Coastal Conservation
Key to a Thriving Economy and a Healthy Environment

America’s coastal watersheds are economically significant and ecologically complex. Management of our coasts requires a thoughtful balance of working landscapes and habitat conservation.

COASTAL WATERSHEDS ARE HOME TO

53% of the U.S. population

45% of federally listed threatened and endangered species

60 million+ American jobs

U.S. COASTAL HABITATS GENERATE

$23.2 billion in storm protection services per year, by mitigating the impact of hurricanes.

$43.6 billion+ in recreational fishing and migratory bird hunting.

$44 billion in travel: Americans take more than 900 million trips to coastal areas annually.

U.S. COASTAL HABITATS SUPPORT

40% of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Wildlife Refuges.

75%+ of the commercial harvest of fish and shellfish.

85% of waterfowl and other migratory birds.

90%+ of the nation’s recreational harvest of fish and shellfish.
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Coastal Program
A Conservation Leader

The Coastal Program works with communities to voluntarily restore and protect habitats that benefit fish, wildlife, and people. We also develop resources that help land managers and practitioners deliver habitat conservation. By working together, we can sustain the people, economies, and wildlife that rely on coastal ecosystems.

Since 1985 the Coastal Program has worked with over 6,400 PARTNERS to:

PROTECT 2,100,000+ acres of habitat
RESTORE 550,000+ acres of habitat
RESTORE 2,600+ miles of stream
DELIST/DOWNLIST 20 federally-listed threatened and endangered species

WE WORK WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES
from field offices located around the nation to improve and protect habitat on both public and private lands, from the headwaters to the near shore, to deliver landscape conservation and maintain habitat connectivity and continuity.

The Coastal Program is instrumental in delivering federal and partner resources to LOCAL ECONOMIES:

DELIVERING $775+ MILLION in partner contributions
LEVERAGING $4 FOR EACH $1 in Coastal Program enacted funding levels
SUPPORTING 2,700 BUSINESSES & 4,100 JOBS annually

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