

A Laboratory for Learning: Large-Scale Ecosystem Restoration and the Legacy of Secretary Bruce Babbitt

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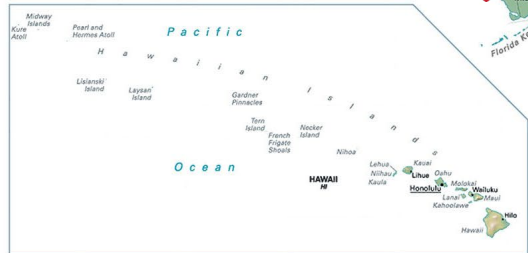
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Plan for today:

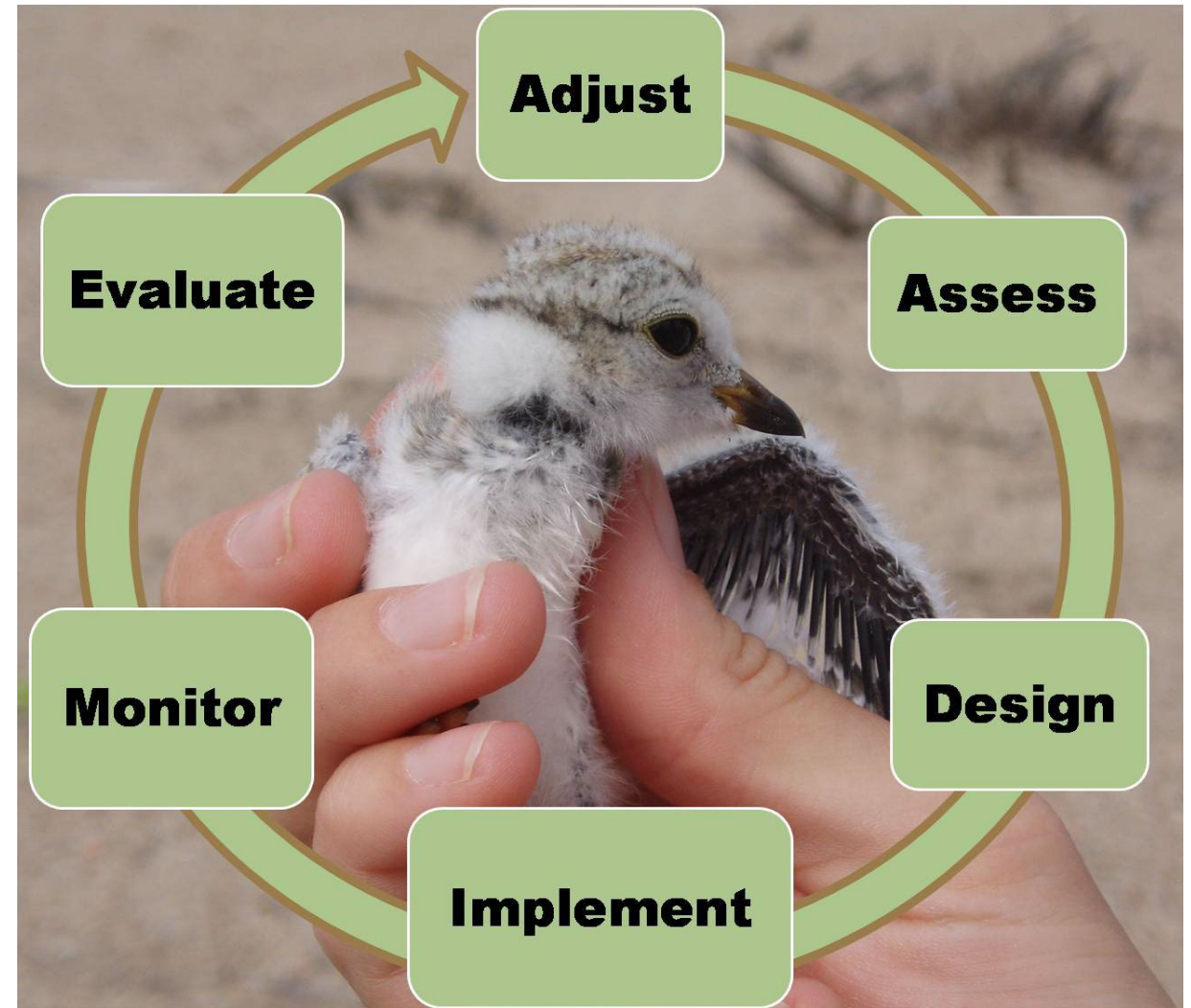
- Quick session intro
- Speaker intros
- Program presentations
- Q & A / Dialogue with audience



Adaptive Governance (AG)



Adaptive Management (AM)





“Therefore, we believe it is important for scientists involved in **adaptive management** programs to recognize that these projects are not inherently science endeavors but are often **quite complex societal collaborations** where managers must identify effective management strategies under varying uncertainty and limited resources, including time.”

Melis, Walters, Korman. 2015. Surprise and opportunity for learning in Grand Canyon: the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program. Ecology and Society 20(3):22.