

Using Conservation Covenants to Protect Critical Habitat

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This seminar will provide participants with a brief overview of conservation covenants and provide examples of how they can be used to protect land designated as critical habitat under the *Species at Risk Act*. Conservation covenants (and conservation easements and servitudes) are expected to be widely used to protect critical habitat under the *Species at Risk Act*. To ensure they are used effectively for long term stewardship, Recovery Teams and their professional advisors need to be familiar with the legal basis of conservation covenants and the range of possibilities for habitat protection. A well drafted covenant document provides the necessary foundation for effective habitat protection but it must be accompanied by adequate financial and human resources for the covenant holder to monitor and enforce the provisions of the covenant over time.