

GULF OF MEXICO ALLIANCE

Water Quality



Wetland Restoration



Environmental Education



Characterization of Gulf Habitats



Reduction of Nutrient Inputs



What is the Gulf of Mexico Alliance?

The Gulf of Mexico Alliance is a partnership, initiated in 2004, by the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, with the goal of significantly increasing regional collaboration to enhance the environmental and economic health of the Gulf of Mexico. The Alliance currently coordinates closely with the Gulf of Mexico States Accord, to facilitate eventual collaboration with the six Mexican Gulf of Mexico states.

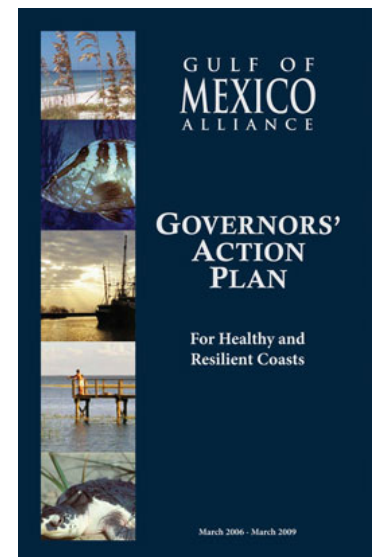
The Gulf States identified five priority issues that are regionally significant and can be effectively addressed through increased collaboration at state, local, and federal levels. These priorities represent a focus for initial action through the Alliance:

- Water quality for healthy beaches and shellfish beds;
- Wetland and coastal conservation and restoration;
- Environmental education;
- Identification and characterization of Gulf habitats; and
- Reducing nutrient inputs to coastal ecosystems.

In the wake of the devastating 2005 hurricane season, the Alliance strongly emphasizes actions within these five priorities that support Gulf Coast recovery and rebuilding efforts, and that work to mitigate environmental impacts and economic disruptions from future hurricanes and other coastal hazards.

Governors' Action Plan

The five U.S. Gulf State Governors released the *Governors' Action Plan for Healthy and Resilient Coasts* on March 28, 2006. The *Governors' Action Plan* challenges the new Alliance partnership to make tangible progress over the next 36 months, setting the stage for a long-term partnership that can address an expanded suite of issues, culminating in a healthier Gulf of Mexico ecosystem and economy.



View and download the *Governors' Action Plan* at:
www.gulfofmexicoalliance.org

Why an Alliance?

The Gulf of Mexico region is exploring the power of partnership. By working together on selected regional issues, the five U.S. Gulf States are committed to realizing the benefits of shared management successes and coordinated environmental monitoring efforts that support effective management decisions. Furthermore, by developing a common vision and strategy for enhancing the environmental and economic health of the Gulf of Mexico, the Gulf States can more effectively target the efforts of partner federal agencies.

Federal Support to the Alliance

The Bush Administration's U.S. Ocean Action Plan (USOAP) recognizes the leadership that the five U.S. Gulf States have demonstrated in forming the Alliance and identifying regional priorities, and calls for increased integration of resources, knowledge, and expertise to address these priorities.

Thirteen federal agencies committed to supporting the Gulf Alliance have been brought together under the coordination of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

This Federal Workgroup has the following objectives:

- Support Gulf of Mexico state leadership;
- Coordinate an integrated federal response to priority regional issues identified by the Alliance; and
- Support Gulf Coast recovery and rebuilding and work to mitigate effects from future hurricanes and other coastal hazards



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- ◆ National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- ◆ National Science Foundation
- ◆ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- ◆ U.S. Department of Agriculture:
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ◆ Forest Service
- ◆ U.S. Department of Commerce:
 - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- ◆ U.S. Department of Defense:
 - U.S. Navy
- ◆ U.S. Department of Energy
- ◆ U.S. Department of Interior:
 - Minerals Management Service
 - National Park Service
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - U.S. Geological Survey
- ◆ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:
 - Food and Drug Administration
- ◆ U.S. Department of State