

The Nature Conservancy in Arizona launched its Conservation Science web-site early in 2005 as a publicly-accessible repository for data, reports, and scientific assessments produced by the Conservancy's Conservation Science Program. Our home page, below, offers six different categories of information that span the variety of projects the Conservancy is currently working on or has recently completed.

The web-site is accessible at www.azconservation.org



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The Nature Conservancy's mission is to preserve the plants, animals, and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters needed for their survival. Arizona's Conservation Science Program supports this mission through work in three areas: (1) conservation planning to identify the native systems and places needed to maintain the region's biological diversity, (2) monitoring and research to understand how our ecological systems operate and to promote science-based adaptive management, and (3) development of scientific assessments to better understand land management needs. Much of our work is done in collaboration with agencies and institutions.

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