

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 data gathered using the IWMM protocols to the IWMM centralized database at <http://data.pointblue.org/partners/iwmm/>.
- As data owner, I am able to download all my contributed data as a comma-separated (CSV) text file.
- I am providing my IWMM data to the Avian Knowledge Network (AKN) at a data sharing level that I select. Definitions of these levels can be found at: (<http://www.avianknowledge.net/index.php?page=data-access>). Note that for the purposes of IWMM only, IWMM has modified the standard AKN definition of data sharing level 2 (see below).
- IWMM science staff (e.g., Science Coordinator) will use any of my IWMM data available to the AKN at data sharing level 2 or greater for analysis and data summaries, which differs from AKN standards. IWMM will never make my data available to others for any purpose other than as part of a scientific publication in a peer-reviewed journal that requires authors to submit the data on which analyses are based.
- For the purposes of maintaining and managing the database, the IWMM science staff (e.g., Science Coordinator) will be a database administrator and will have access to all data submitted to the IWMM centralized database.
- I agree to cite the IWMM centralized database using the following example when using IWMM data:

Integrated Waterbird Management and Monitoring Database,
<http://data.pointblue.org/partners/iwmm/>. Accessed <insert date>.

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