

RIVERS TO REEFS

COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

RIVERS TO REEFS represents a journey across the region landscapes and ecosystems of the southeastern U.S. coast. Highly specific to the state of the Eastern United States, the program specifically focuses the area from Florida's Indian National Exchange Research Reserve to Georgia's Gray's Reef National State Preserve, 27 miles offshore. Some of the biogeographic features of Florida's Gulf have been recognized and the diversity in Gray's Reef has been determined by studying the ecological relationships among the organisms in this area. The goal is to document, ultimately changing environments to protect the ecosystems, including their ability to evolve. Support to and support for research. This project serves as a starting point for further study of our coastal and marine environments. An understanding of the interconnectedness of coastal ecosystems is the first step in their proper conservation and protection.

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SALT MARSHES are found in the estuaries and are important coastal features. The marshes are a vital part of the coastal ecosystem and provide many services including fish, wildlife, and habitat. The salt marsh ecosystem also provides habitat for many species including birds, fish, and other animals. The marshes are also important for their ability to filter pollutants and sediments from the water. For more information, please contact your local NOAA office or visit our website at www.noaa.gov.

MARITIME FORESTS are among the most diverse of coastal ecosystems. They are found in the coastal zone and provide many services including fish, wildlife, and habitat. The maritime forests are also important for their ability to filter pollutants and sediments from the water. For more information, please contact your local NOAA office or visit our website at www.noaa.gov.

BEACHES & DUNES are an important part of the coastal ecosystem. They provide many services including fish, wildlife, and habitat. The beaches and dunes are also important for their ability to filter pollutants and sediments from the water. For more information, please contact your local NOAA office or visit our website at www.noaa.gov.

COASTAL WATERS are an important part of the coastal ecosystem. They provide many services including fish, wildlife, and habitat. The coastal waters are also important for their ability to filter pollutants and sediments from the water. For more information, please contact your local NOAA office or visit our website at www.noaa.gov.

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