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Since 1998, the SK PCAP has brought together organizations representing producers, industry, provincial/federal governments, ENGO's and research/educational institutions to work towards a common vision of prairie conservation (including species at risk) within Saskatchewan's Prairie Ecozone. Actions and projects are based on 5 year Frameworks with annual work plans developed by focus groups consisting of PCAP Partners and other stakeholders. The Framework and work plans reflect PCAP's **Vision** (healthy native prairie ecosystems as vital parts of our vibrant and strong communities), **three goals** (Ecosystem – native prairie ecosystem health and biodiversity are conserved and restored as part of a functioning landscape; Economic - sustainable uses of native prairie improve the livelihoods of SK people; Cultural – native prairie is a valued part of our culture and identity as SK people) and **five priority areas of focus** (At Home on the Prairie – Connecting to Native Prairie; Prospering with Prairie – Sustainable Land Use and Development; Caring For Prairie – Managing Invasive Alien Plant Species; Accounting for Prairie – Valuing Ecological Goods and Services; A Working Prairie – Grazing Management in Prairie Ecosystems). Examples of PCAP projects include youth education (K-6) through our Stewardship Education Programs and adult education for our 26 partners and SK residents through workshops (including Native Prairie Appreciation Week), speaker series, newsletter and website. The PCAP Partnership also liaises with organizations within Canada and internationally including the Alberta Prairie Conservation Forum, Carolinian Canada Coalition in Ontario and the Chihuahua Mexico Grassland Partnership.