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PREFACE

I HAVE been keenly conscious while preparing this volume that only a lifetime of experience in conservation work would give one an entirely satisfactory background with which to solve some of the questions that have been raised. This book is consequently little more than an introduction to the numerous problems that are faced by government agencies in the field of wild-life conservation. I can only hope that it may be of some value to administrators and others who are interested in the preservation of the nation's wild life resources.

I should like to express my appreciation for the encouragement, aid and advice that had been given me in the preparation of this study by a host of persons both inside and outside of the government service. I am especially indebted to Professor Arthur Macmahon of Columbia University, who has unhesitatingly given of his time and effort during the past three years, for innumerable corrections in organization and interpretation.

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