

National Research Needs Prioritized

The National Park Service recently prioritized its needs for National Biological Service research for the preservation of national park system natural resources and other attributes. The areas needing greatest attention are listed in descending priority order:

- Amphibian decline.
- Survey and ranking of nonindigenous plants for management and control.
- Effects of regional air pollutants on park resources.
- Fish management impacts to natural aquatic systems in national parks.
- Population trends and habitats of neotropical migratory birds in the parks.
- Effects of native animal species overpopulation in parks.
- Development of protocols for aquatic inventories, assessments, and monitoring.
- Status of invertebrate biodiversity and establishment of monitoring methods in national parks.
- Risk assessment of zebra mussel establishment in national parks.
- Efficacy of replenishment zones in restoring harvested marine ecosystems.