

2001-02 ANNUAL REPORT RECOVERY OF NATIONALLY ENDANGERED WILDLIFE

The 12th RENEW (Recovery of Nationally Endangered Wildlife) annual report provides a wealth of information about recovery planning and implementation in Canada. It summarizes the resources invested in each species by funding source, the status of recovery plan development, and includes an estimate of the population size and trends for individual species. It outlines the goals for each recovery plan, lists the chair and responsible jurisdictions, and provides an overview of recent progress.

The important link between stewardship and recovery is also profiled in this year's report, to coincide with the release of *Canada's Stewardship Agenda: A Plan for Collaboration*. *Canada's Stewardship Agenda* will promote increased cooperation among Canadians and encourage them to further engage in the conservation of our natural heritage. This will protect habitat, and contribute to the recovery of Canada's species at risk.

This year's RENEW report provides readers with information on the Stewardship Canada Web portal, which can be found at www.stewardshipcanada.ca. This site contains a growing network of resources for stewards, including a searchable list of stewardship funders throughout Canada, and a network of interactive web applications. Later this year, the site will be expanded to include a compendium of stewardship activities across Canada.

RENEW, the national recovery program for species at risk, was launched in 1988. The program now involves three federal departments (Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Canadian Heritage -- Parks Canada Agency), provincial and territorial government agencies, wildlife management boards authorized by a land claim agreement, Aboriginal organizations, other organizations and interested individuals.

The RENEW program falls under the general direction of the Canadian Endangered Species Conservation Council (CESCC), which is made up of federal, provincial and territorial ministers with responsibilities for protecting wildlife species. The Canadian Wildlife Directors Committee coordinates the program with the assistance of the Recovery Secretariat provided by the Canadian Wildlife Service of Environment Canada.

The printed report is complemented by the RENEW web site, which can be found at <http://www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/sar/efforts/index.htm>. The RENEW site provides additional information including fact sheet on each species, published recovery plans, previous RENEW annual reports, a list of recovery team members, the recovery newsletter and other useful references.

Highlights from the 12th RENEW annual report include:

- There are 83 recovery teams in place, 19 more than last year
- 14 recovery plans have been approved and are still current, and 68 species have recovery plans or strategies in development
- \$26.2 million was expended on recovery in 2001-2002 (salary and expenses)
- 196 organizations made financial contributions to recovery programs in 2001-2002
- Employment on recovery initiatives is equivalent to about 158 people working full-time
- Volunteer efforts are reported as equal to 18 people working full-time
- 167 public consultation sessions were organized by recovery teams
- 22 recovery teams are incorporating Aboriginal traditional knowledge or community knowledge into recovery planning

More information on species at risk can be found at:

www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/

Visit the “Species search” website at:

www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/Species/English/SearchRequest.cfm

Note to translators:

French URL for website cited in text is:

<http://www.especesenperil.gc.ca/species/eep/efforts/index.htm>