

ATLANTIC COAST JOINT VENTURE

South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative

Integrate planning and implementation efforts among the four major bird conservation initiatives and game bird initiatives in the southeastern coastal plain, seeking common goals and objectives for habitat conservation

The South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative (SAMBI) began in June of 1999 when the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture Management Board voted unanimously to deliver conservation of all birds across all habitats. The planning area is the eastern portion of Bird Conservation Region (BCR) 27, the Southeastern Coastal Plain, and includes the coastal plain of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The initiative's primary goals are to 1) integrate the goals and objectives of other major bird conservation planning initiatives with those of the ACJV, 2) determine priority habitats and species on which to focus conservation efforts, 3) delineate "all bird" focus areas, 4) develop populations and habitat objectives for high priority species, 5) and identify projects for implementation. In six years, SAMBI has proven to be very successful in:

- delivering habitat conservation for all birds across all habitats; approximately \$24 million has been awarded for the conservation of over 136,000 acres at 68 project sites. Three of these projects were multi-state multi-activity projects. Over two hundred partners provided \$96 million in matching funds,
- serving as a model for integrated bird conservation planning in Canada, U.S., and Mexico,
- serving as a forum for both intra-state and interstate collaboration and coordination for the delivery of habitat conservation for high priority species and habitats,
- establishing functional and active SAMBI State Working Groups,
- spawning satellite initiatives such as the SAMBI Pelagic Working Group, SAMBI Carbon Sequestration Task Force, South Carolina Shorebird Habitat Management Group; and regional initiatives on the Painted Bunting, Swallow-tailed Kite, American Oystercatcher,
- establishing a SAMBI website supporting an increased biological foundation,

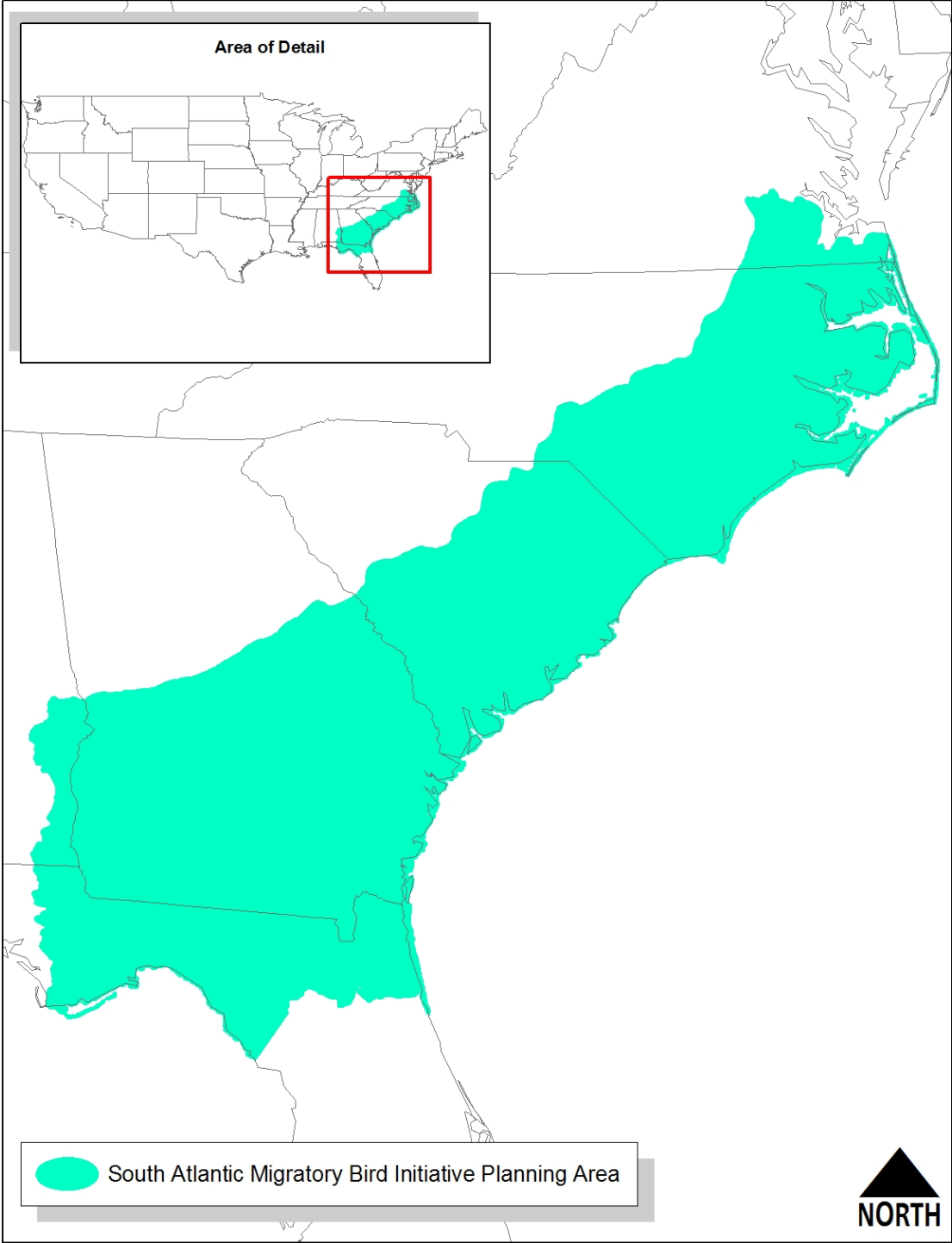


The South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative has proven to be extremely successful in the delivery of bird habitat conservation in the southeast, and stimulating needed coordination and collaboration for management, research, and evaluation in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. State Working Groups have been key to the success of SAMBI. The Nature Conservancy, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture, is taking a lead role in writing the Implementation Plan. A Draft Implementation Plan is available at <http://acjv.org/>.

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