

# MASKED BOBWHITE QUAIL

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## PROPAGATION:

Produce Masked Bobwhite for Reintroduction in the Wild

- \* Timing is Everything – Monsoon Nesting Species
- \* Genetic Diversity is Important – Genetic Record

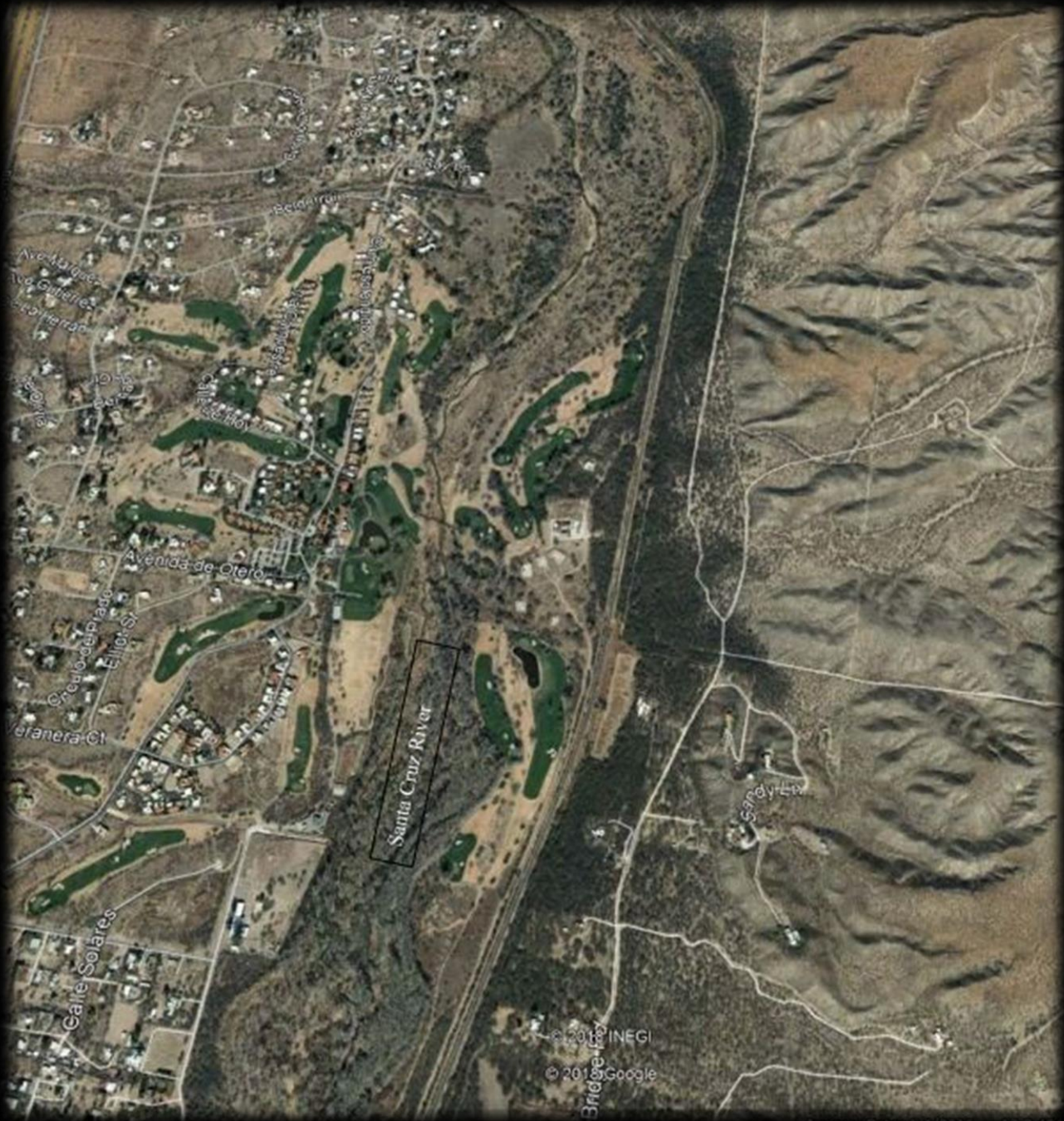
Keeping/Pairing

- \* Health Certificates & Transportation Permits

Mass-Production to Supplement Reintroduction Efforts

- \* George Sutton Avian Research Center - Oklahoma







## YOU CAN HELP SAVE A SPECIES

ONCE EXTIRPATED FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE ENDANGERED MASKED BOBWHITE QUAIL IS NOW AT ITS GREATEST OPPORTUNITY FOR RECOVERY!

### ABOUT THE MASKED BOBWHITE QUAIL:

Native only to southern Arizona and Sonora, Mexico, the endangered masked bobwhite quail was thought to be extinct by the 1960's due to habitat loss. The 1960s shed a new light with the discovery of the last remaining individuals in Mexico and the captive program began on U.S. soil. For years, limited resources and knowledge about the species hindered recovery, until now!

### HOW WE ARE MAKING AN IMPACT TODAY:

- Partnerships with an AZA-accredited zoo in Mexico and U.S. have established the best education, species preservation and reintroduction opportunities in history
- Releases are now taking place on the protected land within Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, established specifically for this species
- Newly renovated outdoor or "following pens" are creating a wilder bird for release
- New science-based reintroduction techniques using wild foster birds, call boxes and telemetry over the last year are showing the longest survival rates in 25 years
- Private land owners have joined the effort to release birds on their land as additional wild meta-populations
- This year, autonomous recording units in Mexico indicated the species may still exist in Mexico

### 5 WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE SPECIES:

- Display 10 birds to help educate and gain public support for endangered species
- Share birds with other AZA-accredited institutions in the U.S. and Mexico for greater outreach
- Help to maintain genetic record keeping
- House 50 birds to ensure the population is dispersed and secured
- Breed 1,000-2,000 annually to supplement reintroduction efforts

### HOW WE WILL SUPPORT YOU:

Advisory Resources are here for you! Our staff includes an animal caretaker, quail biologists, statisticians, biometricians and a recovery team of veterinarians and quail experts. We can help advise you on protocol development, permits, dietary needs and more!

### BE RECOGNIZED AS A GAME CHANGER:

- Be at that the forefront as this conservation effort continues to reach historic milestones
- Join the other AZA-accredited institutions in helping promote species recovery and security
- If not for these efforts, the species would be extinct today. We would love to see your zoo credited in species delisting!

CONTACT JULIETTE\_FERNANDEZ@FWS.GOV OR 505-248-6650 TO GET STARTED TODAY!

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