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### **Information Transfer for the Atlantic Seaduck Project leading to Waterfowl Conservation**

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Information transfer techniques developed by researchers can help wildlife resource managers in conserving waterfowl in the future. When technical data are transferred to managers and the public, these persons are better able to make wise decisions to protect and enhance wildlife populations and habitats. For example, the location of breeding and molting areas of some species of seaducks, especially scoters, is uncertain and presently is being studied by researchers at USGS-Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. The migrational paths are of interest, and will help to further extend the knowledge concerning the areas used by scoters during various periods of their lifecycle. The techniques used in data transfer of seaducks can be applied to a variety of other birds, and also have a large number of applications for other wildlife species. Information transfer to the public greatly benefits the wildlife resources. It provides facts that can be used in conservation activities by government managers, non-government organizations, and may also help to promote public interest and support for future waterfowl conservation programs.