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*National Wildlife Refuge System*

# The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Catalog



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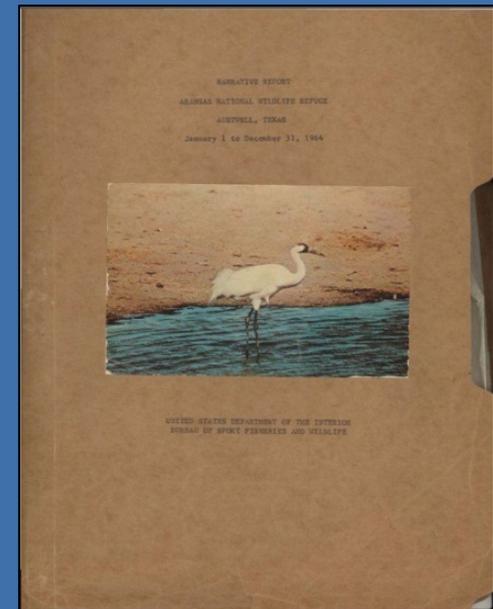
# Course Outline

1. Introduction to the ServCat
2. Searching Records (exercise)
3. How to Identify a “ServCat Worthy” Document
4. Sensitive/Proprietary Documents
5. Creating and Editing a ServCat Record (exercise)
6. ServCat Advanced Topics (exercise)
7. Managing your References



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- Centralizes and preserves Service information.
- Documents this information with metadata.
- Records are easily discoverable and retrievable
- Promotes collaboration
- Minimizes redundancy



Unpublished Report

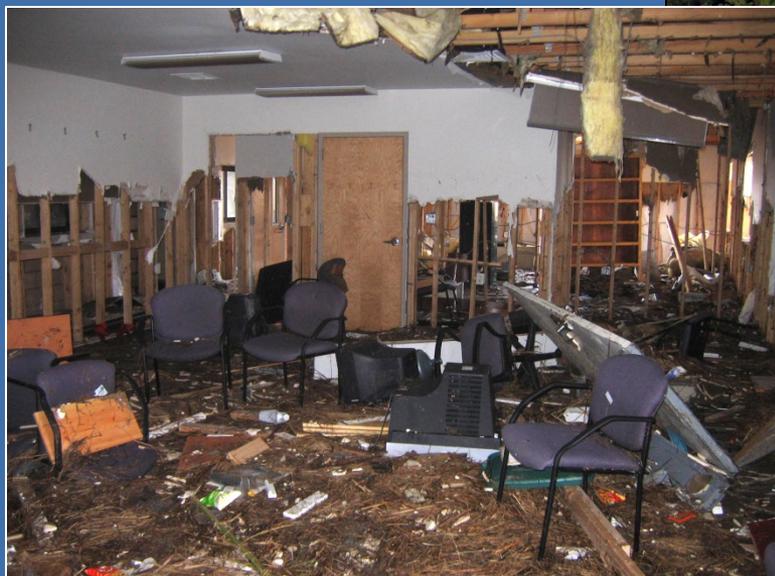


# Lost Data





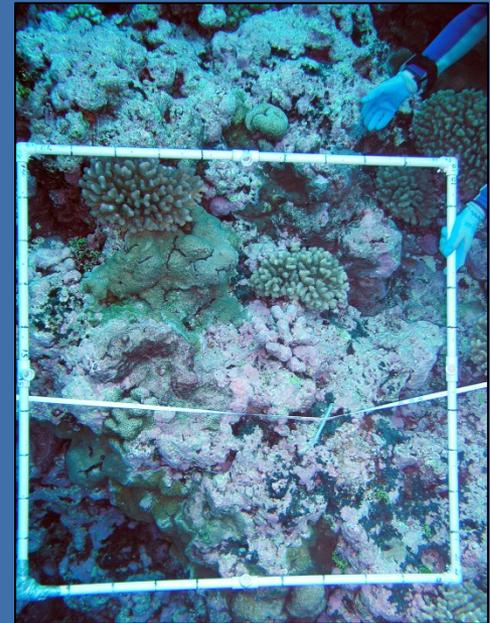
# Destroyed Data





## Key Points

- Collaboration with NPS is ongoing to maintain and improve ServCat.
- ServCat is hosted by the Environmental Conservation Online System, or ECOS.
- ServCat is designed to promote interoperability with other applications using Web Services (e.g., Species Profiles, PRIMR, WRIA).



Photograph (Credit: James Maragos, USFWS)



# Key Points

- Public records are automatically published to data.gov and data.doi.gov.
- ‘The Public’ can now discover these FWS records.
- Fulfills Executive Order 12906, 13642 and the Open Data Policy

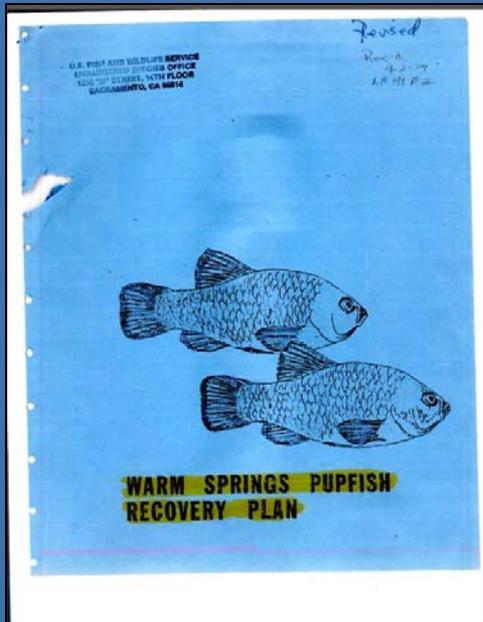
The screenshot shows the data.doi.gov website interface. At the top left is the U.S. Department of the Interior logo and the text 'data.doi.gov'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Search for and discover data from across the Department of the Interior'. The main content area displays '16,507 datasets found' and a list of datasets. The first dataset is 'Wildland Fuels Hazard Assessment for the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge' with a description: 'U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service — The intent of this plan is to assess wildland fuel hazards and prescribe specific hazard mitigation treatments for the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge. The intent...'. The second dataset is 'Survival and Abundance of Delmarva Fox Squirrels at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge' with a description: 'U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service — The report assesses the adequacy of data collected at numerous sites at and around the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge to estimate survival and abundance of DFS...'. A 'PDF' icon is visible below the second dataset. On the left side, there is a 'Filter by location' section with a map of North America and a search box. Below the map, it says 'Map data CC-BY-SA by OpenStreetMap Tiles by MapQuest'. There are also sections for 'Dataset Type' (geospatial (29)) and 'Tags'.





# Status

- Fully operational at the end of FY2012.
- Over 26,000 records in ServCat
- Current ServCat version released in June 28, 2013
- New version to be released this summer
  - DOI-wide read only access
  - Partner login for contributors
  - Google mapper
  - New, user-friendly GUI



Management Plan

