



# The Gulf of Mexico Alliance

*Building Partnerships for a Healthier Gulf*

## Who We Are

The Gulf of Mexico Alliance is the **Regional Ocean Partnership** for the Gulf of Mexico, designated by the Governors of the five Gulf States – Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Since 2004, we have significantly increased regional collaboration to enhance the environmental and economic health of the Gulf of Mexico. Led by the states, our network includes 150 participating organizations and nearly 1,000 members from state and federal agencies, academia, non-profits, and businesses.

In 2018, President Trump issued an Executive Order regarding the National Ocean Policy, recognizing Regional Ocean Partnerships as an excellent mechanism for engagement and coordination of ocean-related issues.

## What We Do

The Governors of the five Gulf States approved the following priority issues in our current *Governors' Action Plan III for Healthy and Resilient Coasts (2016-2021)* that benefit from regional collaboration:

- Coastal Resilience
- Data and Monitoring
- Education and Engagement
- Habitat Resources
- Water Resources
- Wildlife and Fisheries
- Ecosystem Services
- Marine Debris
- Conservation, Resilience, and Restoration Planning

The Gulf of Mexico Alliance hosts an annual All Hands Meeting, supports a Federal Working Group and Business Advisory Council, and manages major regional programs including the Gulf of Mexico

Research Initiative and the Gulf of Mexico Monitoring Community of Practice.



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## Recent Work

### Regional Priorities

- 23 focus areas and 88 priorities

### Public-Private Partnership

- 45 projects in our Gulf Star Program

### Community Resilience

- building capacity and resilience in 16 coastal communities

### Regional Collaboration

- hosting regional workshops on sea level rise and seagrass status

### Data Management

- updating GOMAportal.org, an online data repository and catalog

### Deepwater Horizon Research

- managing the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative, the 10-year, \$500 million research program established after the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill