

## Work Task H1: Existing Habitat Maintenance

FY08 Estimates	FY08 Actual	Cumulative Accomplishment Through FY08	FY09 Approved Estimate	FY10 Proposed Estimate	FY11 Proposed Estimate*	FY12 Proposed Estimate*
\$593,500	\$593,500.00	\$1,696,000.00	\$605,000	\$647,000	\$5,823,000	\$5,823,000

\*Based on FY10 inflation estimates.

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**Start Date:** FY06

**Expected Duration:** FY55

**Long-term Goal:** Maintenance of existing habitat.

**Conservation Measures:** CLRA2, WIFL2, BLRA2, YBCU2, CRT02, LLFR2

**Location:** Lower Colorado River (reaches 1-7).

**Purpose:** Maintain existing habitat areas, excluding newly created habitat within Conservation Areas, by implementing actions that will prevent the further degradation or loss of habitat for LCR MSCP covered species.

**Connections with Other Work Tasks (past and future):** N/A

**Project Description:** A \$25 million fund is being established over a 10-year period to restore habitats suitable for LCR MSCP covered species in the planning areas that have become degraded since the LCR MSCP was initiated. Funding during the initial five years of the program was established at \$500,000 per year. Funding in years 6-10 of the program was established at \$5,000,000 per year. Both values are indexed to 2003 dollars and adjusted annually for inflation. The degraded habitat condition targeted by this fund is that which occurs because of past LCR operations and maintenance actions that continue into the future. The habitat maintenance fund will be administered by the Program Manager. The process for determining degradation in habitat value as well as how funds are requested, disbursed, and tracked will be defined and refined with the assistance of the SC.

**Previous Activities:** This was a new start in FY06.

**FY08 Accomplishments:** A total of \$593,500 was deposited into interest bearing accounts among the Arizona, California, and Nevada partners. The total dollar value of the fund at the end of FY08, with interest, was \$1,893,821.21.

**FY09 Activities:** A total of \$605,000 will be deposited into interest bearing accounts among Arizona, California, and Nevada partners.

**Proposed FY10 Activities:** A total of \$647,000 is expected to be deposited into the three non-Federal interest-bearing accounts. A process for requesting, reviewing, selecting, disbursing, and tracking of dollars from the Habitat Maintenance Fund will be drafted and distributed to the Technical Work Group of the SC.

**Pertinent Reports:** N/A