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Partner Survey 3 - Issues and Actions Survey

Every ten years, each state creates a plan that maps out the next ten years of wildlife conservation in their state. Connecticut's State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) (CT SWAP) identifies which species are of greatest conservation need, the habitats they use, the issues they face, and the actions that may help improve their situations. Connecticut wrote our first Wildlife Action Plan in 2005, and last revised it in 2015. Recently, a diversity of fish and wildlife species specialists and other experts finalized Connecticut's 2025 list of species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) (CT SGCN list). We are **in the process of identifying** key habitats for these species, issues that compromise these species, and conservation actions to minimize those issues. We appreciate the diversity of knowledge and experience that organizations and agencies like yours can contribute to making Connecticut's SWAP more useful and implementable. We would value your insight regarding habitats that are in the most need of attention and other issues affecting CT's SGCN. Your answers to the following questions will help inform our understanding of issues and assist with identification of actions to address them. This survey is being conducted by an independent survey research specialist. Your participation is **voluntary and confidential, and your responses will not be associated with your name.** Note: There will be an opportunity to provide your contact information at the end of the survey if you want to engage in other opportunities related to the SWAP revision.



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What do you feel are the top three habitat types do you believe should receive the greatest attention for conservation? (Check only three)

- ☐ Forested upland
- ☐ Open upland
- ☐ Subterranean
- ☐ Developed
- ☐ Riverine
- ☐ Lacustrine (lakes)
- ☐ Land-water interface (floodplains, shorelines, beaches)
- ☐ Palustrine (tidal and non-tidal wetlands, vernal pools)
- ☐ Estuarine
- ☐ Marine
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other (please describe the habitat type in the box below)

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Which habitat type, if any, is relevant to your organization's purpose? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Forested upland
- ☐ Open upland
- ☐ Subterranean
- ☐ Developed
- ☐ Riverine
- ☐ Lacustrine (lakes)
- ☐ Land-water interface (floodplains, shorelines, beaches)
- ☐ Palustrine (tidal and non-tidal wetlands, vernal pools)
- ☐ Estuarine
- ☐ Marine
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other
- ☐ None of the above are relevant to my organization's purpose

Please describe the other habitat type that is most relevant to your organization's purpose.

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Please describe why none of the habitat types are relevant to your organization's purpose.

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In thinking about the mission of your organization, which of the following issues that could impact Connecticut's SGCN do you believe should be the highest priorities in Connecticut's SWAP?

(Check the top 3)

- ☐ Residential & commercial development
- ☐ Agriculture (e.g., crop, livestock, timber, and shellfish production)
- ☐ Energy production & mining
- ☐ Transportation & utility corridors
- ☐ Harvesting and collecting SGCN
- ☐ Increased recreational use of habitat areas
- ☐ Habitat modification (control of fire, dams, erosion)
- ☐ Invasive species and disease
- ☐ Pollution
- ☐ Climate change
- ☐ Lack of information about species and their habitats
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other (please describe) _____

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Considering the mission of your organization, which of the following actions to address issues that impact Connecticut's SGCN do you believe should be the highest priorities in Connecticut's SWAP? (Check the top 3)

- ☐ Improving the quality of existing habitats
- ☐ Directly managing species
- ☐ Outreach and communication to the public and partners
- ☐ Enforcing environmental laws
- ☐ Creating economic incentives (solar or carbon credits, green certifications)
- ☐ Designing and planning conservation
- ☐ Preserving land for habitat
- ☐ Developing environmental protection laws and policies
- ☐ Conducting research and monitoring
- ☐ Implementing education and training programs
- ☐ Increasing support for conservation organizations (funding, & capacity, and partnerships)
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other (please describe) _____

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Do you believe that the work of your organization currently contributes to addressing issues that impact Connecticut's SGCN?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know
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If yes, please describe how your organization's work currently contributes to addressing issues impacting Connecticut's SGCN.

In the future, do you believe that the work of your organization could contribute to addressing issues that may impact Connecticut's SGCN?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know
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Why don't you believe that the work of your organization could contribute to addressing issues that may impact Connecticut's SGCN?

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Does your organization face significant obstacles that could limit its participation in implementing actions identified in Connecticut's 2025 SWAP?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Please describe those obstacles and what could help your organization overcome them.

Is there anything about your organization's likely participation in implementing Connecticut's 2025 SWAP that is not covered in this questionnaire, but you'd like to share with us?

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If you would like to share the name of your organization and contact information here, please use the space below to add that information.
