



Mississippi Restoration Area

Bird Stewardship and Enhanced Monitoring in Mississippi

June 2022

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Bird Stewardship and Enhanced Monitoring in Mississippi project will help restore coastal nesting shorebird species injured by the *Deepwater Horizon* (DWH) oil spill by implementing stewardship activities that would reduce human disturbance of birds and predation of nests and chicks by wildlife (e.g., racoons, coyotes) and address critical information gaps for populations of colonial waterbirds breeding along the Mississippi coast to better inform restoration planning.

Over a period of 7 years, the project will increase the acreage of habitat under stewardship and management on the Mississippi barrier islands which are managed by the National Park Service (Petit Bois, West Petit Bois, Horn, Ship, and Cat) and includes more than 62 miles of beach and shoreline.

Coastal habitats in Mississippi support a diversity of coastal bird species throughout the year, as nesting grounds during the breeding period, as a stopover for migrating species in the spring and fall, and as wintering habitat for numerous species that breed elsewhere.

IMPLEMENTING TRUSTEES AND PROJECT PARTNERS

The Implementing Trustees for this project will be the Department of the Interior and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

ALLOCATION

\$6,105,500

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