# WHSRN_2C

# Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network

**Site Nomination Form**

Date

Please complete the following pages as comprehensively but succinctly as possible. Attach supporting documents & references whenever available. Include maps of the proposed site indicating the specific area. Also include websites when available.

**Name of Site:**

**Location:**

(refuge, park, local community, province/state, country.)

**Geographic Coordinates:**

(maximum & minimum values of latitude & longitude)

**Mean Geographic Coordinates:**

(latitude & longitude of center of the site)

## Total area: (choose one: hectares or acres)

**Please include:**

* **Pdf or jpeg of proposed area**
* **\*shp file or \*kml of proposed area**
* **Representative photos of the site (2-3)**

**How is the proposed boundary defined?** (e.g. protected area boundary, IBA boundary, Ramsar site boundary, etc)

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**Principal Contact for Nomination**

Name:

Position/Title:

Organization/Agency:

Postal Address:

City: Prov/State:

Postal code: Country:

Telephone: ( ) Fax: ( )

E-mail: Web Site:

**Principal Contact at Site (e.g. land manager, conservation organization, owner, etc.)**(*Use additional listings as needed if there are multiple responsible entities*)

Name:

Position/Title:

Organization/Agency:

Postal Address:

City: Prov/State:

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Telephone: ( ) Fax: ( )

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**WHSRN Site Nomination Questions**

**Site Name:**  Date

All data for species that meet any threshold should be provided, even when there is a species at a higher threshold.

1. The site qualifies for inclusion in the following WHSRN category:
	1. Hemispheric
* More than 500,000 shorebirds per year
* More than 30% of the biogeographic population for (*name the species*):

Species:

* 1. International
* More than 100,000 shorebirds per year
* More than 10% of the biogeographic population for (*name the species*):

Species:

* 1. Regional
* More than 20,000 shorebirds per year
* More than 1% of the biogeographic population for (*name the species*):

Species:

1. Please provide details on how the threshold was met for all listed species (i.e. what biogeographic population estimate was used).
2. Please provide information on the origin of the data, including a clear explanation of the survey protocol used.
3. Provide any other data available from earlier studies that can provide further information regarding the importance of your site for shorebirds (either published or not).
4. Current responsible entities (community, private, local, state, and/or federal), owner’s name(s) and address(es): ***Note that each responsible entity must sign a letter of understanding agreeing to the designation and to making shorebird conservation a priority***. ***For a definition of responsible entity and examples of potential responsible entities visit*** [***nomination page***](https://whsrn.org/why-whsrn/is-my-site-eligible/)***.***
5. Are there indigenous communities in the region of the site? If yes, briefly describe their relationship to (shore-) bird conservation and how they were engaged in the nomination process. If applicable, describe the indigenous management authority.
6. What is the protected status of this site, if any? In the case of different responsible entities please note differences.
7. What habitat types best describe the site? Is it influenced by the tide? Is it an inland wetland or marsh? Is it natural or "man-made"? Please use IUCN habitat classification found [here](https://www.iucnredlist.org/resources/habitat-classification-scheme).
8. Briefly describe how shorebirds use the site (stopover, non-breeding, roosting, feeding, etc).
9. What are the current and potential threats and source of the threat? Please follow the CMP Unified Classification of Direct Threats which can be found [here](https://www.iucnredlist.org/resources/threat-classification-scheme).
10. Does the proposed area have a management plan?
* In development
* Approved (but not implemented)
* Active
* No
1. Even if there is no management plan for the site, describe the management at this site. What are the management priorities (present & future)?
2. What recognition has the site received from other organizations (*e.g.* Ramsar, North American Waterfowl Management Plan, Important Bird Area, Key Biodiversity Area, World Heritage Site, National Park)? If available, please add a map (.jpg or .kmz) with all boundaries
3. Which of these monitoring programs are currently implemented at your site?
* International Shorebird Survey (ISS)
* Migratory Shorebird Project/Pacific Flyway Shorebird Survey
* Arctic and Boreal Breeding Surveys (under PRISM)
* Atlantic Canada Shorebird Survey (ACSS)
* Ontario Shorebird Survey (OSS)
* Coastal Shorebird Survey (southern South America)
* Waterbird Census (Caribbean, Central American or Neotropical)
* Southern Cone Grassland Shorebird Survey (Grassland Alliance)
* Integrated Waterbird Management and Monitoring program (IWMM)
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If none are currently implemented, but have been in the past, please comment:

1. Describe any shorebird research projects completed, underway, or contemplated. Please describe any banding or tracking activities (i.e. are there MOTUS towers at your site?).
2. What research should be made a priority at your site?
3. Please list names and contact information for local contacts, people, or groups who have special interest, involvement, or knowledge about the area. Please include websites if relevant.
4. Please list any special events (such as birding festivals) or public activities related to the site.
5. How would you characterize the human community around the site? Are people informed, interested, aware of the importance of the area?

1. What natural resource use is there at this site?
* Salt production
* Sand mining
* Wind energy production
* Oil/gas production
* Solar energy production
* Shrimp aquaculture
* Shellfish aquaculture
* Commercial fishing/shellfish harvesting
* Brine shrimp harvesting
* Algae harvesting/farming
* Waterfowl (and gamebird) hunting
* Shorebird hunting
* Livestock grazing/rearing
* Shipping
* Nature-based recreation
* Other forms of tourism
* Rice farming
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
1. How is the site of critical importance to other wildlife? (briefly)
2. Additional comments?
3. If possible, list references/published materials that describe the location and/or the species using the area.

# Shorebird Species & Counts

Add a list of all species recorded at your site. For each species, please note the most recent highest or significant count, the date and the source (i.e. publication, eBird, other). Please highlight all species that trigger the WHSRN criteria in **Bold**.

# Site Name:

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|  | **Max. Count †** | **Date** | **Source or Monitoring Program (if known)** |
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# † If the figure you give is a

# true count, please mark it with an asterisk \*

# extrapolation, please mark it with a double asterisk \* \*

# guesstimate, meaning an estimate that is little more than a guess at the true number, please enter it in blue.

# Form completed by:

 Name (print clearly, please) Date