

Identification and
Characterization of Gulf Habitat
Gulf of Mexico Alliance
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Identify, inventory and assess the current state of and trends in priority coastal, estuarine, near shore and offshore Gulf of Mexico habitats to inform resource management decisions.

ID-1 Create and provide access to interactive habitat maps for priority Gulf of Mexico habitats.

36- Month Outcome : Produce a prototype Web portal to provide public access to and delivery of current and historic local, state and federal Gulf of Mexico habitat data.

Action Blueprint and Commitments: 2006-2009

- Coordinate state and federal collection of information and complete an inventory of existing habitat data and initiate a gap analysis.
- **Status: Ongoing and on-track.**
- Goal for this meeting: What data are we lacking and what agencies/organizations need to be further involved?

Action Blueprint and Commitment: 2006-2009

- Establish the Federal Data Mgmt Group

- Status: Complete

- Goal for this work shop:

Subcommittees that were established:

Bathymetry

Ontology

Technical Team

Current and Future Status of these subcommittees?

Action Blueprint and Commitment: 2006-2009

- Establish a standard metadata Format
- Status: Complete
- Goal of this workshop:
 - We will have updates from Nature Serve and NCDDC and FLFWC on their work to support and continue this effort.

Action Blueprint and Commitment: 2006-2009

- Establish a data management platform and portal that will provide access and delivery of existing local, state, and federal data.
- **Status: Complete**
- Goal for this workshop: How can we improve and continue support for this effort?

Action Blueprint and Commitment: 2006-2009

- Provide data management training, software and hardware acquisition to the Gulf state agencies.
- Status: On track - NOAA is providing training, with contributions from FL NERRS and ACOE and USGS.
- Goal of this workshop: Determine how we are going to continue training and support to the Gulf States on the use of PHINS.

Action Blueprint and Commitment: 2006-2009

- Provide GIS and metadata training to the state and local Gulf States resource managers
- Status: On-track - NOAA provides this service
- Goal of this workshop: Are we reaching all States and if not, how can we go about accomplishing this task?

Action Blueprint and Commitment: 2006-2009

- Evaluate the types of technologies and procedures needed to map Gulf of Mexico seafloor habitats and establish a baseline information and mapping system.

Status: Needs Discussion

- Goal of this workshop: What are our next steps?