

NBS Releases First Technical I&M Report

Our Living Resources is the first report released by the National Biological Service Inventory and Monitoring Activity. Written in nontechnical language suitable for the lay person, this compendium of nearly 200 peer-reviewed articles and overviews is authored by researchers from the NBS and other federal and state agencies, academia, and the private sector. Tabular and graphical data also make the report valuable to resource managers, environmental scientists, planners, policy makers, and conservation organizations. An open request throughout the scientific community resulted in these articles that share current information on the abundance, distribution, health, and trends of national biological resources.

The 530-page, full-color report is organized by chapters that address taxonomic groups (birds, mammals, fish, reptiles and amphibians, plants, and invertebrates); geographic areas (Alaska, Hawaii, Great Plains, and interior west); ecosystem types (aquatic, riparian, terrestrial, and coastal marine), and impact assessments (global climate change, human influences, nonnative species, and habitat assessments). A glossary and index are provided.

Hard copies of the report can be purchased for \$44.00 (including postage) from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. In late 1995, the report should be available through the NBS home page on the Internet and on CD-

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