

California Wildlife Habitat Relationships System

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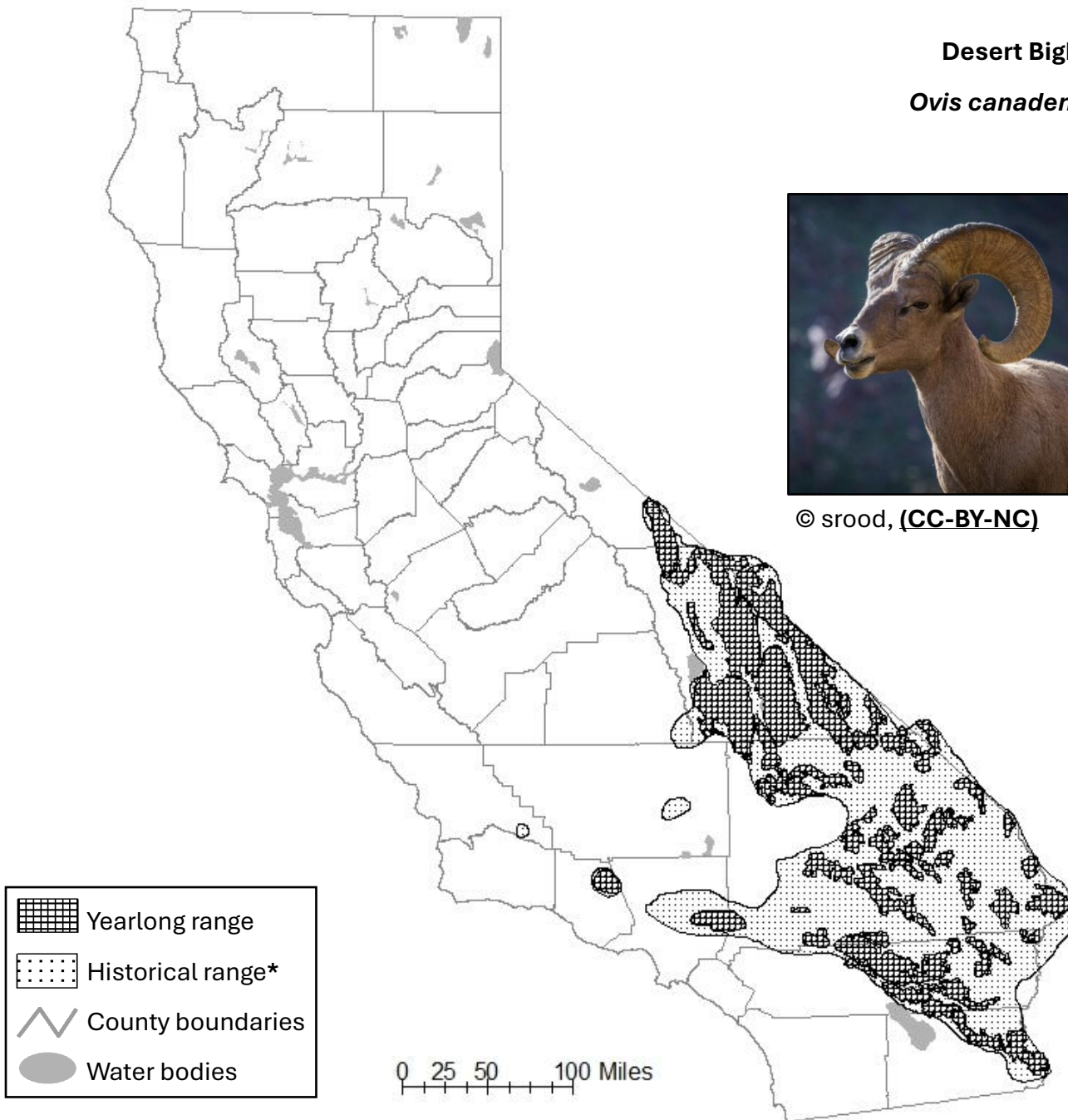
Desert Bighorn Sheep

Ovis canadensis nelsoni

M183a



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*Infrastructure and construction projects (e.g., LADWP, SCE, MWD, Coachella Valley water district, etc.) should assume that projects falling within the historical range boundary of this range have the potential to impact bighorn sheep and should contact the appropriate California Department of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Bighorn Sheep Program staff prior to construction.

Range maps are based on available occurrence data and professional knowledge. They represent current range, not historical or potential, except as noted. This range map was updated by P Young, D Glass, and T Stephenson in 2026. Photo source: <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/335243038>

Full revision history: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=115517>

Range map use case guidance: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=222269&inline>

More information: www.wildlife.ca.gov/data/CWHR