

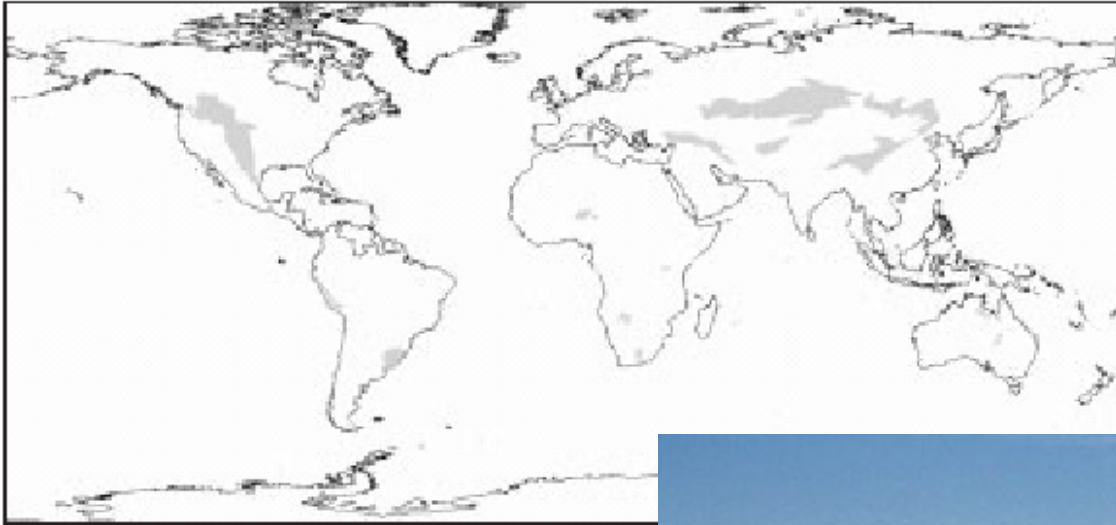
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# Grassland Conservation at Every Scale

Presentation to 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tallgrass Prairie  
and Savanna  
Forum  
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*Figure 1. World grasslands*



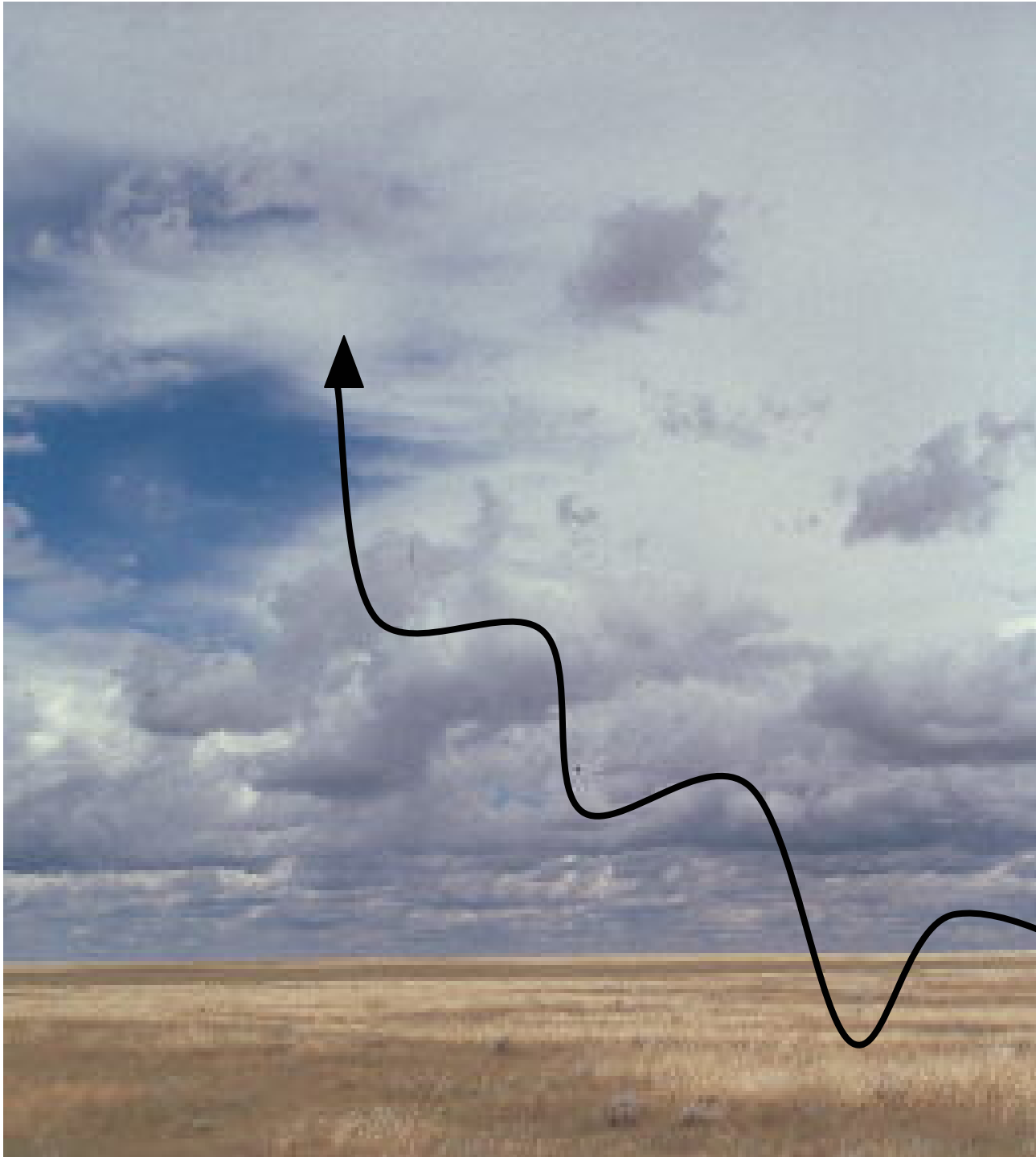
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Grasslands...



...at different scales.











## Grasslands Protected Areas Task Force

Goal: "10 in 10 in 10"

To achieve protection for 10% of  
temperate grasslands in 10 priority  
regions of the world over the next  
10 years



***Grasslands Protected Areas Task Force***

## Goals of the Grasslands Protected Areas Task Force



global assessment of the number, location, geographic extent, biophysical representation and condition of protected areas in the temperate grasslands biome



determine gaps in the protected areas system for temperate grasslands, identify potential candidate areas for filling those gaps, analyze constraints to achieving their protection



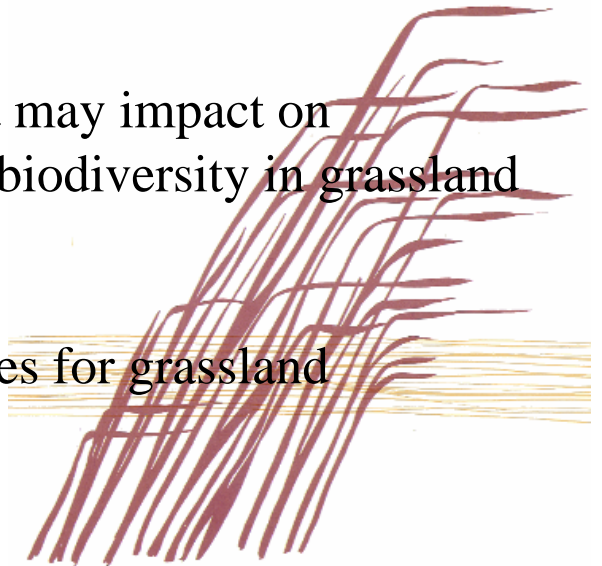
develop a global strategy and region-specific action plans to achieve an expanded system of protected grassland areas



identify prevailing management issues and practices that may impact on biophysical condition and the long term maintenance of biodiversity in grassland protected areas; and



develop a set of best management practices and guidelines for grassland protected areas.





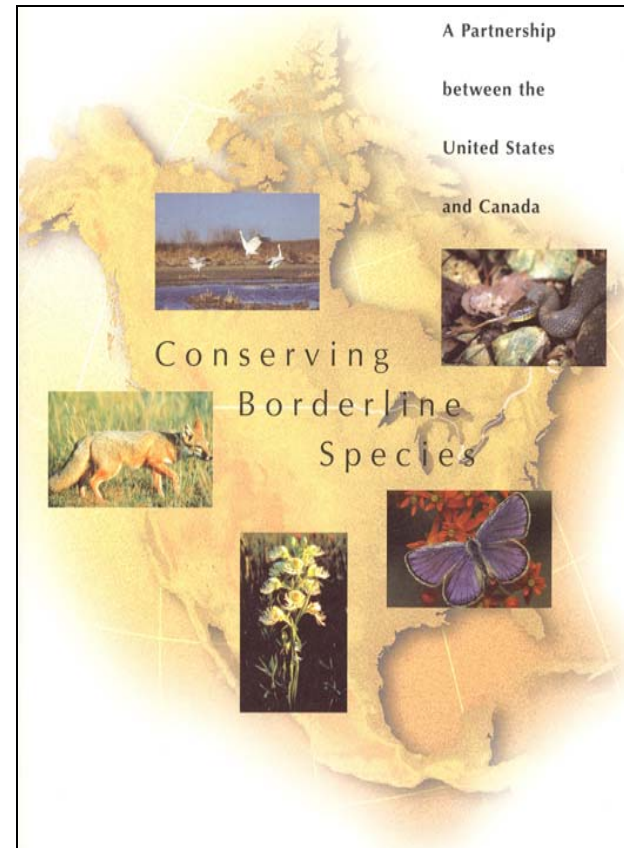
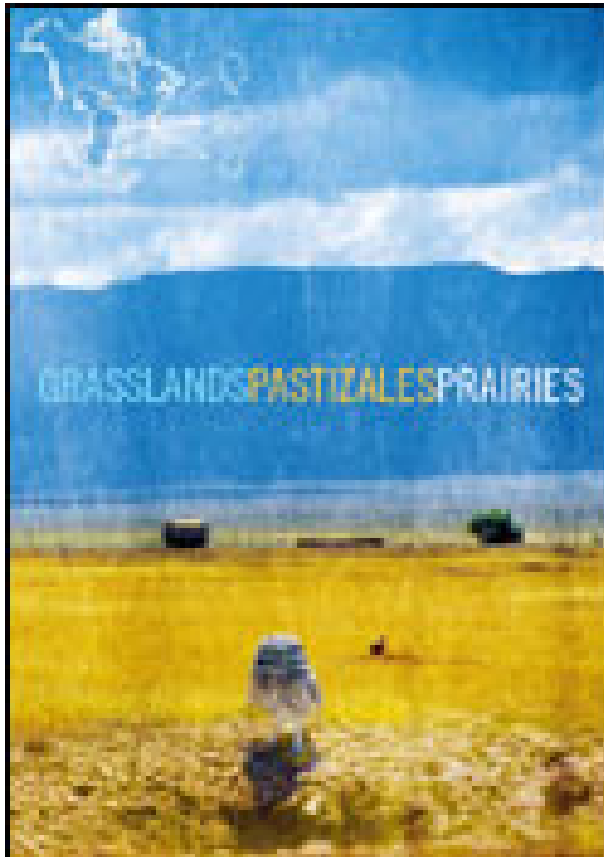


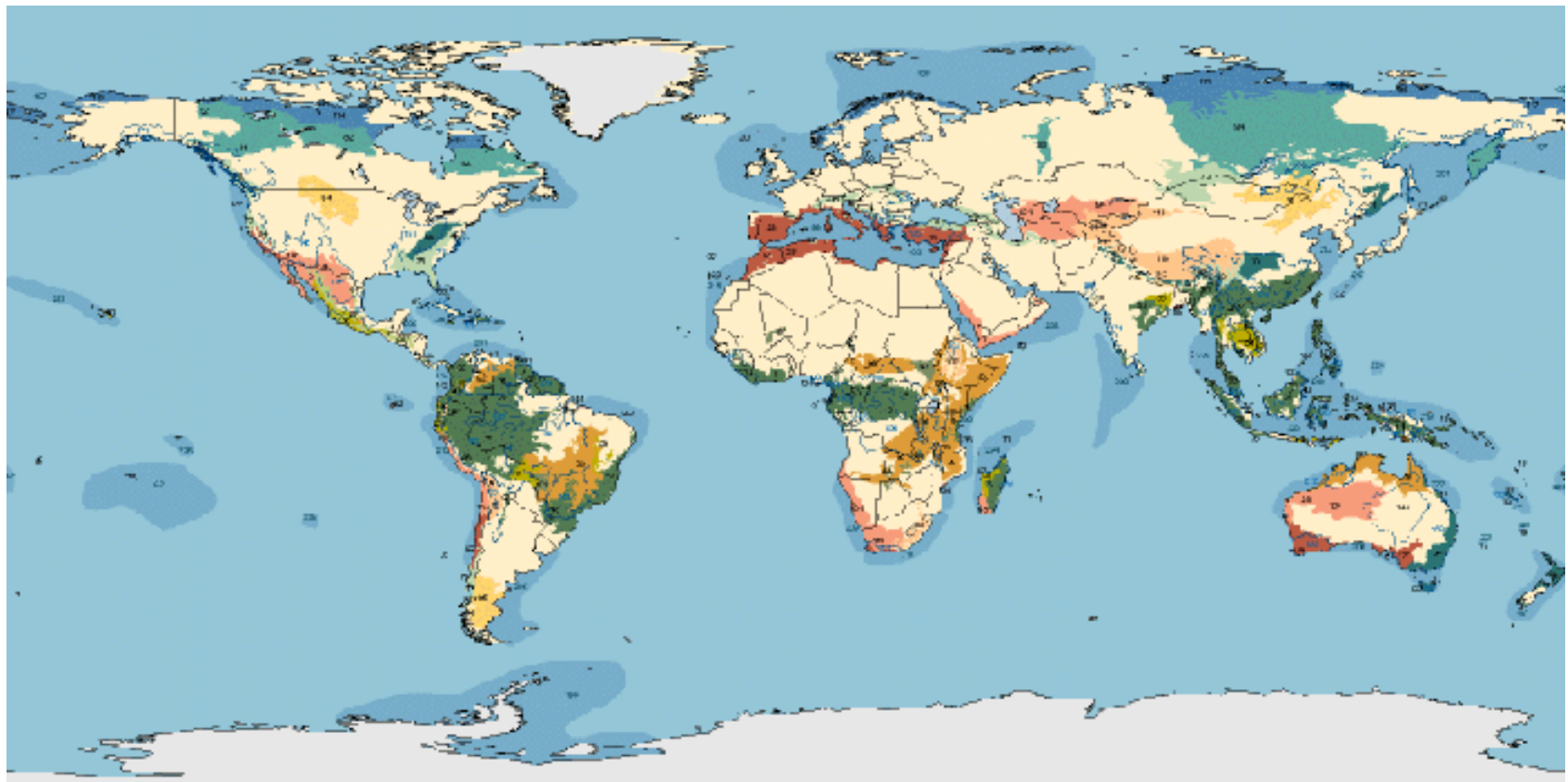
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## North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation

Three countries working together to protect our shared environment

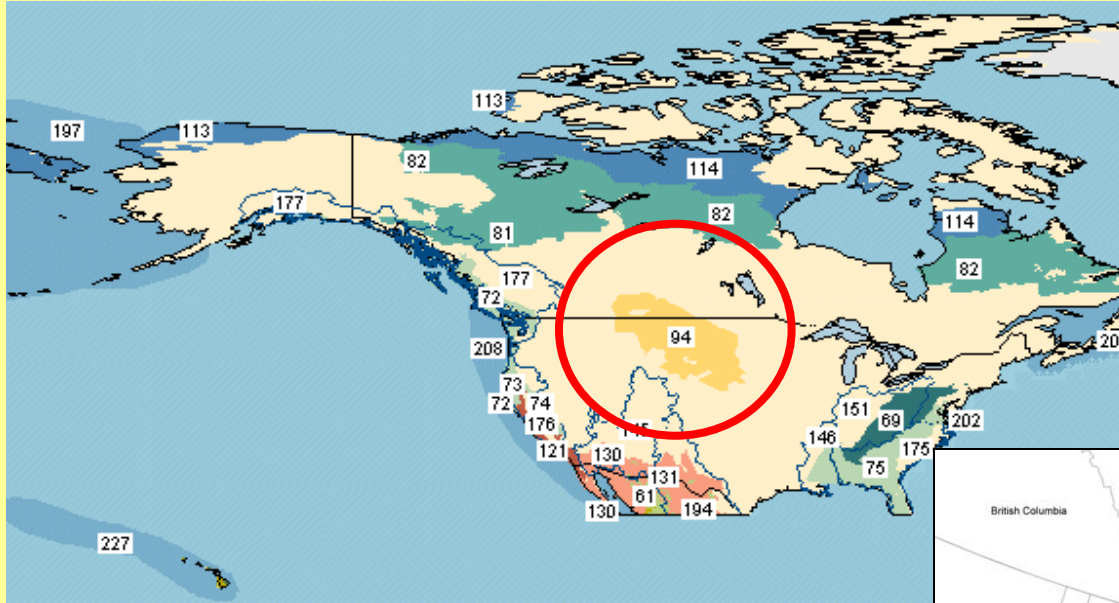
Enhancing multi-stakeholder, tri-national cooperation throughout Canada, the United States, and Mexico.

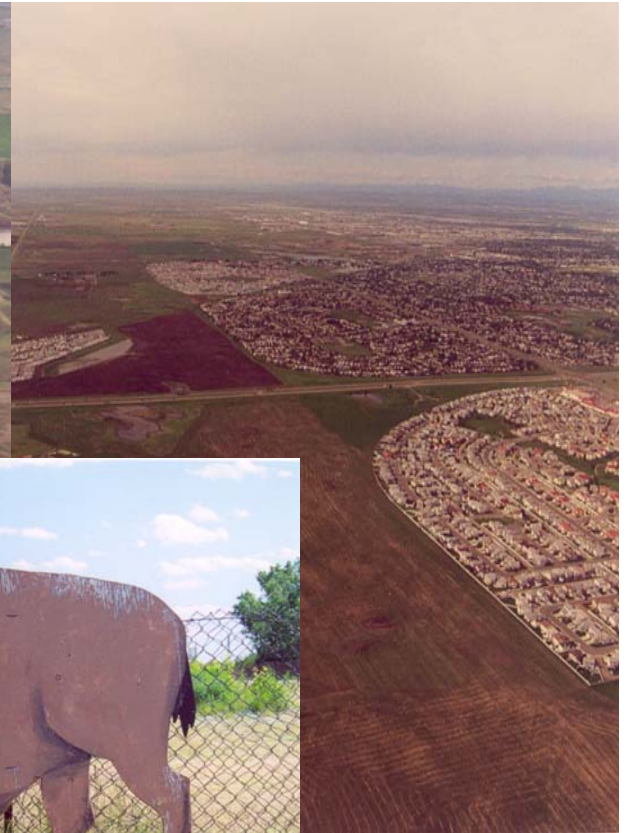






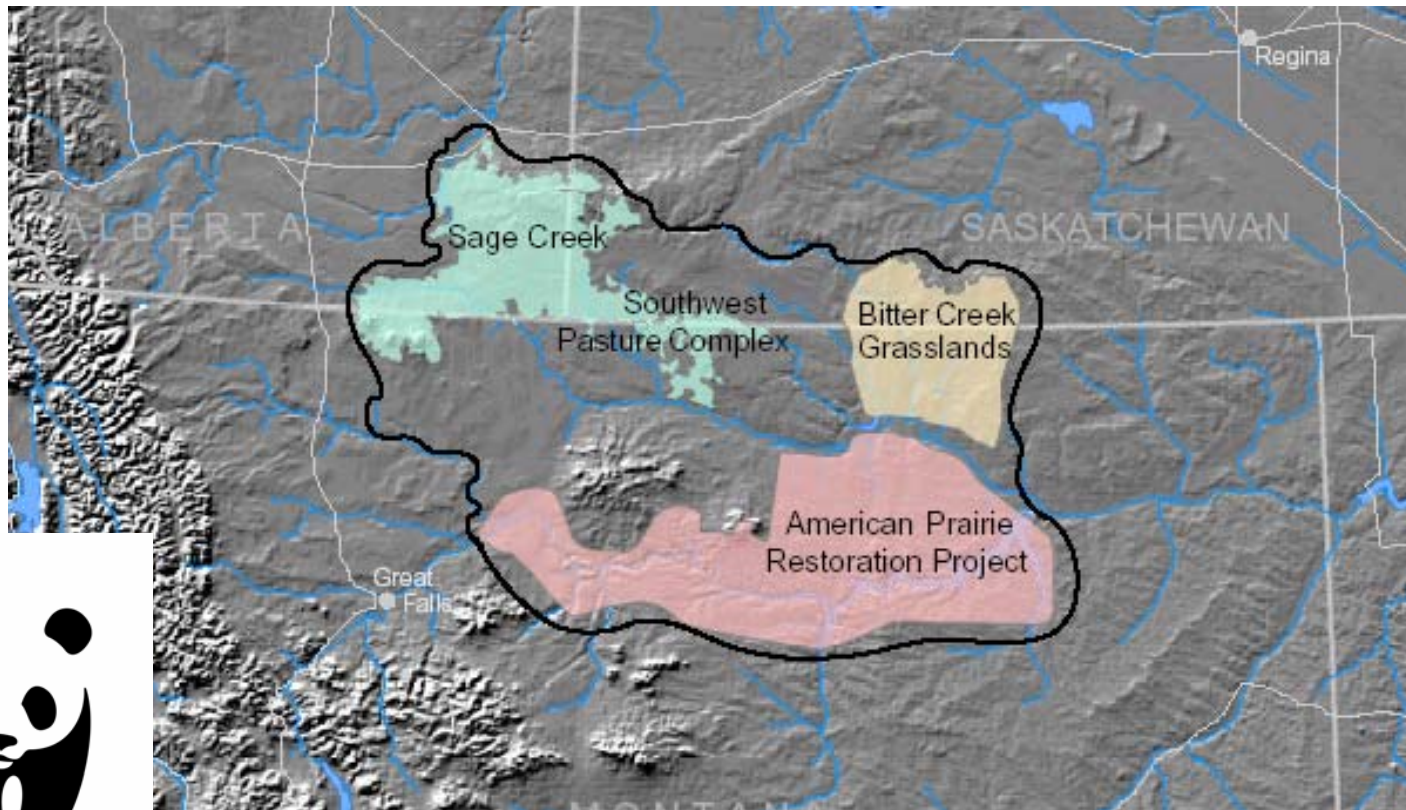
# The Northern Great Plains....







## WWF's priority sites in Northern Great Plains

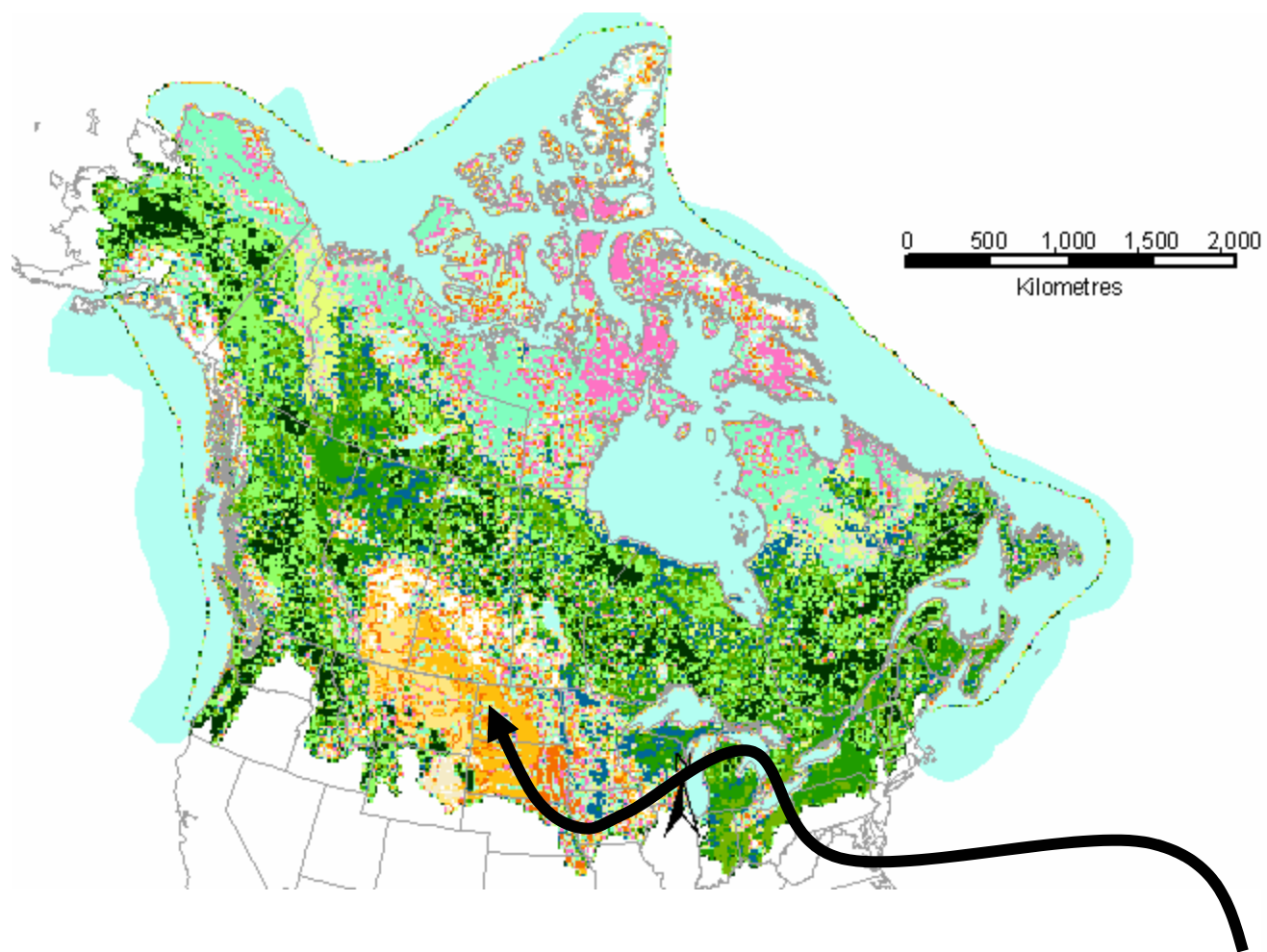


# Cooperative conservation planning at the landscape level





## On the National Front...



# The Nature Audit

*Setting Canada's Conservation Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*



Available online: [www.wwf.ca](http://www.wwf.ca)

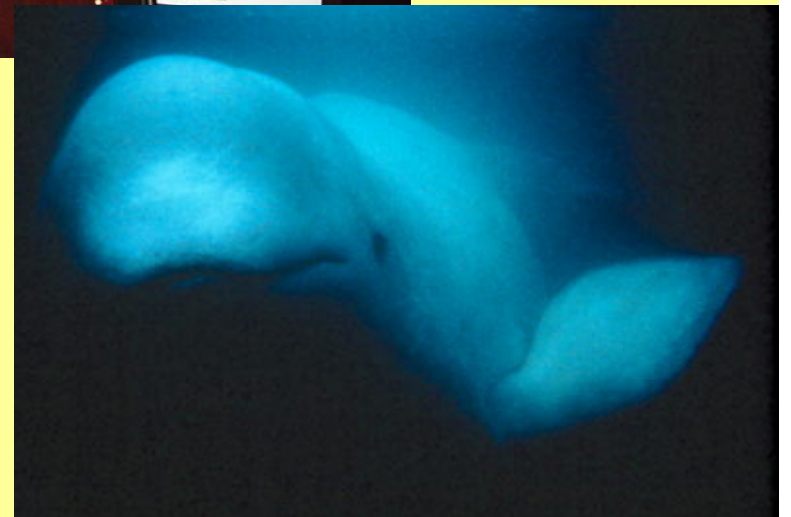


## Canada: a country committed to nature conservation

1992:  
United Nations  
Convention on  
Biological Diversity



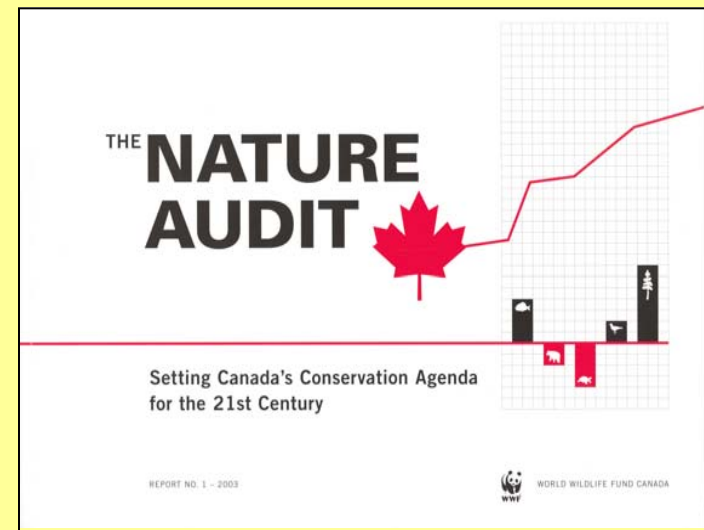
1995:  
Release of the  
Canadian  
Biodiversity Strategy



# The Nature Audit Objective:

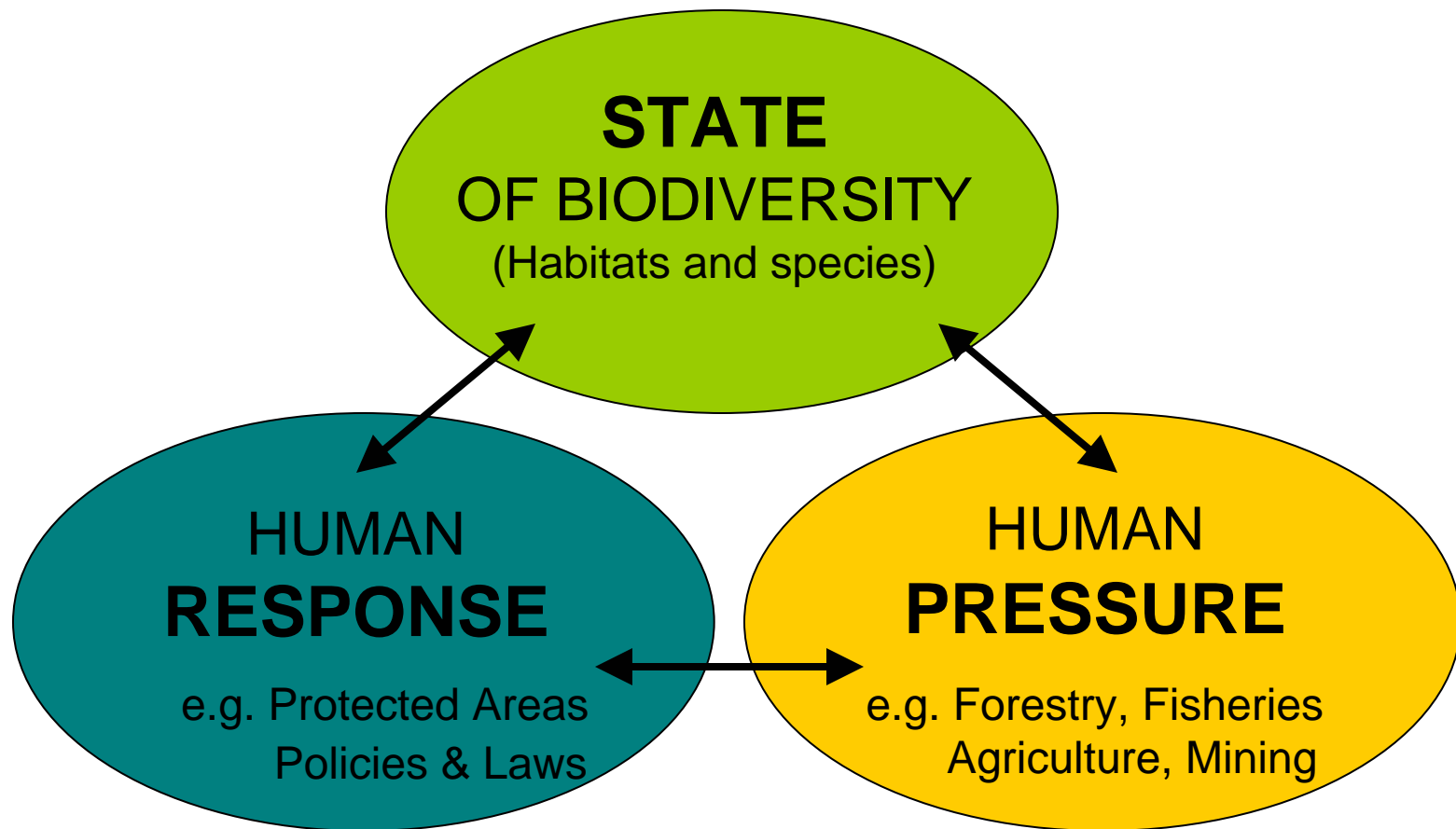
Helping to set Canada's future conservation agenda by:

- Accounting for changes to Canada's natural capital
- Auditing government, industry and Canadians' efforts to conserve nature
- Recommending priority actions needed to protect, recover and restore nature
- To ensure resources are allocated where they're needed most.





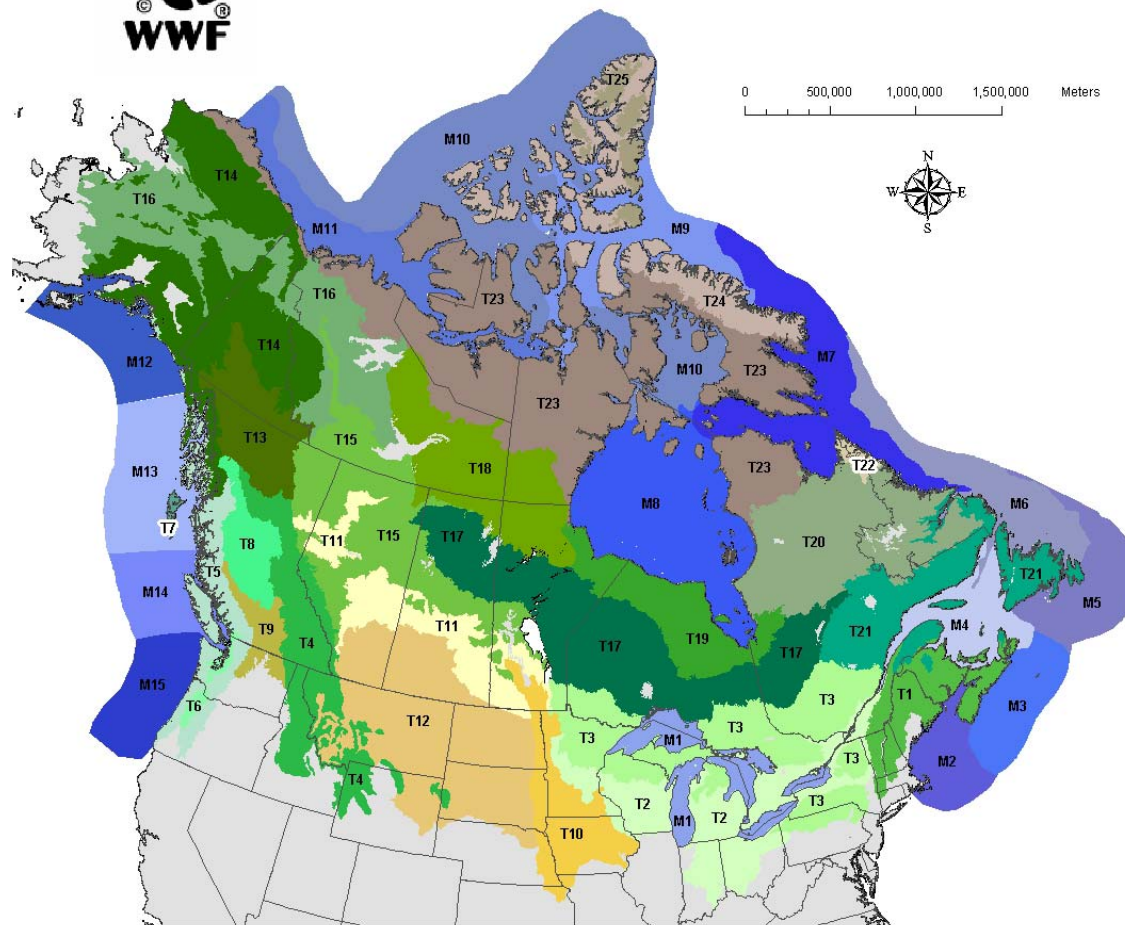
# The Nature Audit's analysis framework: the State-Pressure Response model



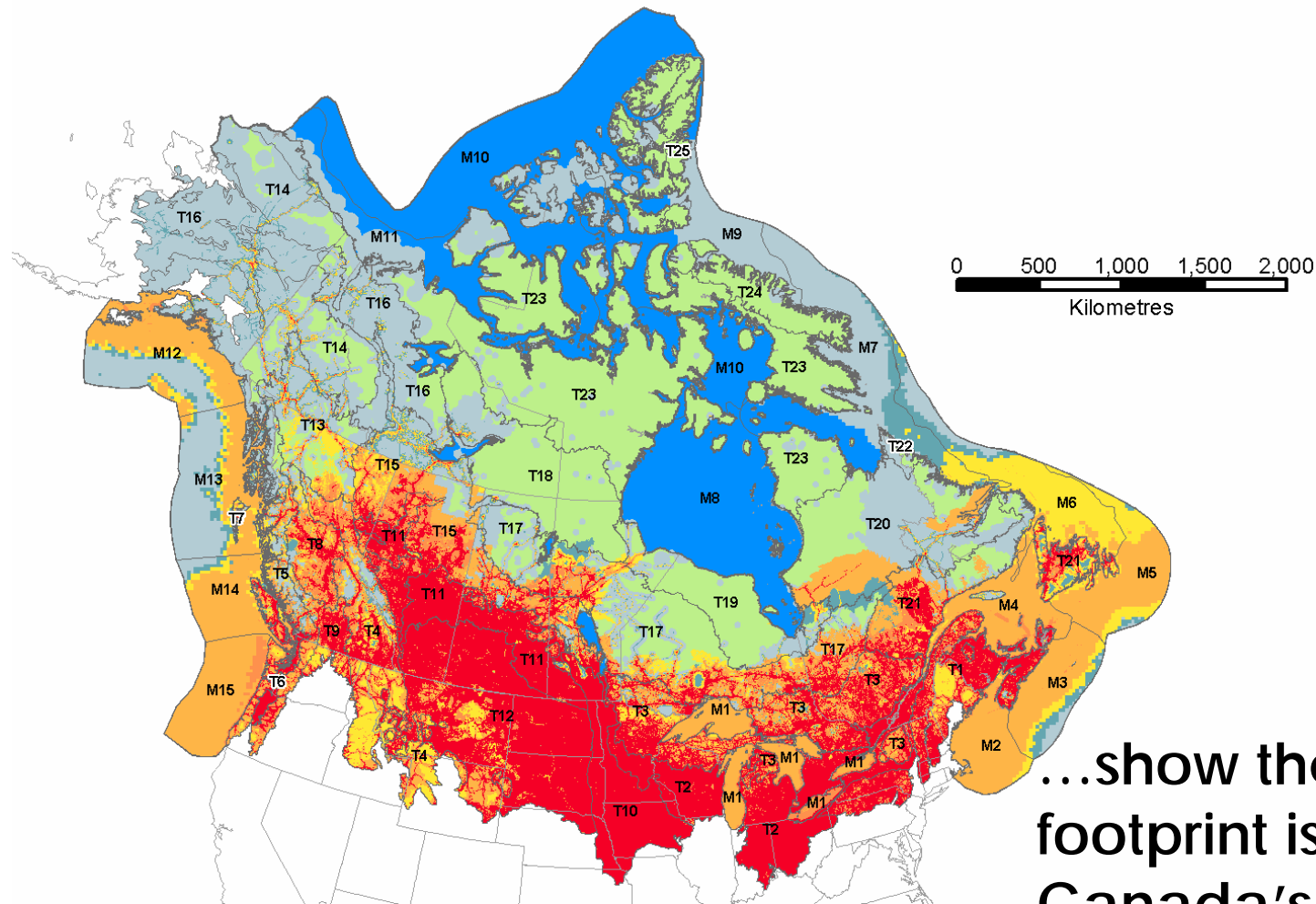
# Canada: a country of regions



## Marine and Terrestrial Conservation Planning Regions



The cumulative pressure results ...



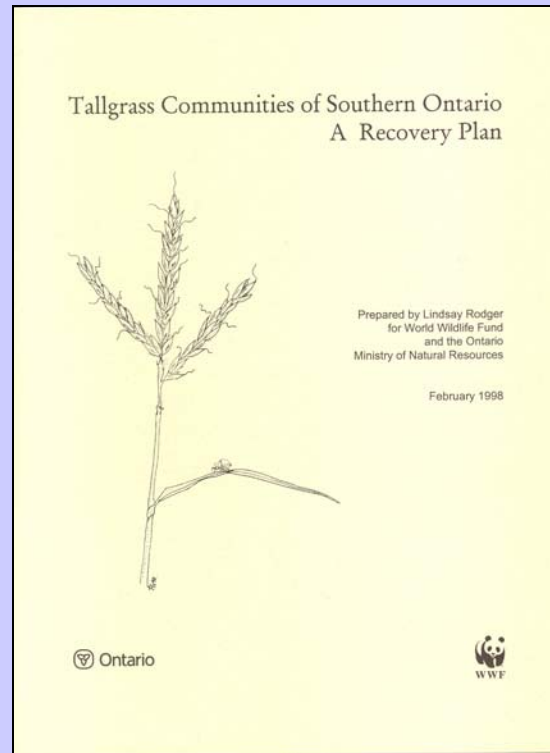
...show the human footprint is high in Canada's grassland regions

**On the regional front...**





# Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



## Progress in Ontario...



Coordination/communication

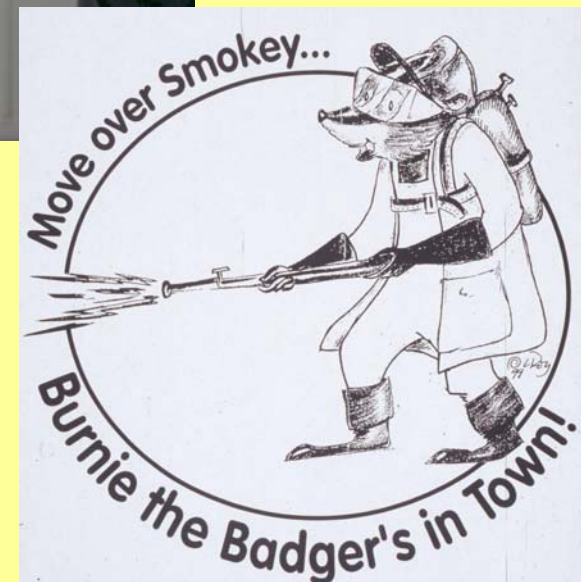
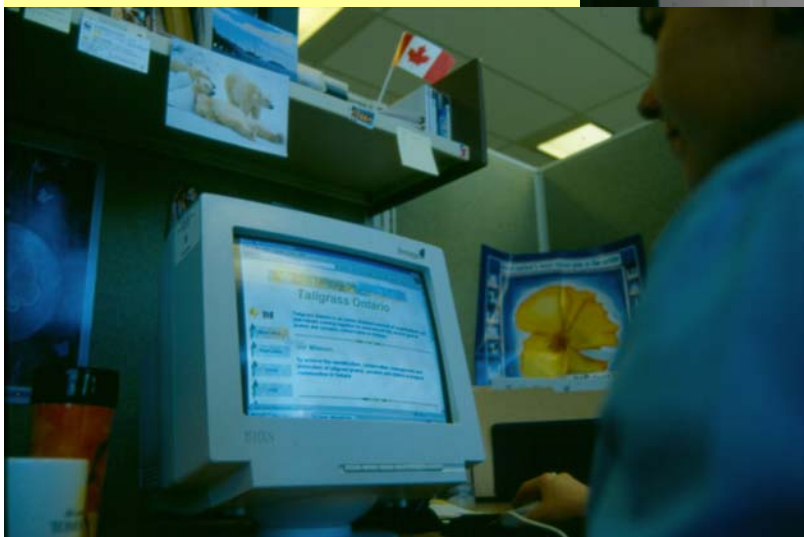
Remnant protection &  
stewardship

Tallgrass restoration

Education/extension

Applied science/research

# Coordination, communication







## Progress in remnant protection & stewardship

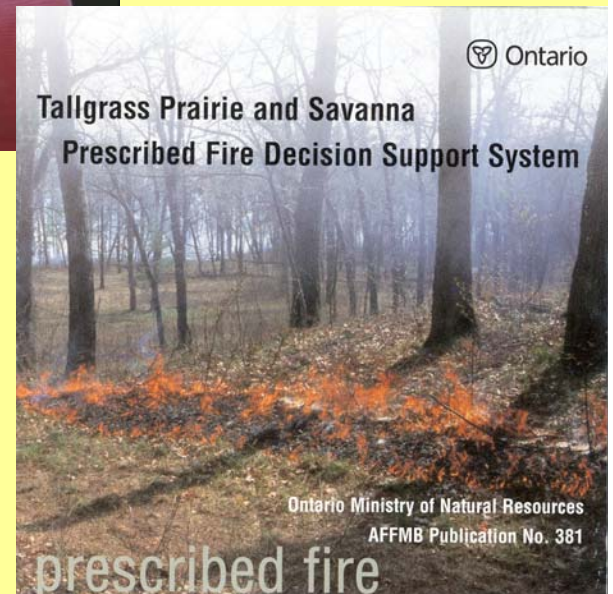




Prescribed burning...



...we're  
working on it.



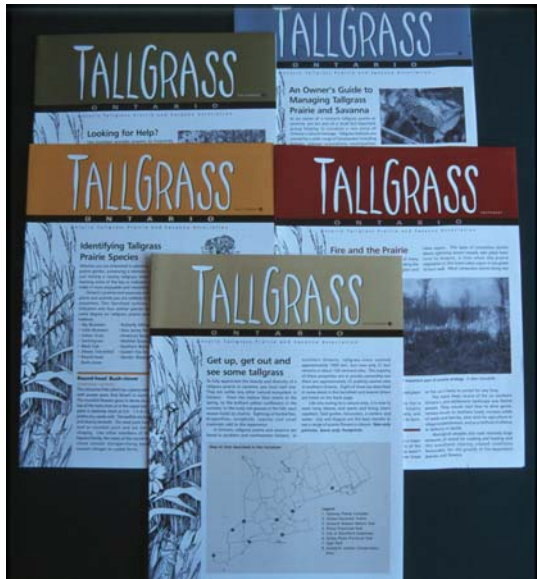




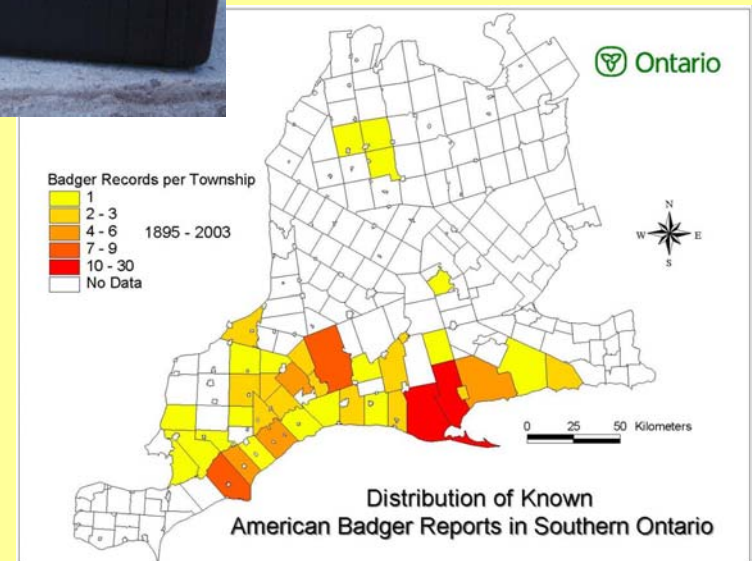
## Progress in restoration action







The Tallgrass Toolkit is growing...





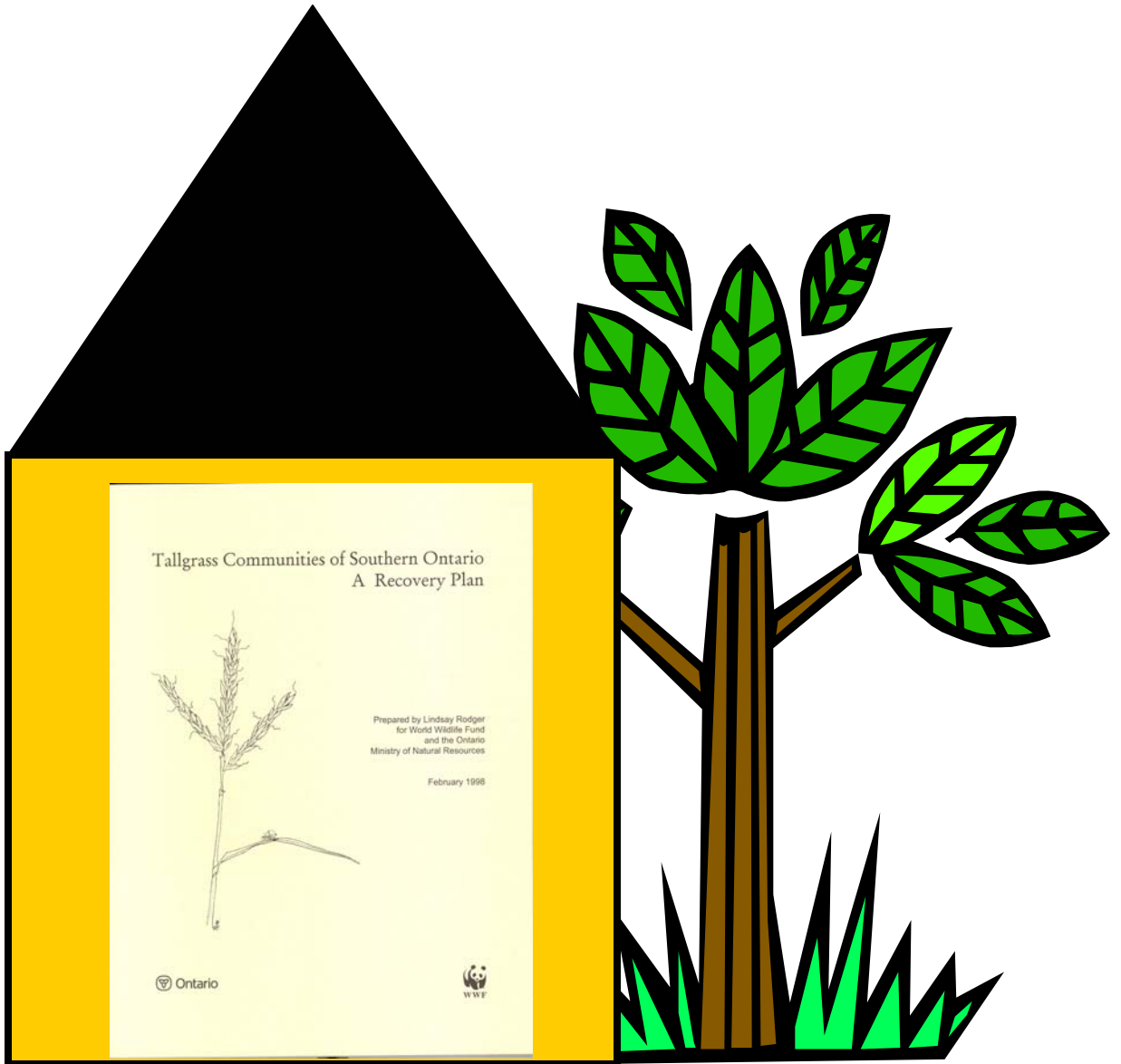





**Are we  
done yet?**



**Home for the Aged**







We've built up  
great  
momentum...

Now let's  
keep it  
going!





