



# Open Ocean Restoration Area

## Common Tern Nesting Colony Restoration in Manitoba (*preferred*)



Photo by Darrell Neufeld



Common tern  
Photo by Bob Houston, USFWS

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project would increase nesting success, survival, and productivity of the common tern at nesting locations in Manitoba, Canada by implementing stewardship activities and establishing new nesting colonies in protected locations. New colonies would be established through attracting breeding adults to the restoration sites using social attraction tools. Through these actions, this project would restore and establish colonies throughout the extensive boreal forest biome of Manitoba, where the common tern nests in large numbers. Further, new indigenous-led wildlife conservation capacity would be developed as a model for similar programs across Canada.

The project, estimated to cost \$4.4 million, would be implemented over approximately 5 years, with up to 3 years of post-implementation monitoring.

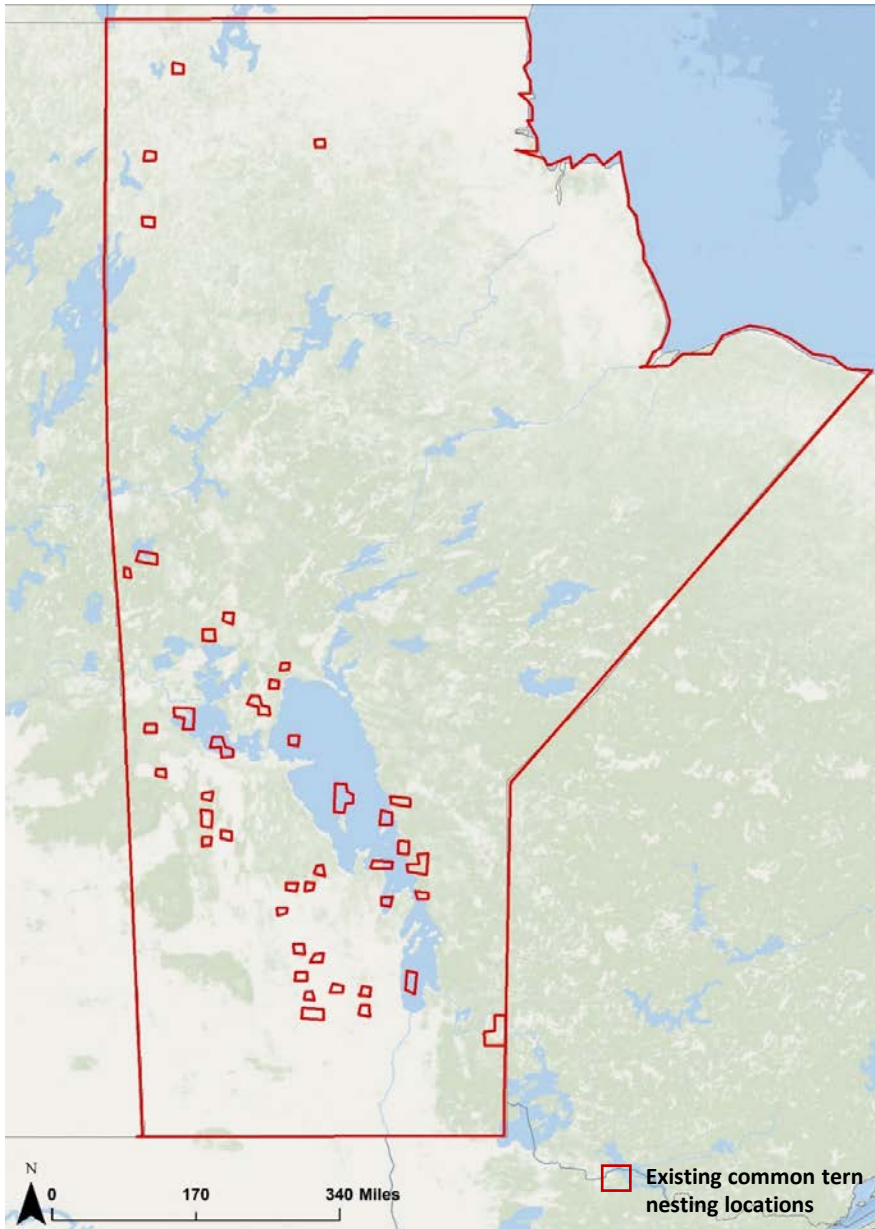
**RESTORATION TYPE:** Birds

### Project Benefits

- Increase nesting success, survivorship, and productivity of the common tern
- Enhance existing common tern nesting colonies
- Establish new common tern colonies



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## RESTORATION TECHNIQUES



Predator Management



Social Attraction



Vegetation Management



Human Disturbance Management



Land-Based Removal of Fishing Debris

**Implementing Trustee:** U.S. Department of the Interior, in partnership with several entities

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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Project activities would include engaging and training indigenous youth and other community members, surveying nesting islands and surrounding waters, managing predators, minimizing human disturbance, enhancing nesting areas, establishing new nesting colonies using social attraction tools (e.g., bird and egg decoys, mirrors), and developing and distributing educational materials.

