

Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy (SECAS) Social Network Analysis

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Section 1: Introduction

01.1

Thank you for participating in this survey. Our goal is to better understand the many people, organizations, and partnerships that are working to advance conservation across the US Southeast and the tools and services they need to succeed.

The Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy (SECAS) partnership seeks to support conservation through: (1) a regional forum for collaboration, and (2) a decision-support hub. To improve those services, this project aims to clarify who is involved in various conservation efforts/forums and understand how those efforts are connected to one another. Understanding these connections can enhance how the SECAS partnership facilitates effective collaboration and decision-support products and services.

This is a joint research effort from The University of Texas, The University of Montana, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The project is being co-led by experts in partnership- and network-based governance and will use social network analysis (SNA) as a tool to depict the people and organizations who are currently contributing to landscape-scale conservation across the region.

This survey should take you about 15 minutes to complete. Your participation is completely voluntary, survey questions are optional and may be skipped, and you may stop the survey at any time. Your answers will remain confidential and the data collected from this survey is protected under the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at the University of Texas. Any information shared with the USFWS will be protected according to FOIA and the Privacy Act. Contact information that is collected will not be shared without your consent and will be primarily used to contact you if there are any questions about the information provided on the survey. We thank you in advance for your participation as your responses are essential to enhance the future SECAS partnership efforts.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Patrick Bixler at rpbixler@utexas.edu.

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Section 2. Familiarity and Engagement with SECAS

Q2.1.

The following set of questions are about your familiarity and engagement with the Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy (SECAS).

Are you familiar with SECAS?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

*If no, skips to Q2.4

02.2

What aspects of SECAS do you engage with?

- Decision-support hub
- Regional forum
- The Southeast Conservation Blueprint
- Goal tracking report
- Specific project: ______
- Other: _____

Q2.3

Rate your level of satisfaction with:

Answers from Q2.2 will carry over here	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Decision-support hub			0	
Regional forum			0	
The Southeast Conservation Blueprint				
Goal tracking report				
Specific project:		0		
Other:				

Q2.4 *This question is only for those who answered "No" to Q2.1

Would you be interested in engaging with SECAS in any of the following ways?

- Decision-support hub
- Regional forum
- The Southeast Conservation Blueprint
- Goal tracking report
- Specific project:
- Other:
- None

Q2.5
SECAS has a vision of a connected network of lands and waters that supports thriving fish and wildlife populations and improved quality of life for people. As part of that vision, 15 regional indicators track goals related to the vision. What level of importance do you think each indicator should have to SECAS? [hover over definition of each]

	Not considered	Minimally important	Moderately important	Important	Critically important
Coastal shoreline condition					
Equitable access to potential parks					
Estuarine coastal condition					0
Fire frequency					
Greenways and trails			0		
Imperiled aquatic species			0	0	
Intact habitat cores		B			
Natural landcover in floodplains		0	0	0	0
Stream/River network complexity			D D		0
Permeable surface			0		
Resilient coastal sites					
Resilient terrestrial sites			0		
Seagrass					
Stable marsh		0			
Urban park size					

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Section 3. Organizational Conservation Priorities

What is the name of your organization?

Q3.1

The questions will refer to your "organization". By organization, we are referring to your group, institution, business, or agency. If agency, please consider your unit when answering questions (i.e., district, station, etc.). Hereafter, we will refer to your organization.

Q3.2			
Below, you will find a general list	of collaboration and partnership	p issues relevant to efforts in	the Southeast. Specific to
the work of your organization,	how important are the following	priorities?	•

The following definitions apply: Not considered: Not important at all; Minimally important: Little consideration, only as an ancillary topic; Moderately important: Somewhat considered in my work; Important: Highly considered in my work; Critically important: Foundational to determining decisions in my work.

Chically Important. Foundations	Not considered	Minimally important	Moderately important	Important	Critically important
Equity and/or environmental justice					
Partnership-based or collaborative approaches that focus on multiple issues and multiple outcomes			0	0	0
Working across diverse land ownerships at the landscape scale		0	0	0	
Working with diverse interests and agencies			0		
Other:	0				

Q3.3
Below, you will find a general list of conservation issues relevant to efforts in the Southeast. **Specific to the work of your organization**, how important are the following conservation issues?

The following definitions apply: Not considered: Not important at all; Minimally important: Little consideration, only as an ancillary topic; Moderately important: Somewhat considered in my work; Important: Highly considered in my work; Critically important: Foundational to determining decisions in my work.

	Not considered	Minimally important	Moderately important	Important	Critically important
Climate resilience					
Cultural resources					
Ecosystem services					

Equity and access to nature			
Habitat connectivity (terrestrial and aquatic)			
Species conservation			
Working lands			
Other:		0	

Q3.4 *This question is only for those who answered "Yes" or "Not sure" to Q2.1 How useful have SECAS resources been for your work on the following conservation issues?

Answers from Q3.2 will carry over here	Not considered	Minimally useful	Moderately useful	Useful	Critically useful
Climate resilience			0		
Cultural resources					
Ecosystem services				0	
Equity and access to nature				0	
Habitat connectivity (terrestrial and aquatic)			0	0	
Species conservation					
Working lands					
Other:	0				

Q3.5 *This question is only for those who answered "No" to Q2.1 How useful would SECAS resources be for your work on the following conservation issues?

Answers from Q3.2 will carry over here	Not considered	Minimally useful	Moderately useful	Useful	Critically useful
Climate resilience					
Cultural resources					
Ecosystem services					
Equity and access to nature					

Habitat connectivity (terrestrial and aquatic)			
Species conservation			
Working lands			
Other:			

Q3.6 *This question is only for those who answered "Yes" or "Not sure" to Q2.1 How reliant are you on the products and resources from SECAS for the following topics?

Answers from Q3.2 will carry over here	Not considered	Minimally reliant	Moderately reliant	Reliant	Critically reliant
Climate resilience					
Cultural resources			П	Ū	
Ecosystem services					
Equity and access to nature					
Habitat connectivity (terrestrial and aquatic)			0	0	
Species conservation					
Working lands			0		
Other:			0		

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Section 4: Conservation Partnerships

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Are there any "forums" or "venues" where you go to interact with others, exchange knowledge and information? These can be virtual or in-person. If so, please list below (separate multiple entries by a comma; if no forums or venues come to mind please leave blank).

Q4.2

Who are your main partners to address the conservation issues important to your organization? Please list one partner per box and click next after you've finished your list (fill in as many partners as you can think of, up to 15 responses).

If your organization shares information with more than 15, please list the first 15 that come to mind.

Please list groups below:

Partner Group #1:	
Partner Group #2:	
Partner Group #3:	
Partner Group #4:	
Partner Group #5:	
Partner Group #6:	
Partner Group #7:	
Partner Group #8:	
Partner Group #9:	
Partner Group #10:	
Partner Group #11:	
Partner Group #12:	
Partner Group #13:	
Partner Group #14:	
Partner Group #15:	

Q4.3 Indicate which Southeastern landscape issue(s) is the focus of the partnership you previously listed. Check all that apply. *Answers from Q4.1 will carry over here to the first column, while the answers from Q3.3 will carry over to the first row

	Climate resilience	Cultural resources	Ecosystem services	Equity and access to nature	Habitat connectivity (terrestrial and aquatic)	Species conservation	Working lands	Other:
Partner Group #1:						0		
Partner Group #2:								

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Can you think of other partners that you'd like to list? These may be non-traditional conservation partners (e.g., transportation, Tribes, municipalities, etc.) or other partners to list because fifteen spaces was too limiting in the previous question. Do more partners come to mind?

- Yes
- No

*If no, skips to Q4.7

Q4.5. Please list additional partners here:

Partner Group #16:	
Partner Group #17:	
Partner Group #18:	
Partner Group #19:	

Partner Group #20:	
Partner Group #21:	
Partner Group #22:	
Partner Group #23:	
Partner Group #24:	
Partner Group #25:	

Q4.6 Indicate which Southeastern landscape issue(s) is the focus of the partnership you previously listed. Check all that apply. *Answers from Q4.4 will carry over here to the first column, while the answers from Q3.3 will carry over to the first row

	Climate resilience	Cultural resources	Ecosystem services	Equity and access to nature	Habitat connectivity (terrestrial and aquatic)	Species conservation	Working lands	Other:
Partner Group #16:					0		0	
Partner Group #17:					0			
Partner Group #18:				0	0	0		
Partner Group #19:		0		0	0	0		
Partner Group #20:		0			0			
Partner Group #21:		0						
Partner Group #22:								
Partner Group #23:	0							
Partner Group #24:		0						
Partner Group #25:		0						

Q4.7 We'd like to extend the survey to the groups you work with. If possible, please provide a contact email for each partner group.

*The groups answered for Q4.2 and Q4.4 will be listed here.

Partner Group #1:	_
Partner Group #2:	
Partner Group #3:	
Partner Group #4:	
Partner Group #5:	
Partner Group #6:	
Partner Group #7:	
Partner Group #8:	
Partner Group #9:	
Partner Group #10:	
Partner Group #11:	
Partner Group #12:	
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Partner Group #24:	
Partner Group #25:	

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Section 5: Information About Your Organization

The last section! The following section will ask some questions about your organization.

Q5.1

What organization are you affiliated with? Please select one from the list that best represents you.

- Tribal Agency/Organization
- Local Agency/Organization
- State Agency/Organization
- Federal Agency/Organization
- Non-profit Organization
- University-based Organization
- Private Landowner
- Private Sector
- General Public
- Other (please specify)

Q5.2

Which of the following best describes your scope of work? Please select one from the list that best represents you.

- Local
- Regional
- National

Q5.3

Which of the following best describes your organization's conservation connection?

- My organization connects with others to support our site-specific, on the ground conservation efforts
- My organization connects with others to build bridges between on the ground efforts and larger conservation efforts across the landscape
- My organization connects with others on landscape-scale conservation efforts using strategic conservation approaches to prioritize efforts and identify gaps across the landscape

Other:	

Q5.4

Website of organization (if available)

Q5.5

If we have additional questions, is it okay if we follow-up with you?

- Yes
- No

*Survey skips to the end if "No" is answered

Q5.6

Personal Contact Information

Your personal information will remain confidential, and we will not share identifying information with anyone outside of the research team. We may contact you if we have questions about information you provide on this survey.

Your N	lame:			

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Your Phone Number (if different from orga	nization):
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Your E-Mail (if different from organization):	
Section 6: End of Survey	
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Thank you for participating in this survey. S	SECAS values your feedback, so if you have additional comments on the
survey or Southeastern conservation in ge	neral, please use the space below.

NOTICES

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