



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# National Conservation Training Center

## *Training Announcement*

### Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment

ALC3184

#### Course Description

This course is based on January 2011 publication "Scanning the Conservation Horizon - A Guide to Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment" ([www.nwf.org/vulnerabilityguide](http://www.nwf.org/vulnerabilityguide)). The guidance document is a product of an expert workgroup on climate change vulnerability assessment convened by the National Wildlife Federation in collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station, National Park Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, and the Department of Defense Legacy Resource Management Program. This course is designed to guide conservation and resource management practitioners in two essential elements in the design of climate adaptation plans. Specifically, it will provide guidance in identifying which species or habitats are likely to be most strongly affected by projected changes; and understanding why these resources are likely to be vulnerable. Vulnerability Assessments are a critical tool in undertaking any climate change planning or implementation.



Credit: Greg Breese/USFWS

#### Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Design and interpret natural resource related climate management actions to help build resiliency and adaptation,
- Understand vulnerability assessment in the broader context of adaptation planning,
- Evaluate the different factors influencing vulnerability and how they can affect the outcome of vulnerability assessments,
- Identify and evaluate approaches for conducting vulnerability assessments and choose among options,
- Design a vulnerability assessment applicable to their needs,
- Evaluate and interpret the results of vulnerability assessments and recognize next steps,
- Communicate the purposes, methods, and results of vulnerability assessments to others,
- Develop (elements of) a vulnerability assessment workplan/statement of work, including level of effort.

#### Date

August 27 - 29, 2013

#### Location

NCTC, Shepherdstown, WV

#### Who Should Attend

The target audience includes conservation practitioners from Federal and State fish and wildlife agencies and other conservation managers who work on natural resource issues and need to determine which resources are most vulnerable when setting priorities for conservation action.

#### Length

3 days

#### College Credit

One semester hour is available on request.

#### Tuition

There is no tuition for FWS, NPS, BLM and USGS employees. For participants from other agencies and organizations, there is a tuition charge of \$597.

#### To Register

Register online at <http://training.fws.gov> using DOI Learn, the Department of the Interior's Learning Management System.

#### Availability

Course will be offered multiple times per year by various hosts.

#### Contact for Registration Questions

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*“Building the capacity of conservation and resource management practitioners to assess upcoming changes to the landscapes and resources they manage provides a vital link in bridging the gap between people, nature and climate.”*