancing Resource Use and Conservation
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- 50-Years of ESA

- Compliance Unique – Section 7 and 10
  - 26 Covered Species

- Covered Actions (Federal and Non-Federal)
  - Delivery and Diversion of 9 MAF
  - Maintenance Activities
  - Movement of 1.574 MAF
Goals and Objectives:

• Conserve habitat and work toward recovery of T&E species as well as reduce the likelihood of additional species being listed

• Accommodate present water diversions and power production and optimize opportunities for future water and power development

• Provide the basis for incidental take authorizations
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2048 Accomplishments

*Water Delivery and Power Production not Managed by Litigation

*Species

- More is known about All 26 Species
- Razorback Sucker and Bonytail Chub are Recovered
- Other Listed Species are Closer to Recovery

*Through Adaptive Management Decisions Habitat Management has Evolved based on Species Needs
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2048 Accomplishments

*Habitat - Created
Cottonwood – Willow 5,940 acres
Mesquite 1,320 acres
Marsh 512 acres
Backwater 360 acres

*Habitat Ownership – Refuges, Game and Fish Agencies, and Native American Tribes

*Some Habitat Acreage is located in Mexico
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2048 Accomplishments

*Extension of the Program Through 2105 is Complete
-No New Measures are Needed
-Due to Efficiencies, Continued Implementation requires 50% less water

Desert Tortoise
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Western least bittern

Sonoran yellow warbler

MacNeill’s sootywing
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