



Gulf of Mexico Alliance

Habitat Conservation & Restoration Priority Issue Team



The mission of the Alliance is to provide leadership to advance conservation and restoration of coastal habitats and ecosystems throughout the Gulf and associated watersheds and ultimately reverse the downward trend in habitat quality, quantity, and ecosystem services.

Restoration efforts must be increased and made more effective through the application of science and conservation and restoration of habitats must be implemented on a more aggressive scale.

Action Plan I “Successes”

- Established HCRT with State leadership & Federal support
- Workshops held in 5 Gulf States
- Began to engage Mexican partners in HCRT activities
- Identified Gulf-wide habitat conservation & restoration issues, needs, and successes
- Gained support for and began drafting Gulf Regional Sediment Management Master Plan
- Developed Gulf Alliance Action Plan II to guide implementation during next 5 years

Action Plan II “Goals”

- Identify and engage non-participating relevant United States stakeholders with interests in the health and sustainability of the Gulf, and coordinate specific issues with representatives from the Gulf Mexican States.
- Address specific public policy issues impeding habitat conservation and restoration.
- Identify and resolve specific scientific and technical issues so that conservation and restoration of Gulf habitats are more successful.
- Develop and implement the Gulf Regional Sediment Management Master Plan (GRSMMP) to more effectively use dredged material and other sediment resources for restoration projects.
- Monitor a Gulf-wide inventory of distribution, gain, and loss of coastal habitats and measure the ecosystem services they provide.

