

# Restoring America's Everglades



– *Conserving the Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow* –

Briefing for the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

Sebring, Florida

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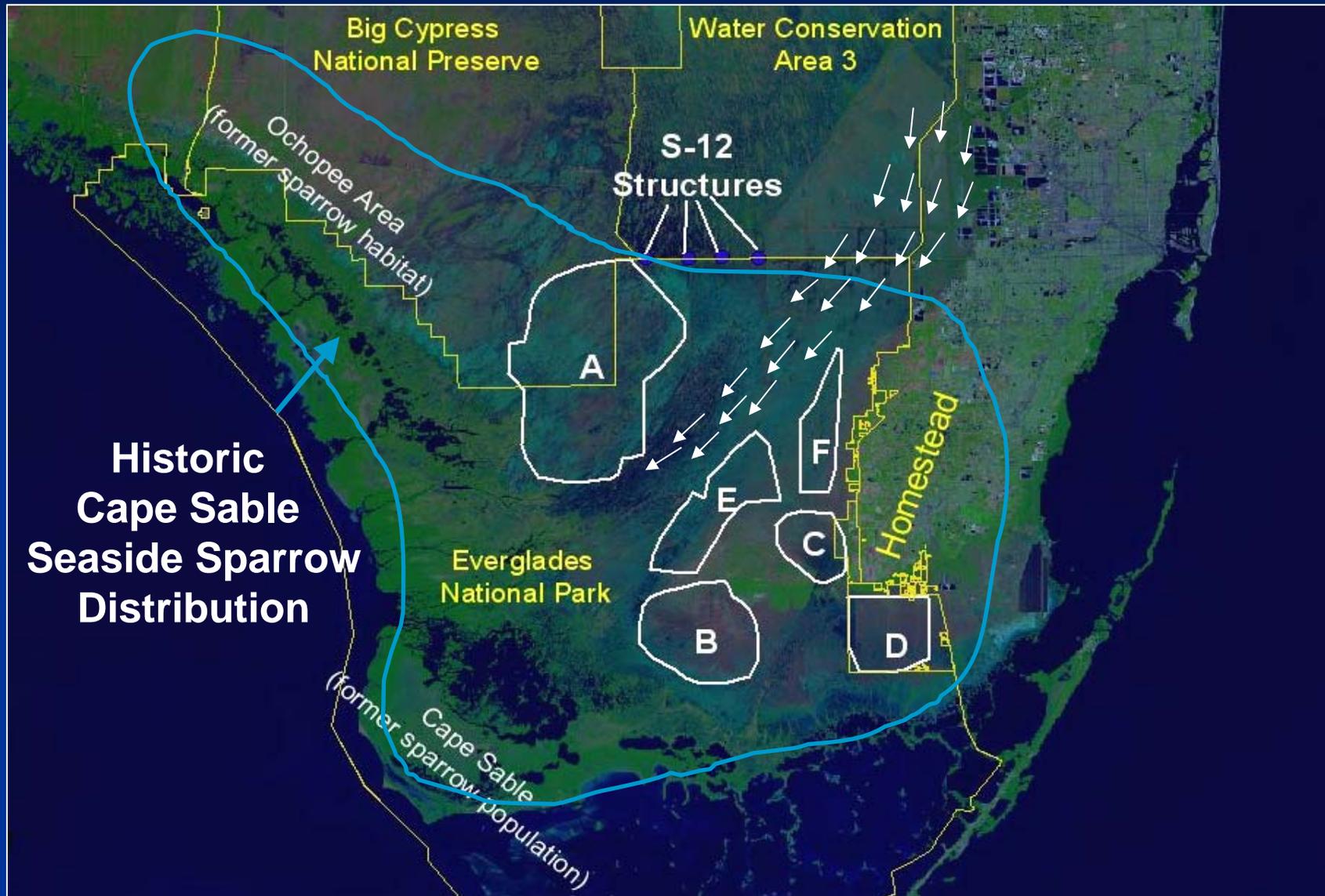
## Outline of Presentation

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  - Avian Ecology Workshop 2007
- III. Take Home Messages



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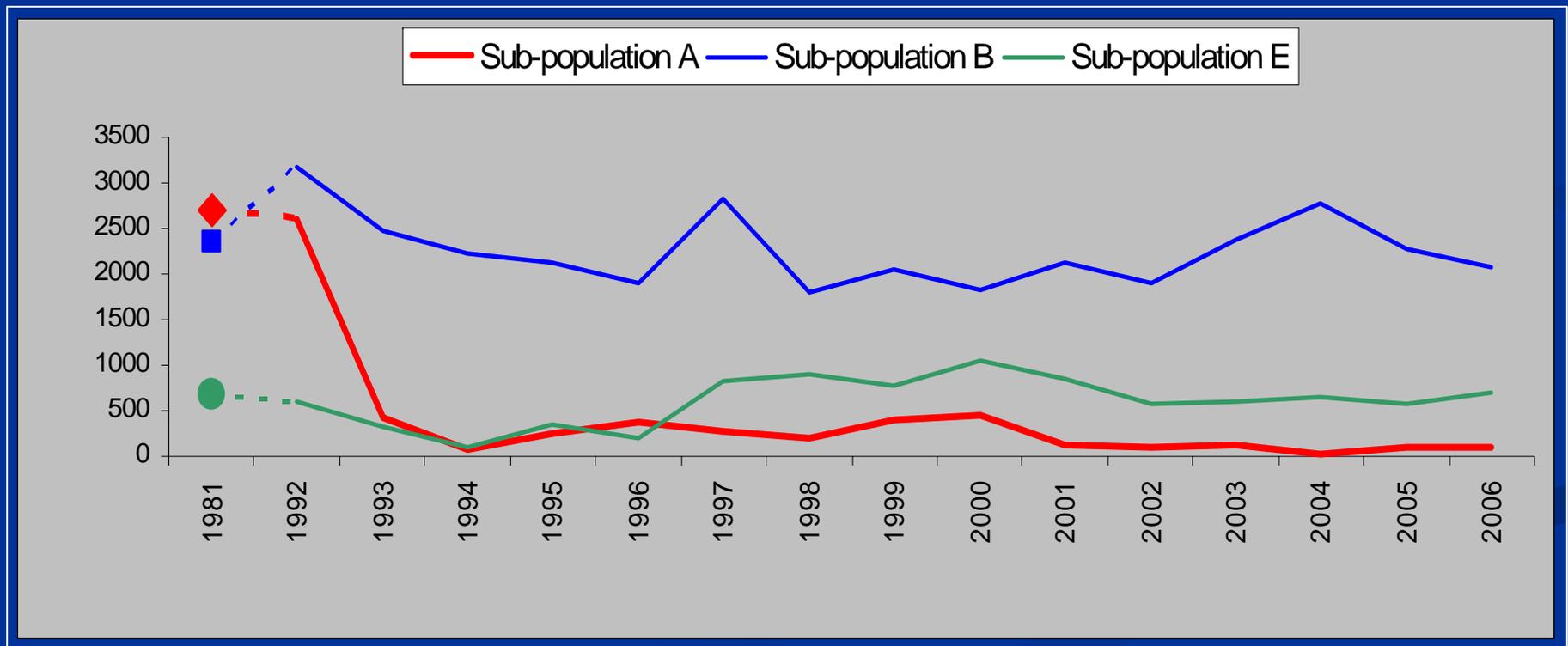
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## Sparrow Background and Status

### Large Sparrow Populations, 1981-2006



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**Using the Best Available Science**

Avian Ecology Workshop, 2003

- Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow
- Snail Kite
- Wood Stork
- Roseate Spoonbill



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**Using the Best Available Science**

Avian Ecology Workshop – Findings

- “Strong Indications” Restoration Will Benefit All Four Species
- Restore Natural Flow from WCA 3A to 3B and into NE Shark River Slough
- Uncertainties in Transition to Full CERP, Especially for Sparrows
- Monitoring and Adaptive Management Are Keys to Success



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**Avian Ecology Workshop 2007**

- Independent Review –  
*Sustainable Ecosystems Institute*
- Summer 2007
- Multi-Species Focus
- Actions in the Transition
- Steps We Can Take Now
- Steps We Can Prepare to  
Take in the Future
- Adaptive Management



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## Take Home Messages

- Maximizing Ecosystem Restoration Is Priority #1
- Proactive Effort to Develop Independent Best Available Science
- Identify Actions Partners Can Take Now and in the Future



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