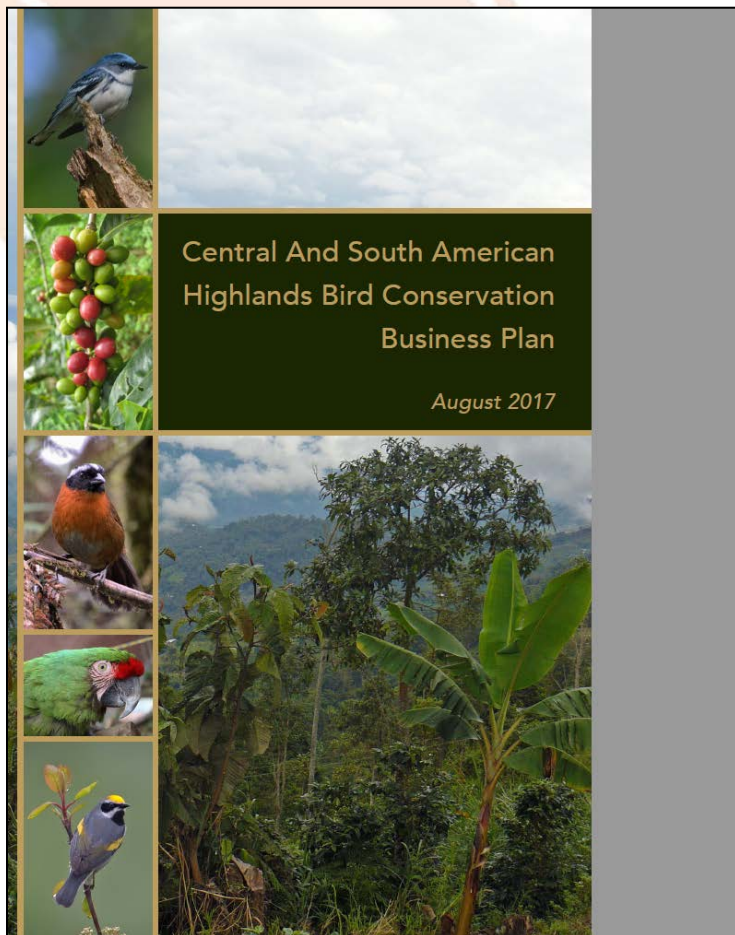


BIRD CONSERVATION BUSINESS PLANS

FOR THE CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICAN HIGHLANDS & GULF-CARIBBEAN SLOPE ECOSYSTEMS



- Draft -



Partners in Flight Conservation Business Plan:

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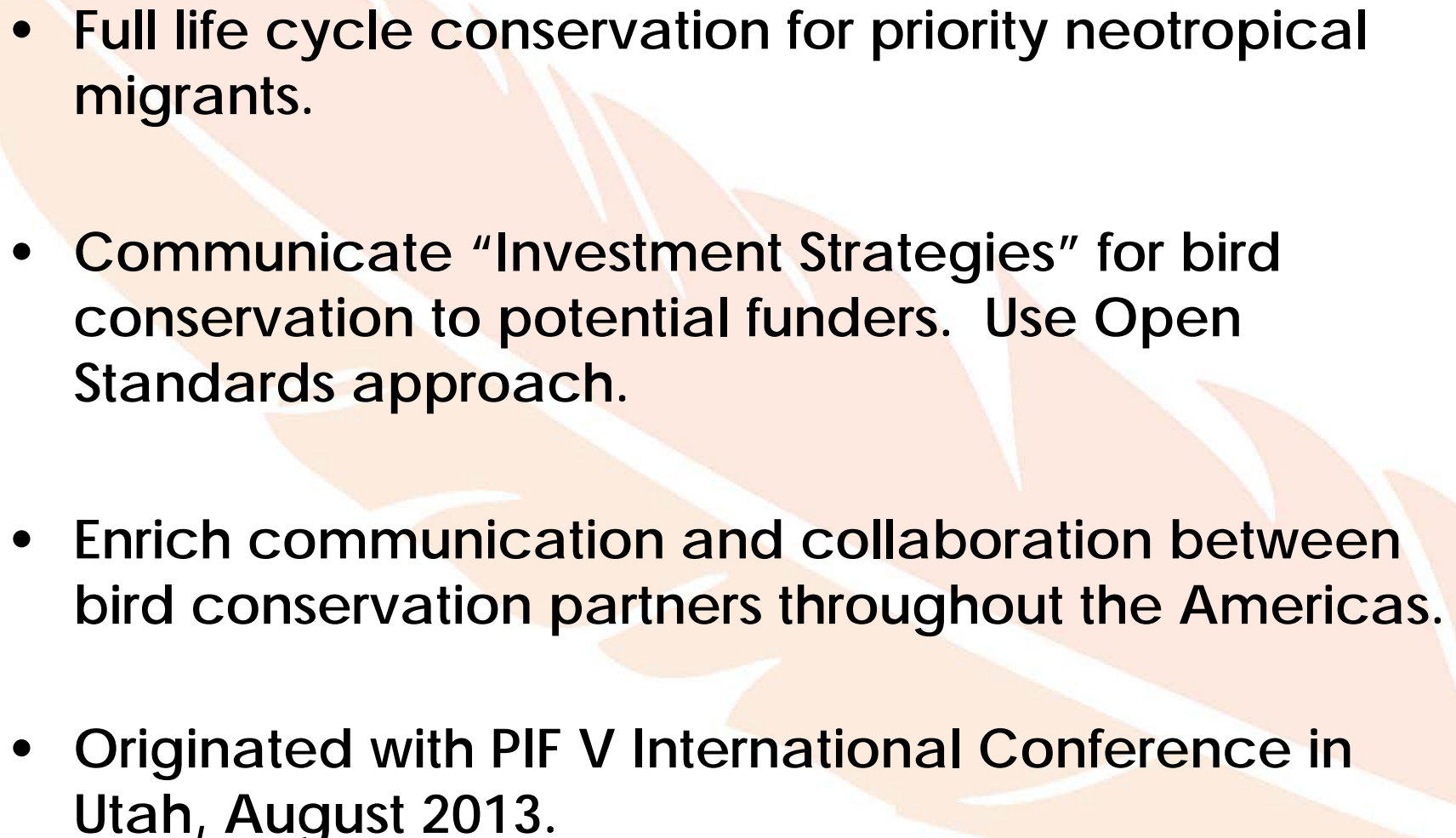
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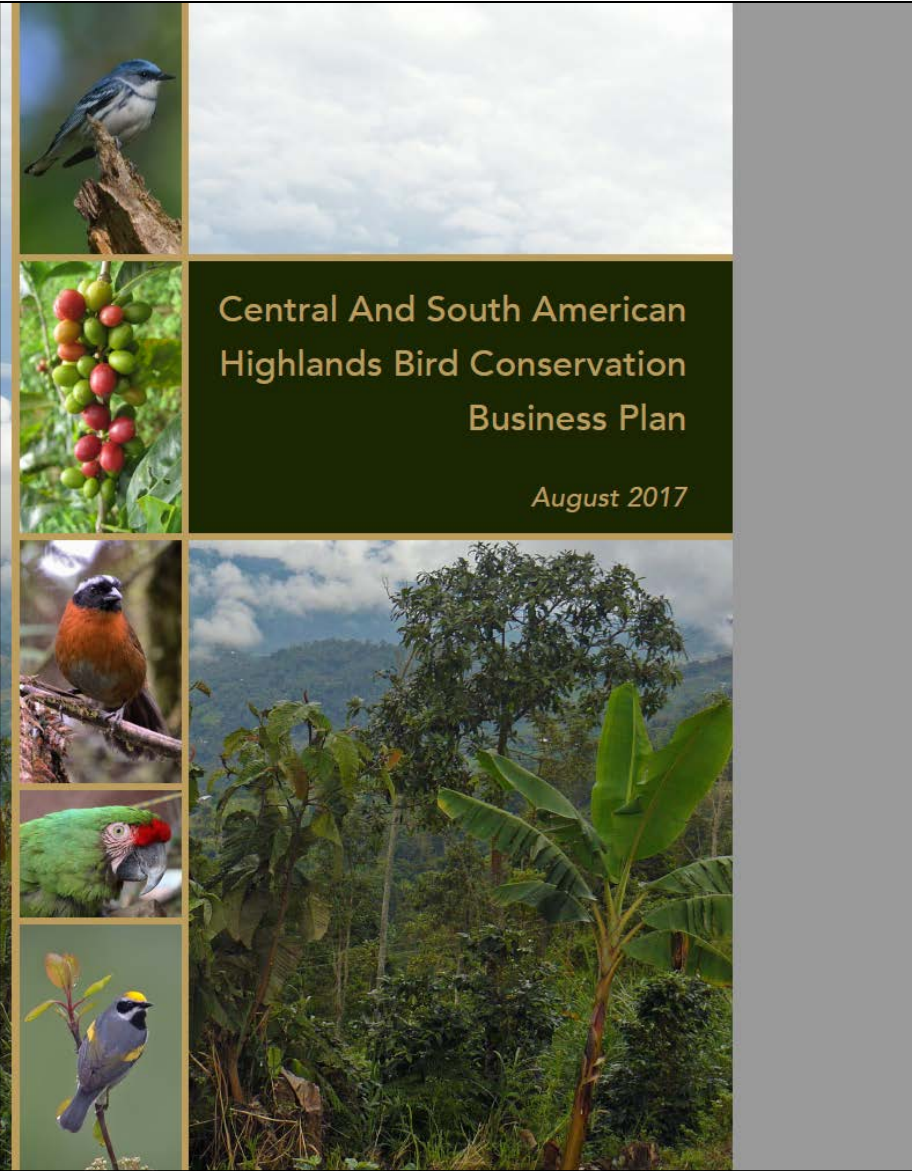
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The Partners in Flight Vision

- Full life cycle conservation for priority neotropical migrants.
 - Communicate “Investment Strategies” for bird conservation to potential funders. Use Open Standards approach.
 - Enrich communication and collaboration between bird conservation partners throughout the Americas.
 - Originated with PIF V International Conference in Utah, August 2013.
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- Priority Migrants:



Setophaga cerulea



Cardellina canadensis



Vermivora chrysoptera

- Priority Residents:???



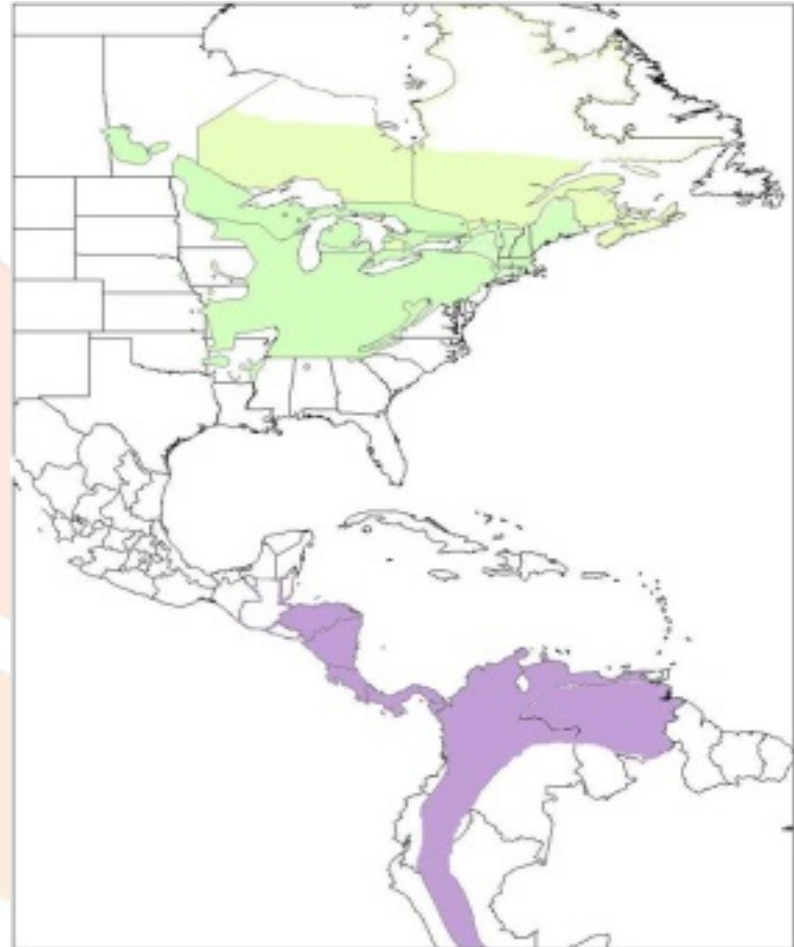
Cen/So American Highlands

Focal Geography:

- >1,000m, from Chiapas to n. Peru



Linked with forests
of e. North America





Cen/So American Highlands - THREATS

- Loss of Primary and Secondary Forest
- Loss and Degradation of Agroforestry Habitats
- Other Contributing Factors:
 - Lack of gov't capacity to support protected areas
 - Lack of sustainable economic opportunities
 - Lack of popular support for forest conservation
 - Lack of knowledge of priority species
- 6 example project descriptions



Cen/So American Highlands - STRATEGIES

- Stop loss of primary forest in protected areas
- Increase compatible working landscapes, stop secondary forest loss
- Strengthen gov't policy and support for conservation
- Increase public awareness of forest conservation
- Increase/diversify funding sources
- Increase capacity of local partners
- Address knowledge gaps



Cen/So American Highlands - HIGHLIGHTS

- Public Awareness: International Bird Festival – Nicaragua

Increase Capacity: >\$800,000
in NMBCA grants in 2017



- Working Landscapes: Yoro Biological Corridor
- ABC's Birdscapes: Guatemala Conservation Coast

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- **Priority Migrants:**



Hylocichla mustelina



Parkesia motacilla



Protonotaria citrea

- **Priority Residents:???**

Gulf/Caribbean Slope

Focal Geography:

- <1,000m, Gulf/Caribbean Coast from Mexico to Panama

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Gulf/Caribbean Slope - THREATS

- Human Development
- Agricultural intensification/expansion
- Energy production
- Consumptive use of forest resources
- Conversion/degradation of natural systems
- Climate Change
- Indirect threats: lack of policies, enforcement, outreach, knowledge



Gulf/Caribbean Slope - STRATEGIES

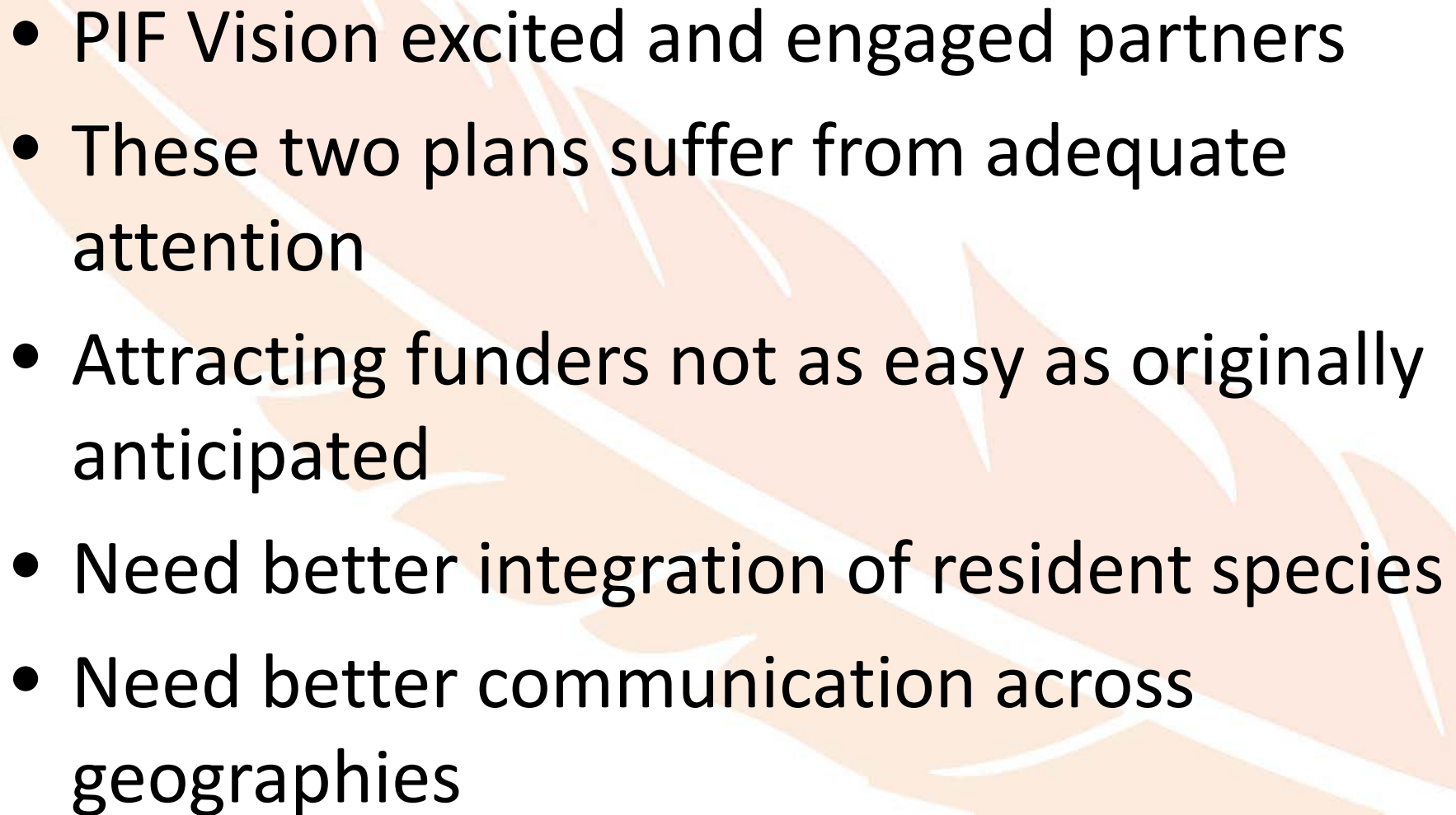
- 3-5 strategies recommended for each primary threat:
 - 4 Breeding Season threats
 - 3 Migration threats
 - 4 Winter Season threats
- Broad overlap with strategies in the Highlands Plan, for example:
 - Stop forest loss
 - Increase capacity for conservation
 - Increase compatible working landscapes



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Lessons Learned:

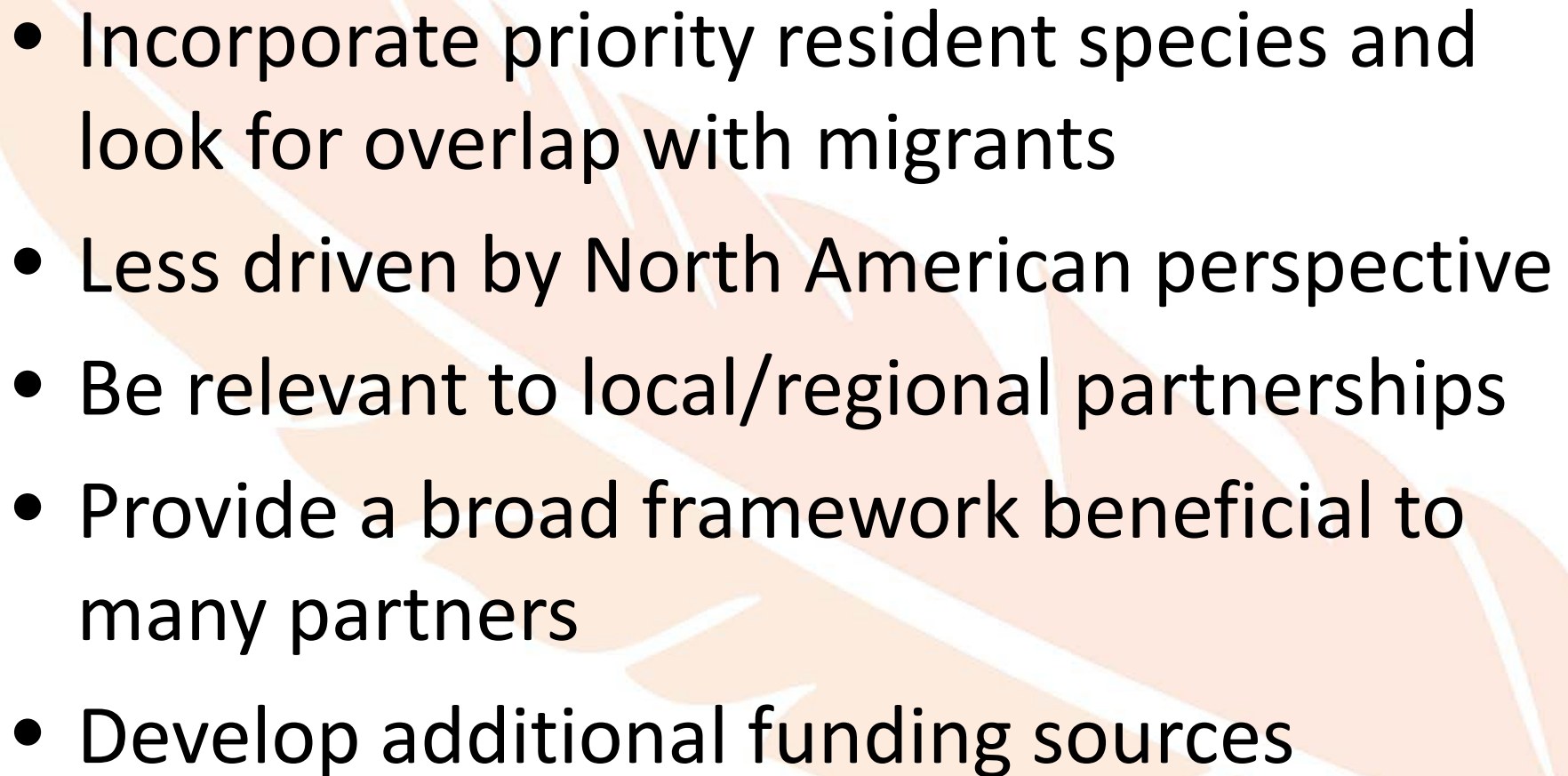
- PIF Vision excited and engaged partners
 - These two plans suffer from adequate attention
 - Attracting funders not as easy as originally anticipated
 - Need better integration of resident species
 - Need better communication across geographies
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Ways to Improve:

- Incorporate priority resident species and look for overlap with migrants
 - Less driven by North American perspective
 - Be relevant to local/regional partnerships
 - Provide a broad framework beneficial to many partners
 - Develop additional funding sources
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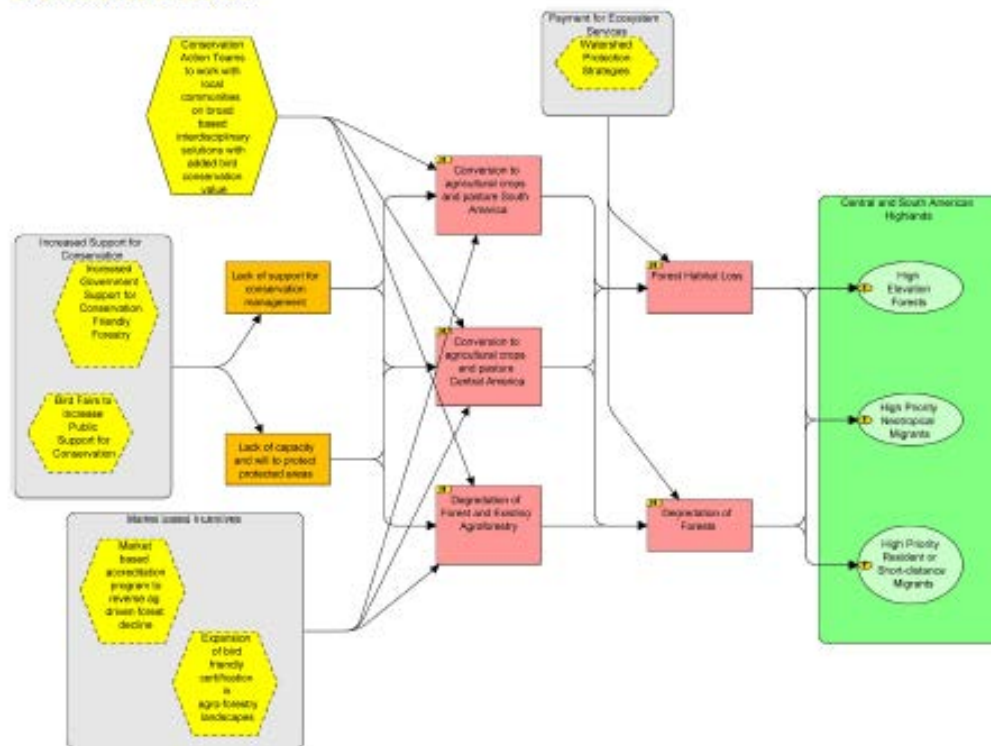


Questions and Discussion:

- Are the PIF Business Plans useful?
 - How can these two plans be improved?
 - Should these two plans be combined?
 - Who wants to be involved?
- How important are geographic focal areas?
- What are the most important conservation strategies?
- How to integrate with other ecosystem-level initiatives?

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APPENDIX VII: CONCEPTUAL MODEL OF THREATS AND DRIVERS IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN HIGHLANDS



APPENDIX VIII: RESULTS CHAIN – ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

