


Gulf of Mexico Alliance Ecosystem Integration and Assessment Priority Issue Team

Gulf of Mexico Alliance 2009 Implementation Workshop



EIA PIT Action Items

- EIA AI 1- Gulf of Mexico Master Mapping Plan
 - EIA AI 2- Ecowatch and promoting Gulf-wide data access and use
 - EIA AI 3 - Living marine resource management coordination with the Alliance
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EIA PIT Action Items Cont.

- EIA AI 4- Emergent Wetlands Status and Trends Report
 - EIA AI 5- Gulf of Mexico ecosystem services identification, inventory and valuation
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Successes from AP1

- Development of Ecowatch www.ecowatch.noaa.gov, which provides public access to data relating to all six Priority Issue Teams
- Gulf Geospatial Assessment of Marine Ecosystems (GAME) provided over 2,000 previously unavailable ecosystem related records for public online access
- A Status and Trends Seagrass Report for the GOM was published, identifying locations, extent and changes in seagrass habitat ****



2009-2010 Annual Work Plan

- EIA representation on behalf of GOMA at National Ocean and Coastal Mapping Plan Requirements Meeting (EIA AI 1) ****
- Promote the regional data system (Ecowatch) providing Gulf-wide data access, discovery and complete data gap analysis (EIA AI 2)
- Identify opportunities for living marine resource agencies to collaborate with the Alliance on ecosystem based management (EIA AI 3)



Potential for Increased Funding Annual Work Plans

- Refine Gulf-wide decision support tools that analyze changes in the provision of ecosystem services and their values (EIA AI 5)
- Establish a full-time liaison between the Alliance, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council (EIA AI 3)
- Expand information in the Emergent Wetlands Status and Trends Report (EIA AI 4) ****



Potential for Increased Funding Annual Work Plans

- Increase high resolution bathymetry, topography, and habitat mapping in the Gulf of Mexico (EIA AI 1)
- Fill priority data gaps in Gulf of Mexico (EIA AI 2)



Measures of Success for 2009-2010

- GOMA requirements are incorporated into the National Ocean and Coastal Mapping Plan (EIA AI 1)
- Complete project website displaying emergent wetlands status and trend methodologies and literature search (EIA AI 4)
- Ecowatch established as a significant data management resource for all GOMA PITs (EIA AI 2)



Measures of Success for 2009-2010

- Effective working relation between the Alliance, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council (EIA AI 3)
- Build international relationships by extending Ecowatch tools and services through Spanish translations beyond HABSOS (EIA AI 2)



Measures of Success over the next five years

- Complete Emergent Wetlands Status and Trends Report (EIA AI 3)
- Collaborative mapping occurring in the GOM for management objectives (EIA AI 1 & 2)
- Identify how human well being is affected by changes in ecosystem services (EIA AI 5)



**See You on the Gulf
in 2011!!!**