

NORTH ATLANTIC LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION COOPERATIVE GRANT 2013 PROGRESS REPORT

Quarter: (circle one) 2013 1st 2013 2nd 2013 3rd 2013 4th

Grant Program, Number and Title: 2011-02; Use of a vulnerability index to assess species most likely to be impacted by climate change

Organization: NatureServe

Project Leader: Lesley Sneddon

Abstract: Please provide a short (1-2 paragraphs) abstract that addresses EACH of the following: the objectives of your project, accomplishments to date, future plans and timelines with an estimate for when the project will be completed.

Our overall objective is to complete the CCVI assessments of 64 species of importance to the NALCC. This quarter, we completed all assessments and submitted a draft final report to the NALCC. We will circulate the report for wider review upon receipt of NALCC comments.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? For the most part, yes.

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments)

1. Convene a team of collaborators to select 60 species to be assessed using the CCVI. The set of species will include a mix of Federal Trust species of high responsibility by the NALCC, foundation species selected from habitats currently being assessed for climate change vulnerability by Manomet, and species of greatest conservation need as identified by the Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.
Planned: None
Actual: Completed in 2012
2. Using the NatureServe network's extensive literature and spatial databases and other pertinent sources, assemble natural history and distribution information on the species selected for assessment.
Planned: Compile natural history and distribution information
Actual: We completed assessments for all 64 species.
3. Identify and assemble the downscaled climate predictions and other GIS data, including range maps of the selected species.
Planned: none; completed last quarter
Actual:
4. Apply the CCVI and document in detail the assumptions used in the assessment.
Planned: Complete remaining CCVI assessments

Actual: Assessments for all species completed this quarter.

- Using CCVI results, produce a final report that translates the results into language accessible to the educated lay public. The report may include, as appropriate, potential geographic areas of relatively lower vulnerability to guide conservation decisions, and possible adaptation strategies and monitoring recommendations for individual species or guilds of species.

Planned: Draft report explaining methods and results, to be circulated for review, target date May 15, 2013. Final report due June 31, 2013.

Actual: Completed draft final report, which was submitted to NALCC. We will circulate for review more broadly and finalize when comments are received.

- Post the CCVI assessment results on the climate change section of NatureServe's web site (<http://www.natureserve.org/prodServices/climatechange/ccvi.jsp>).

Planned: none

Actual: none

Difficulties Encountered: Slight delay in completion of final report, but draft final has been submitted. We will incorporate review comments and submit the final report by summer's end.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter: Submit final report

Expected End Date: June 30, 2013

Costs:

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter):

Total Approved Budgeted Funds:

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature:

Date: