



BUILDING A DURABLE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR LARGE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION

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NAFWS

- 501(c)(3) Nonprofit - 1983
- MISSION

Assist Native American and Alaska Native Tribes with the conservation, protection, and enhancement of their fish and wildlife resources.



MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION

- 7 Regions
- 227 Support Tribes
- Individual Membership
- Conservation Officers, Biologists, Technicians, etc.
- Tribal, Federal, State, Non-Governmental Organizations, Private, students, etc.



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- 574 Federally Recognized Tribes in the U.S.
 - 109 in California
 - 229 in Alaska
 - Sovereign Nations – inherent authority of indigenous tribes to govern themselves within the U.S.



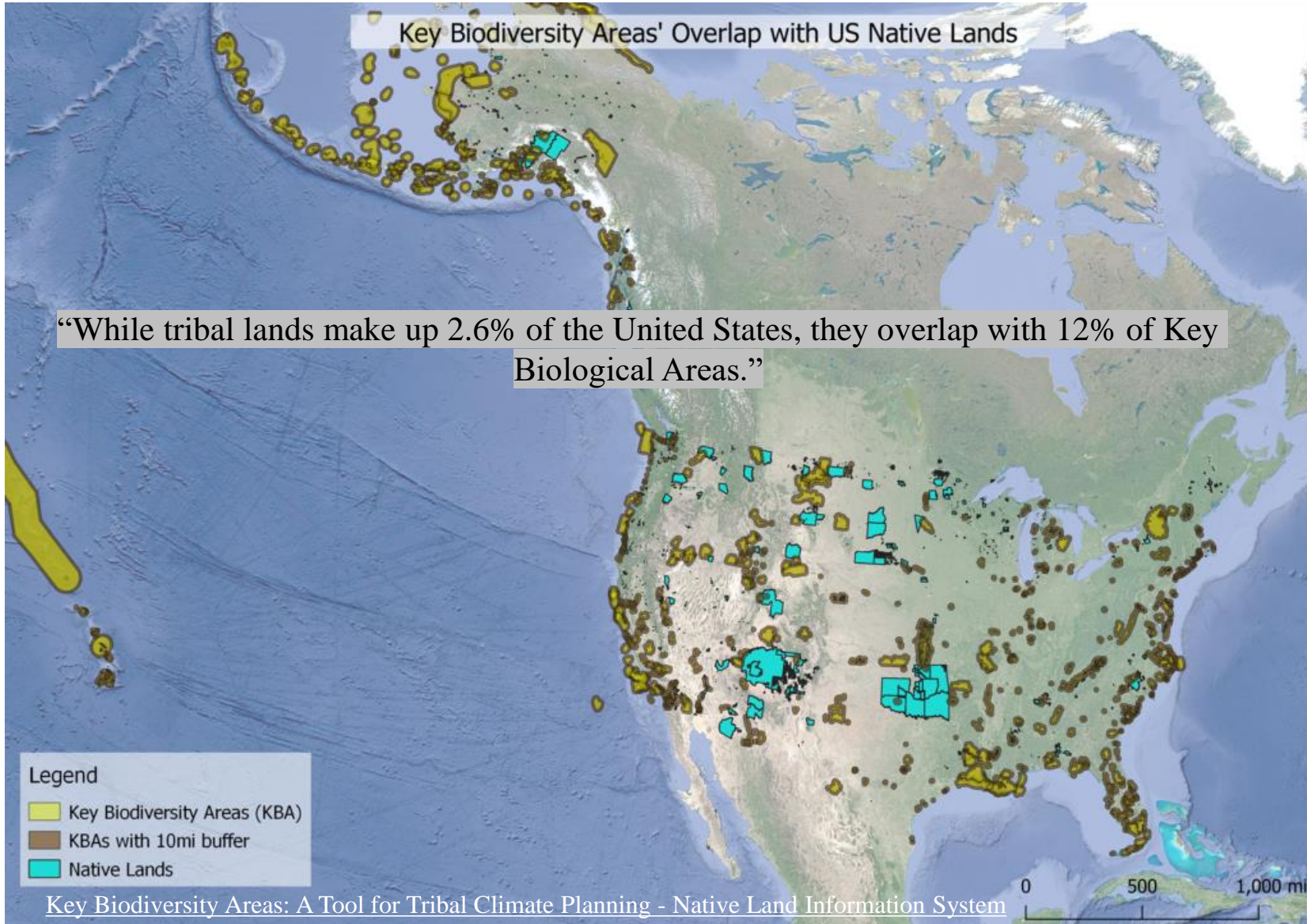


TRIBAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAMS

Tribes own or influence the management of nearly 140 million acres

Key Biodiversity Areas' Overlap with US Native Lands

“While tribal lands make up 2.6% of the United States, they overlap with 12% of Key Biological Areas.”



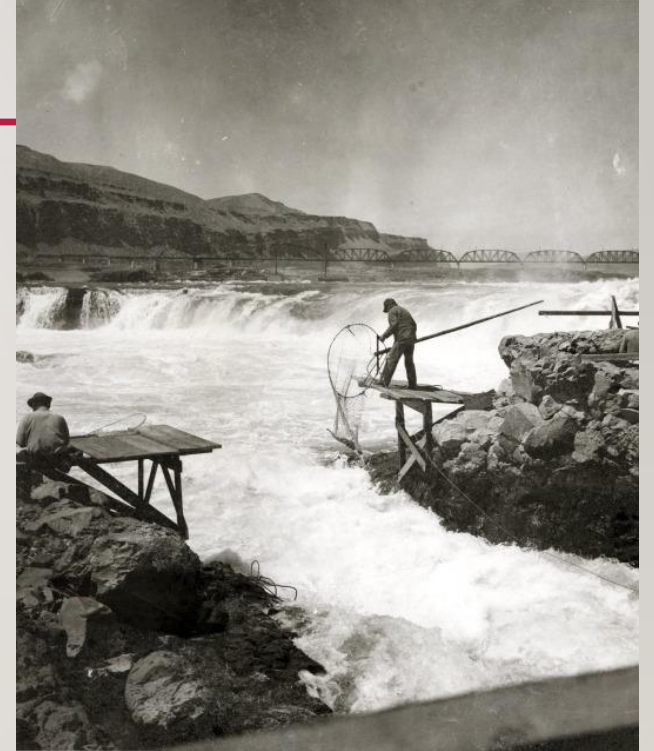
DIVERSITY WITHIN TRIBAL FISH & WILDLIFE PROGRAMS

- Land Base
- Land Status
- Longevity of Programs
- Complexity of Programs
- Staffing
- Authorities/Jurisdiction



TRIBAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM FUNDING

- Excluded from Excise Taxes (PR/DJ)
- PL 93-638 funding – **Inadequate**
- Tribal Wildlife Grants – TWG
 - TWG vs. SWG -**Inequitable**
- Hunting and Fishing License Revenue
- Other Tribal funds
- Grants



PITTMAN ROBERTSON/DINGELL/JOHNSON – INEQUITY

FY 2021 Distribution for lower 48 States:

TOTAL

\$1,018,923,252.00

TRIBES RECEIVED

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Tribal lands (3.65%) accounted for:

\$37,190,699.00

TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT - CHALLENGES

- Lack of capacity
- Other Tribal Priorities
- State-Tribal Relations
- Contradicting management goals
- Connecting with the right person
- Benefits for Tribes?

TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT - OPPORTUNITIES

- Management of the same species
- Include cultural importance
- Recognize TEK (Traditional Ecological Knowledge)
- State Wildlife Action Plans
- Provide Technical Assistance for Tribal Wildlife Action Plans
- Recovering America's Wildlife Act



WORKING WITH TRIBES

- 574 *UNIQUE* Tribal Nations
- Build relationships
 - Know the key people
- Take your time
- Existing pathways
- Partner with Intertribal Organizations





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**39TH ANNUAL NATIONAL
CONFERENCE**

Hosted by Miccosukee Tribe

**CALL FOR
ABSTRACTS &
STUDENT POSTERS**

May 9-12, 2022
Miccosukee Resort & Casino, Miami, FL

DUE MARCH 18, 2022 AT 10PM MT

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