Integrated Waterbird Management and Monitoring

Data Sharing Policy

Integrated Waterbird Management and Monitoring (IWMM) is a collaboration among conservation partners (federal, state and non-governmental agencies) with the goal of helping resource managers make multi-scaled habitat management decisions for non-breeding waterbirds (waterfowl, shorebirds, and waders) in a structured, transparent, and defensible fashion. To that end, the IWMM developed monitoring protocols to simultaneously track habitat conditions, waterbird use and management actions at local sites. Data collected by participants or used by interested parties is governed by the following policies.

Sharing Policy for Data Owners and Contributors

- I am contributing information gathered using the protocols developed by IWMM in their centralized database at https://data.pointblue.org/partners/iwmm/.
- As data owner, I am able to download all my contributed data as a comma, separated text file (CSV) via the IWMM portal or AKN/IWMM download tools.
- I am providing the data from my IWMM surveys at an appropriate Avian Knowledge Network (AKN) sharing level. Definitions of these levels can be found at: http://www.avianknowledge.net/index.php?page=data-access
- The IWMM Science Coordinator will be a database administrator and will have access to all data submitted using IWMM protocols.
- IWMM science staff (e.g., Science Coordinator) will use IWMM data at a 'sharing level 2', which differs from AKN standards. Data with a sharing level < 3 will only be used for regional and national summaries. We will never make your raw data available to others but can use summaries in reports and publications.
- I agree to credit sources and cite these data using the following example:

  > Integrated Waterbird Management and Monitoring. Accessed through IWMM Portal, https://data.pointblue.org/partners/iwmm/, on 2018-05-16

By contributing data via the IWMM portal I am agreeing with the Data Sharing Policy statements herein.