### Prescott College Kino Bay Center for Cultural & Ecological Studies: Waterbird Monitoring Program Bahía de Kino, Sonora, México





#### **Gulf of California**



# The Kino Bay Center for Cultural & Ecological Studies: Field station since 1991



PC classes since the 1970's



Mexican NGO since 1992

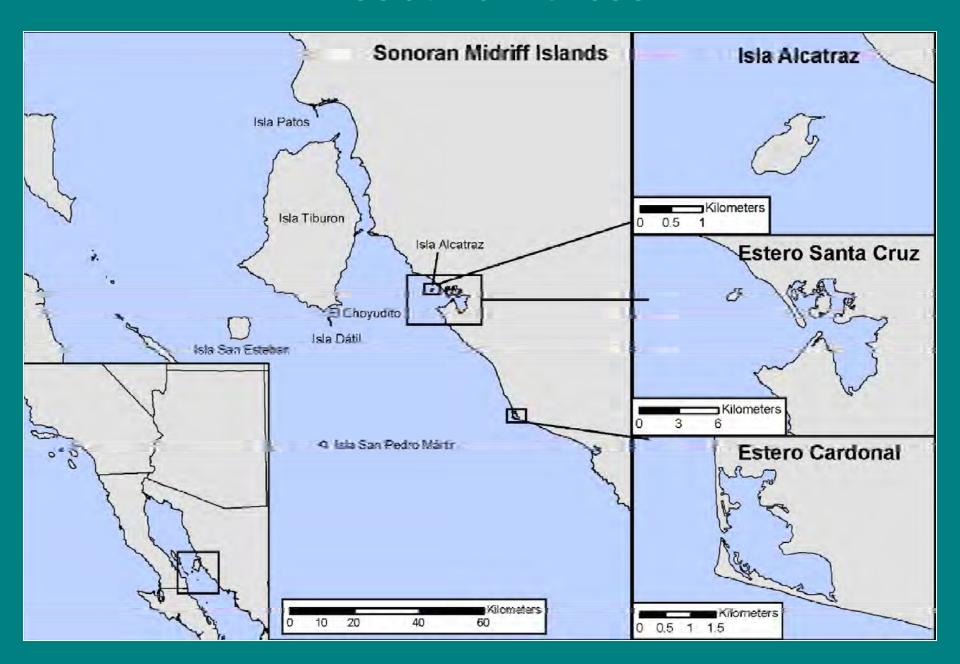
500 visitors annually

Protecting priority species and habitats through the integrated application of science, education, information exchange and community participation.



Promoting and modelling collaborations between people from different cultures and institutions to cocreate solutions to complex conservation challenges.

#### Research Sites



### **Program Goals**

- To monitor the waterbird communities in the Eastern Midriff Islands and adjacent areas;
- To collect data addressing gaps in regional waterbird knowledge and research;
- To involve Prescott College students and local community members in waterbird conservation;
- To connect information about waterbird use and abundance with conservation and management efforts
- To serve as an information center and support/link waterbird research initiatives in the region



#### Projects 2011-2012

#### ESTEROS (Cardonal, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa)

- Multi-species waterbird census
- · Shorebird census
- · Habitat Use Mapping
- · AMOY, LETE, SNPL, WIPL, REEG & mixed-wading bird colony nest monitoring & productivity studies

#### **ISLANDS**

- DCCO, BRPE, AMOY and mixed-wading bird colony nest timing & productivity studies
- · Craveri's Murrelet nest search
- Yellow-footed Gull nest success and impacts of human disturbance

#### KINO AREA

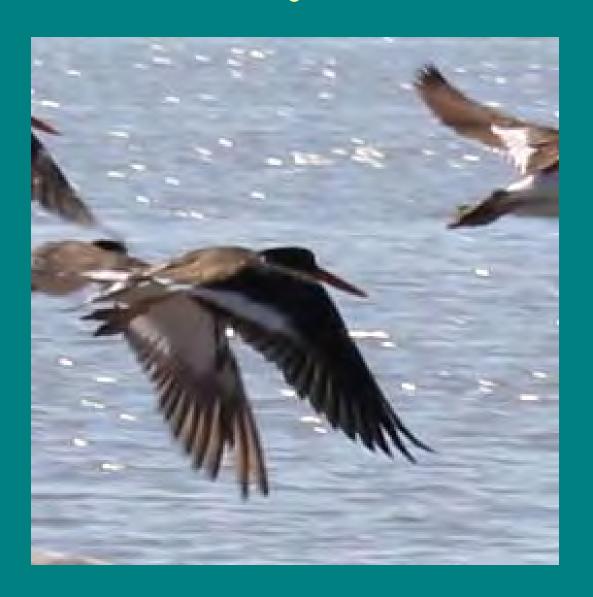
Osprey nest site location and productivity

# "Mexican" Oystercatchers





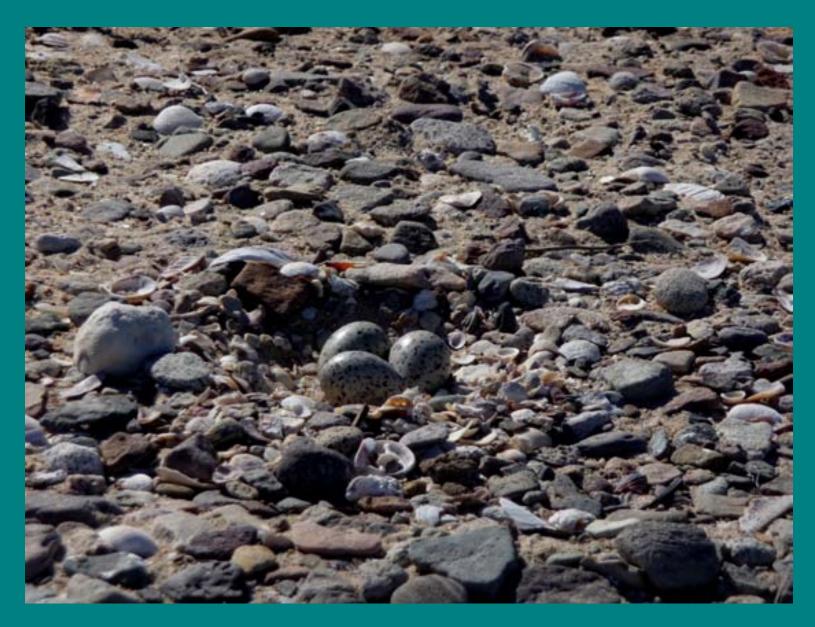
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# **Nesting Habitat**



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# Estero Santa Cruz: Conservation Target



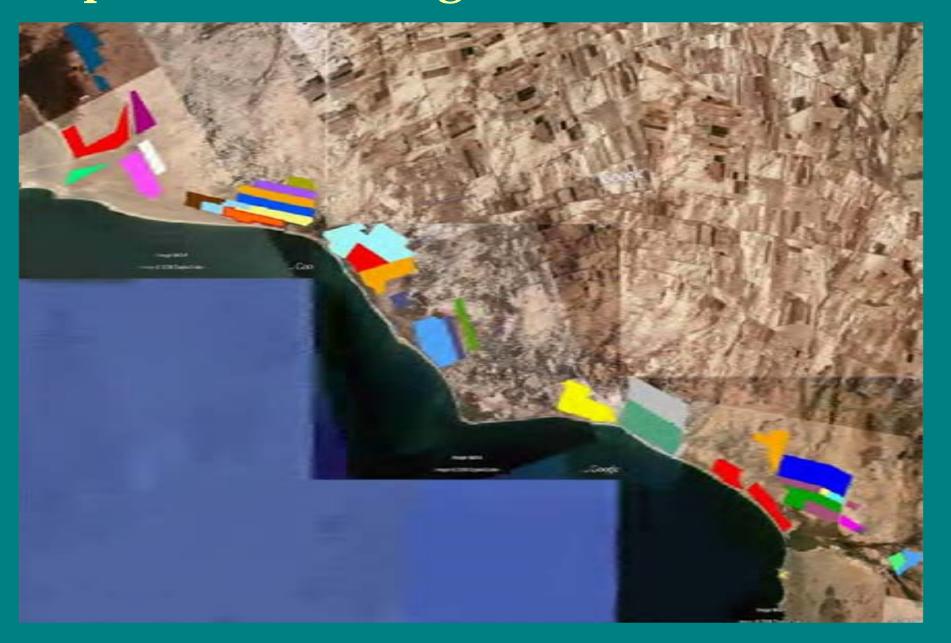
# Wintering Habitat



### Main Threat



# Aquaculture along Hermosillo Coast



# Thank you



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