

MISSION

The Department of Defense (DoD) serves as guardian for approximately 25 million acres of land used for the testing and training of military service personnel. These lands harbor more threatened, endangered, and at-risk species (TER-S) per acre than any other federal lands. DoD is committed to protecting its lands, oceans, and airspace, as well as the species that inhabit them, and has established a range of policies to ensure proper stewardship while sustaining military mission readiness. Through improved understanding of these species, their habitats, and relationships to military training activities, DoD can work with stakeholders to enhance species conservation.



Gopher Tortoise

The goal of this Symposium & Workshop is to define and evaluate TER-S research relevant to DoD. For the first time, researchers from multiple organizations will assemble to more holistically address TER-S issues at a national level.

The format of the event is designed to:

Present the most up-to-date information on government and academic TER-S research relevant to DoD;

Stimulate collaboration and foster partnerships among participants; and

Identify additional areas of research needed to address TER-S and associated habitat issues facing DoD and other federal land managing agencies.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Symposium & Workshop on Threatened, Endangered, and At-Risk Species on DoD and Adjacent Lands will open with a plenary session describing DoD's perspectives and those of the TER-S research community.

A comprehensive technical program will follow the plenary session and will consist of nine sessions to address desert, forest, and grassland ecosystem issues. Current and recently completed research on mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, freshwater fish, invertebrates, and higher-level plants will be highlighted.

An evening reception on Tuesday, June 7, will offer attendees the first of several opportunities to exchange information and discuss partnerships.

The concluding session will assemble session chairs and selected invitees to discuss TER-S research needs as explored by Symposium & Workshop participants in order to synthesize current information and outline a path for future TER-S priorities.



Arroyo Toad
Courtesy Jason Jones

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Symposium & Workshop will benefit TER-S researchers, government agencies, and non-government organizations charged with protecting, preserving, and managing TER-S and their habitat.



San Clemente Loggerhead Shrike
Courtesy U.S. Navy

PRODUCTS

Outcomes of interest to DoD and participating organizations include:

Increased collaboration, information exchange, and technology transfer;

Production of a technical report identifying current TER-S research initiatives and future research requirements; and

Information to populate DoD's new TER-S Document and Data Repository, a database that compiles documents relevant to TER-S research on military lands into a single source.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are being accepted through the 28th of February, 2005. Presentations for concurrent technical sessions will address TER-S in desert, forest, and grassland ecosystems. Research papers focused on TER-S found on or adjacent to DoD lands are invited.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

Species inventory and monitoring technologies;

Species and habitat management;

Population recovery and viability;

TER-S stressors, with special emphasis on military unique stressors;

Quantification of DoD training restrictions due to TER-S; and

Methods to improve technology transfer.

For more information, please see the abstract guidelines at www.serdp.org/TESWorkshop.



*American Alligator
Courtesy David G. Barkasy*

REGISTRATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For the latest Symposium & Workshop information, including hotel accommodations, please visit www.serdp.org/TESWorkshop. Online registration will be available beginning December 2004. Specific inquiries may be sent to TESWorkshop@hgl.com.

SPONSORS

The Department of Defense **Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP)** and the **U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC)** are hosting this nationally-focused Symposium & Workshop to highlight new and innovative TER-S research of interest to the military.



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*Michaux's Sumac
Courtesy Fort Bragg, NC*

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