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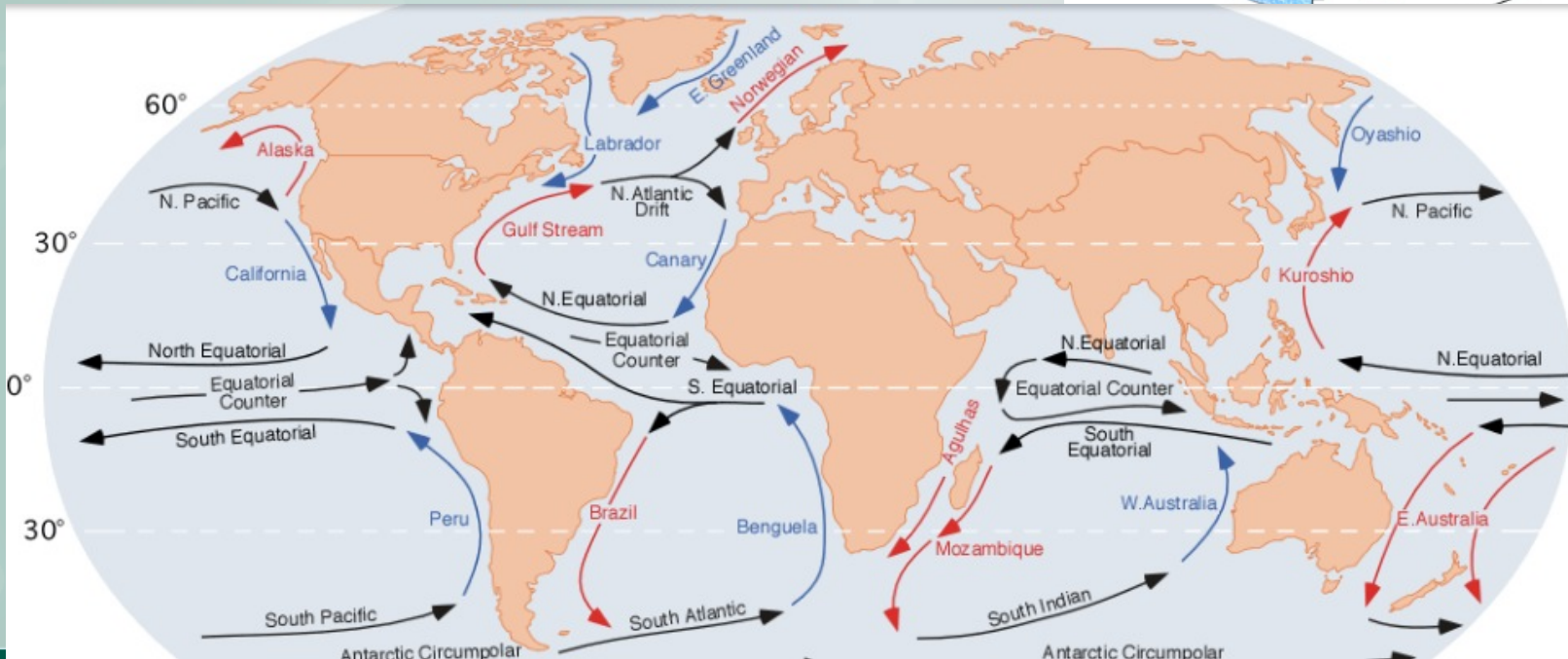
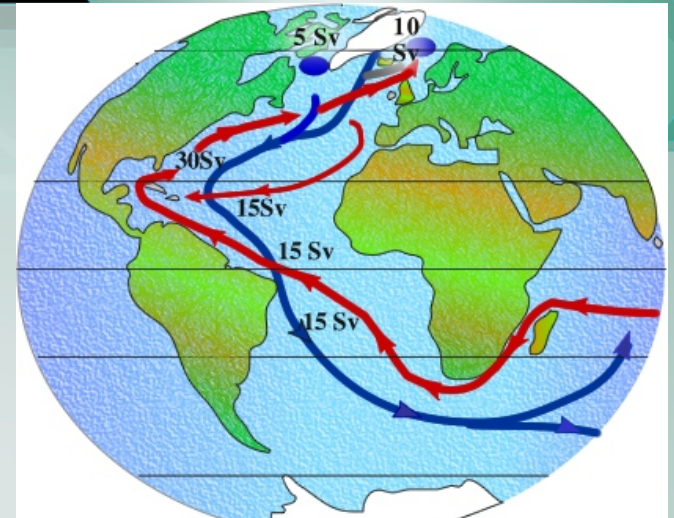
Outline

- Regional connectivity
- Population growth and sectoral activities
- Anthropogenic and natural hazards
- Multidisciplinary challenges & Ecosystem Approach
- Regional advocates and networking
- Innovative high tech oceanographic solutions
- “Mexican Integrated Coastal Ocean Observing System” Mex-ICOOS

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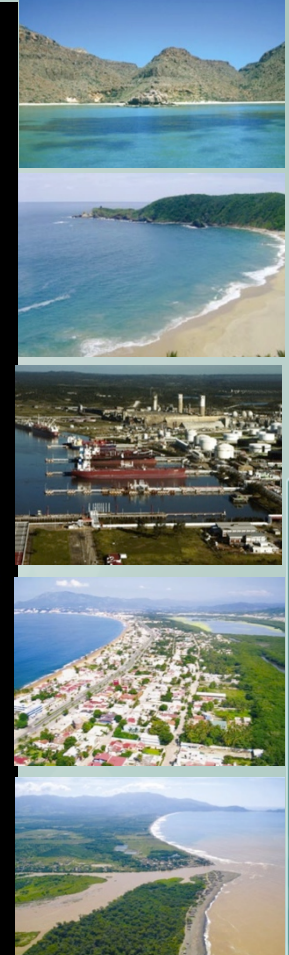
GLOBAL CONNECTIVITY



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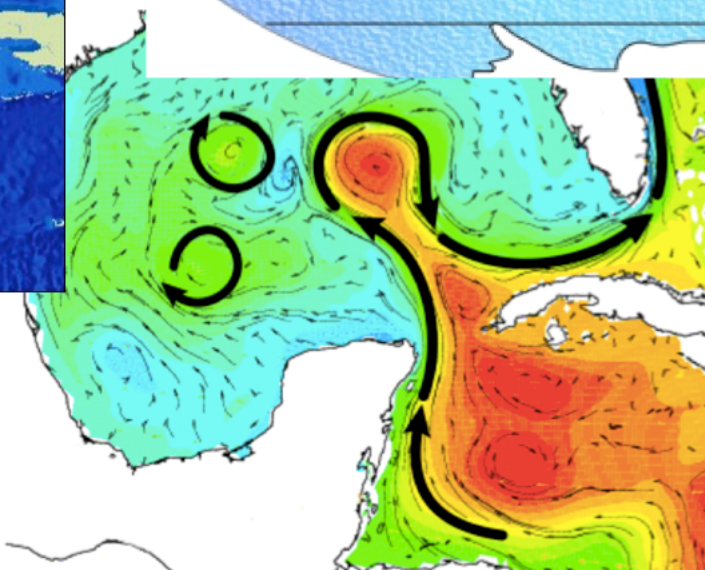
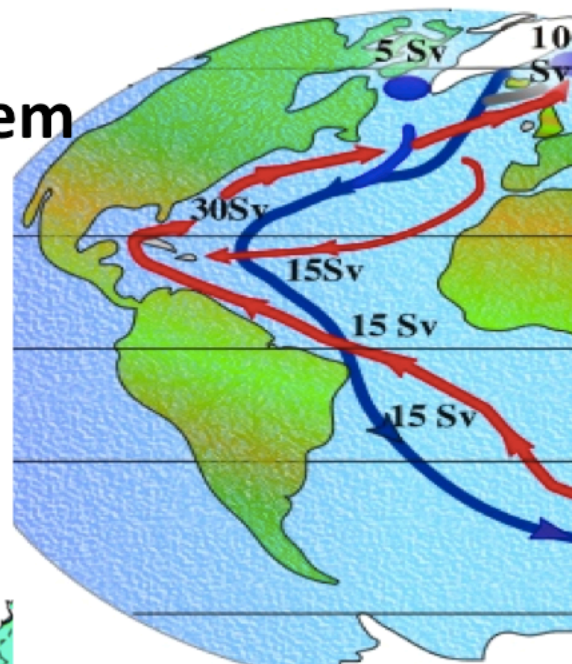
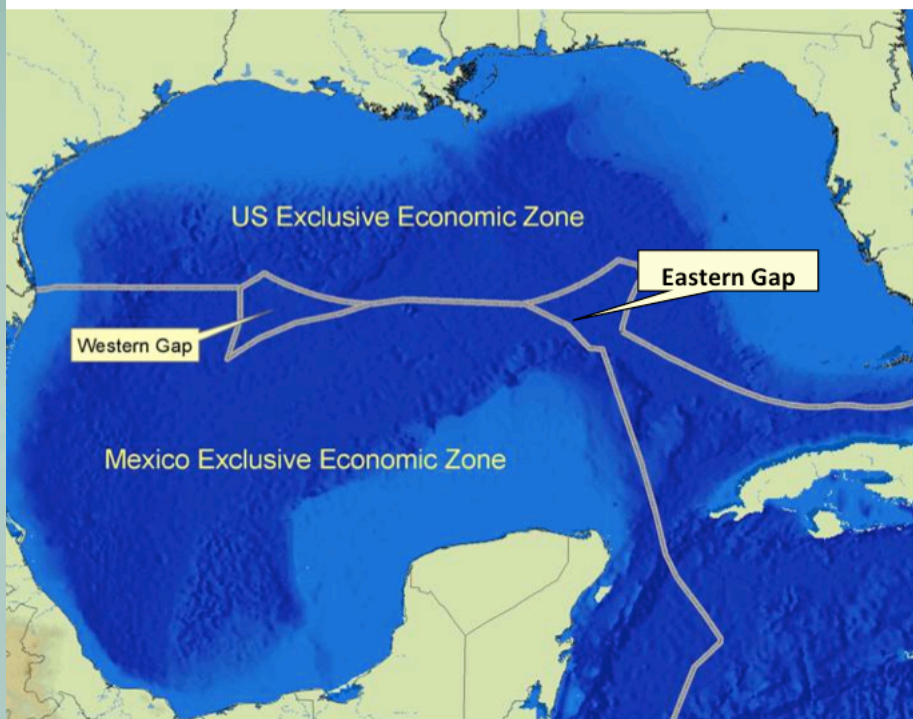
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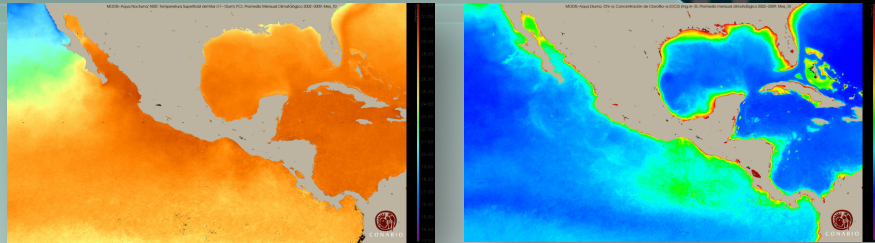
Economic value and sustainable exploitation of marine resources





A highly connected Large Marine Ecosystem





Threats under a climate change scenario

Sea Level Rise
Flooding



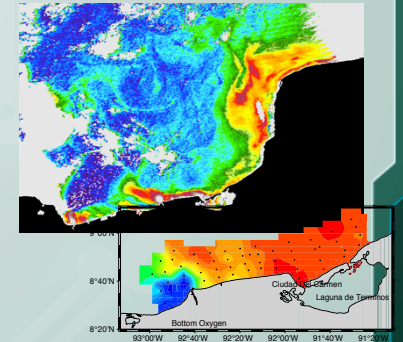
Storm surges
Marine Transgression



Hurricanes



Pollution HABs,
Hypoxia, Marine
debris



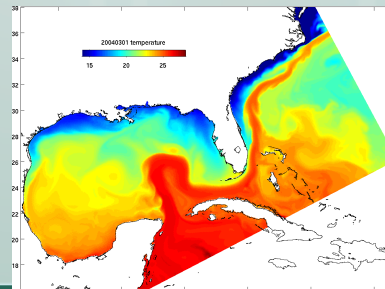
Erosion



Sediment management



Ocean acidification



Invasive species



Public interest for generations and generations



HEALTHY SEAFOOD

**ABUNDANT
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COASTAL
COMMUNITIES**



CLEAN BEACHES



**RENEWABLE
ENERGY
RESOURCES**

GOOD JOBS

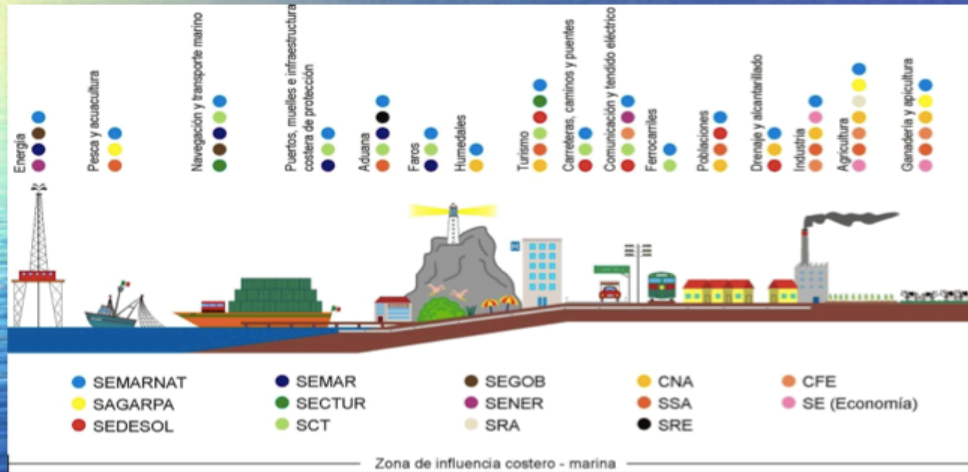


**STABLE
FISHERIES**



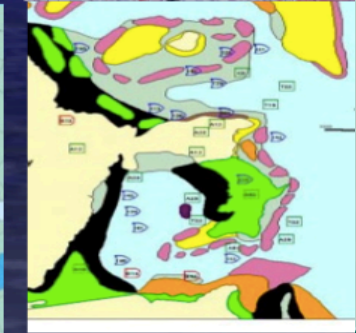
Who does what in coastal areas?

Poor federal policy integration
in coastal zones as a barrier to implement
CC ADAPTATION POLICIES



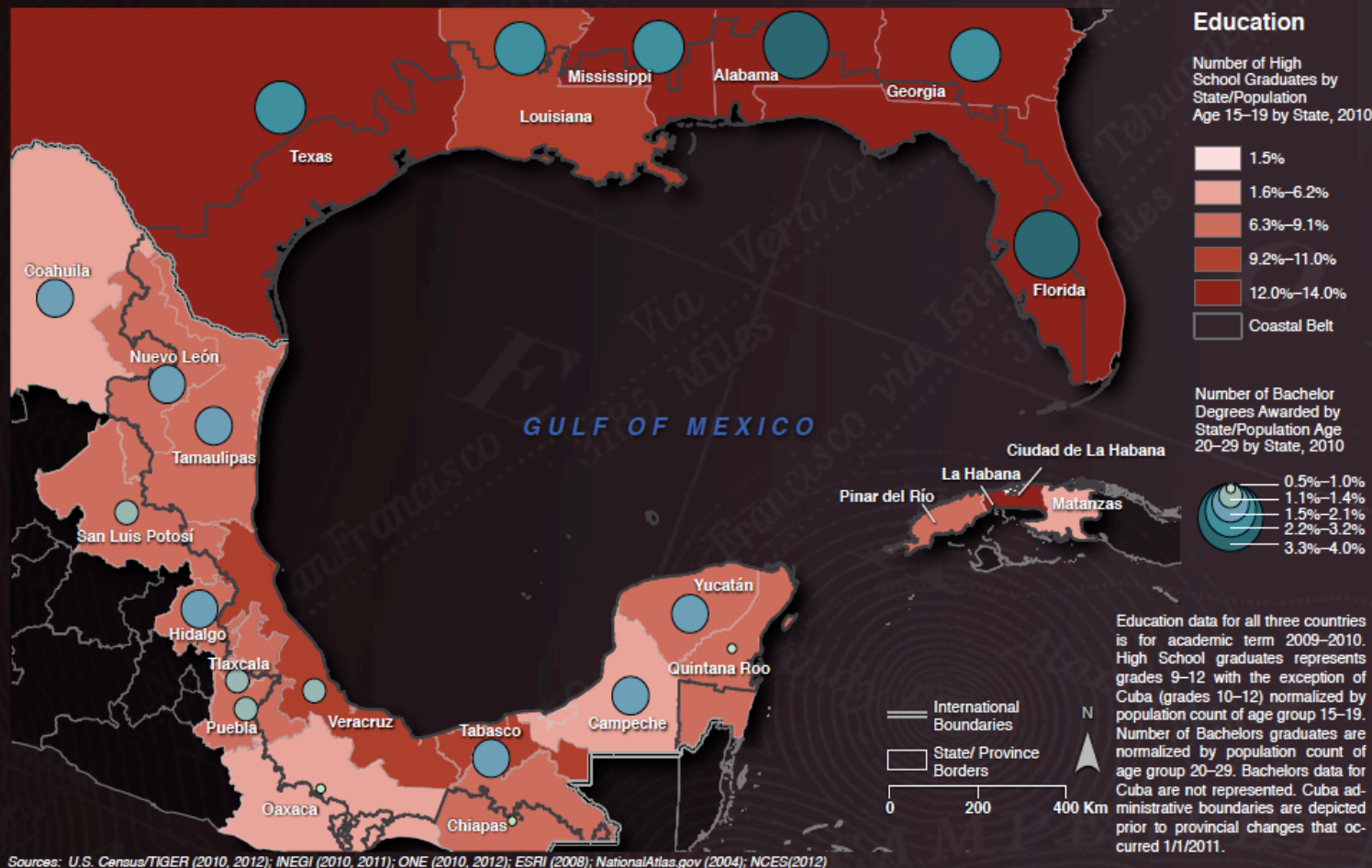
Too many users, increasing pressure

- Lack of law enforcement
- Cumulative impacts





POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS



Context - Productive Economic Value (2009p)

	<u>Mexico</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
Oil and Gas Production	\$43.1 bill	\$40.0 bill
Fisheries (dockside value)	\$317.2 mill	\$618.9 mill
Port/Shipping Activity	\$73 mill	\$317.6 mill
Tourism	\$9.6 bill	\$42.3 bill
GRAND TOTAL:		\$136.3 bill (130.2 bill) <i>2003 adj</i>
At \$100 a barrel oil:		\$197.4 bill (217.3 bill) <i>2003 adj</i>



These four industries would now rank 60th out of 227 countries.

We are still ahead of New Zealand but we have fallen behind Ireland.

Yoskowitz, David. 2011

<http://www.sgmsummit.org/schedule/Yoskowitz.pdf>

COASTAL ECONOMY in THE US

Jobs and Wages by Major Economic Sector

Industry	Employment	Average Annual Wage
Construction	628,518	\$37,545
Education & Health Services	1,608,147	\$31,095
Financial Activities	460,964	\$38,065
Information	133,613	\$35,078
Leisure & Hospitality	871,703	\$14,109
Manufacturing	639,661	\$45,471
Natural Resources & Mining	232,614	\$43,447
Other Services	237,236	\$24,353
Professional & Business Services	1,061,878	\$37,393
Public Administration	398,210	\$37,959
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,733,893	\$31,551

Table 8: Total number of jobs and total wages for major industry sectors in the Gulf Coast Region in 2008.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010

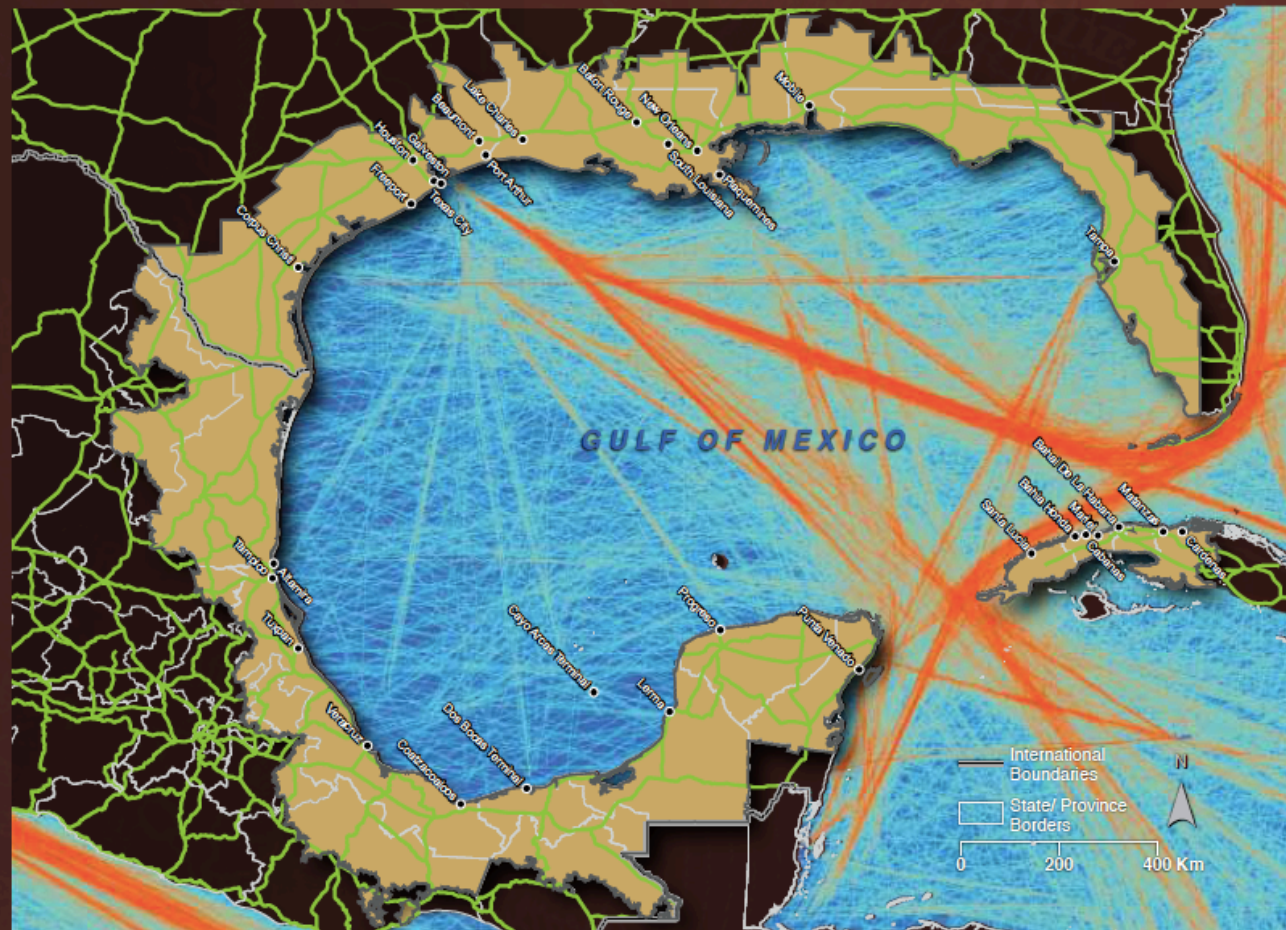
The U.S. Gulf states, if considered an individual country, would rank 7th in global Gross Domestic Product.

8.3 million

Total number of jobs in the Gulf Coast Region.



TRANSPORTATION



Transportation: Roads and Commercial Shipping

- Major Ports
- Major Roads
- Coastal Belt

Commercial Shipping
Activity October 2004 to
October 2005

of vessel tracks per km²
 Low : 0
 High : 184

Roads connect major centers of population or selected frontier roads. Roads under construction are not shown. Ports for U.S. and Mexico represent major ports by tonnage in 2010. Cuban ports represent all known ports in the study area. Commercial shipping activity is based on World Meteorological Organization Voluntary Observing Ships (VOS) observations.

Sources: U.S. Census/TIGER (2010); INEGI (2010); ONE (2010); ESRI (2008); NationalAtlas.gov (2004); NCEAS (2008); Govt. of Canada (2010); SCT (2010); NGA (2012); Padilla y Sotello, L.S. (2010); USACE (2012)

FISHERIES

551 commercial species in Mexico

287 are captured in the Pacífico, 74% of the total national

264 species in the Gulf of Mexico & Caribbean, 26% of the total national



The Gulf Region's Energy Production and Hurricanes

Hurricanes and Associated Categories (C)

Isidore (C3) & Lili (C4) Claudette (C1) Ivan (C5) & Rita (C5) Katrina (C5) & Rita (C5) Erin (TS) & Dean (C5) Gustav (C4) & Ike (C4) Ida (C2)

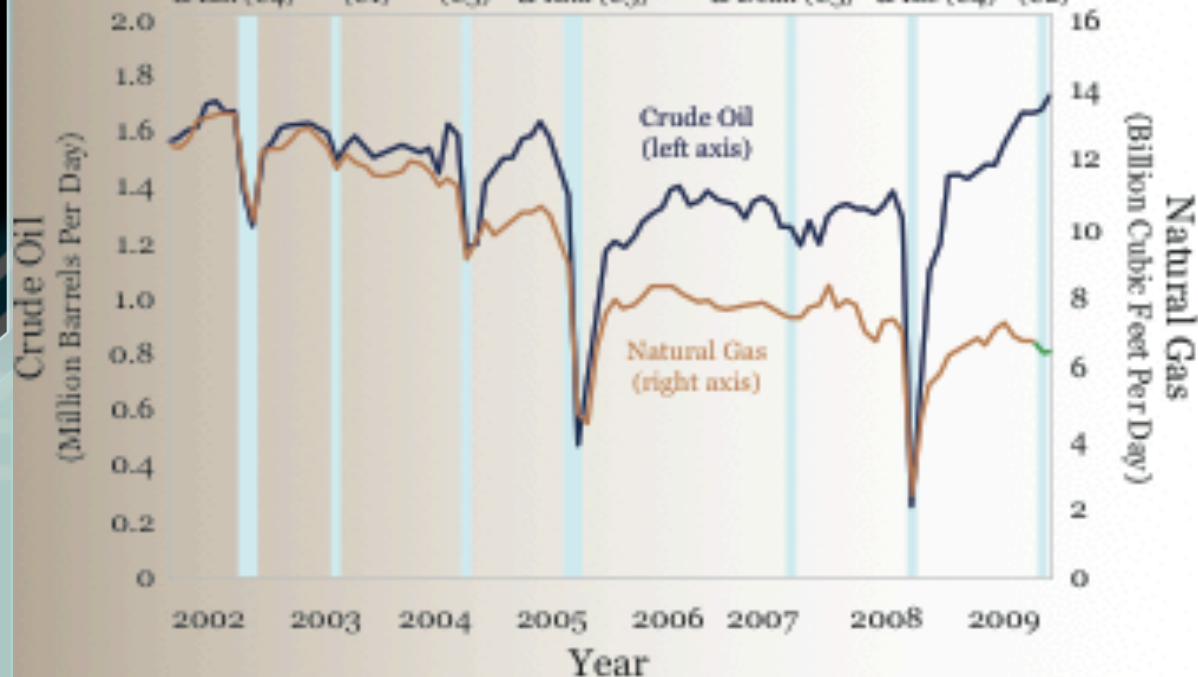


Figure 28: Crude oil and natural gas production in federal offshore Gulf of Mexico in relation to hurricanes, 2002 to 2009.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2010b

Offshore oil production is susceptible to extreme weather events. Hurricane Ivan in 2004 destroyed **seven** platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, significantly damaged **24** platforms, and damaged **102** pipelines. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 destroyed more than **100** platforms and damaged **558** pipelines.

Source: U.S. Global Change Research Program, 2009

Economic burden to people and communities

Trayectorias más Frecuentes en el Área de estudio

En promedio la costa ha retrocedido entre 100 a 120 m., a lo largo de la Zona Hotelera en Cancún, QROO., en 20 años (1985 al 2005).

**ONA
TELERA**



Floodings US



Hurricane Rita Central America



Hurricane Katrina US



Hurricane Stan Central America



Hurricane Wilma Mexico, US, Caribbean

July/August

August

September

October

October

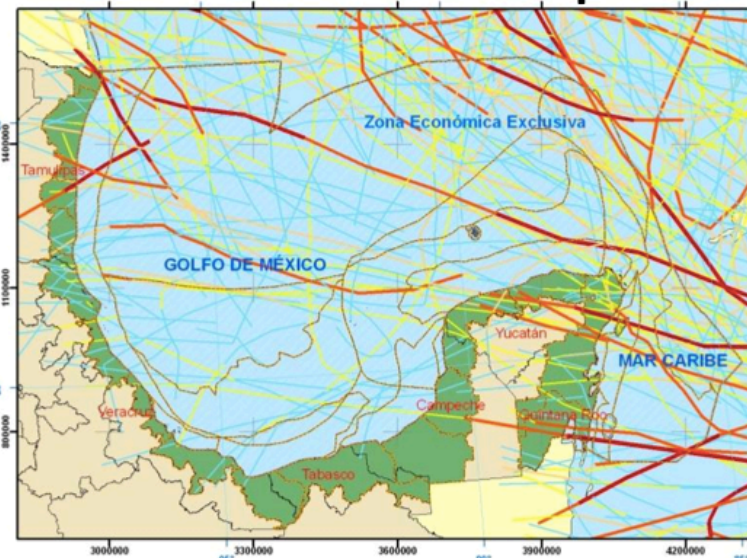
Global losses due to the five major hydro-meteorological events in 2005.

Source: Cepal, 2009

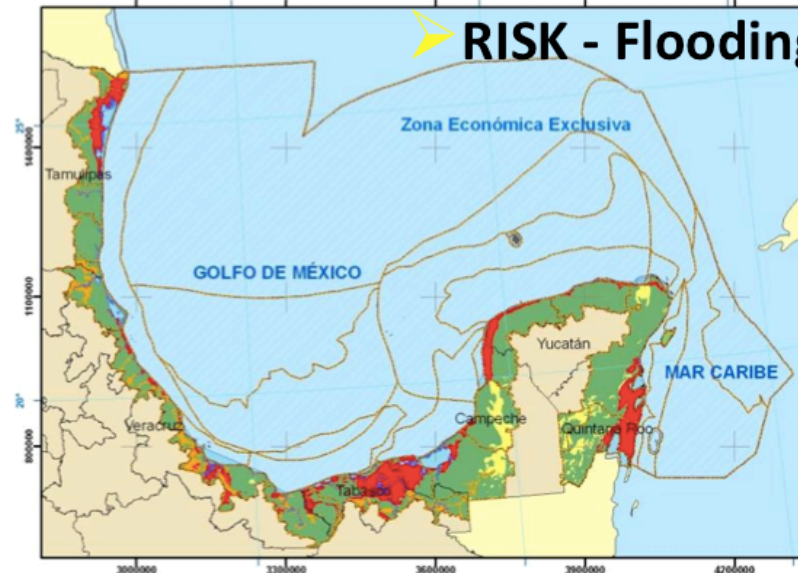
➤ Most threatened regions (sea level rise)

- ✓ Northern areas of Tamaulipas
- ✓ Southern tip of Veracruz
- ✓ Deltaic plain Grijalva-Usumacinta system in Tabasco, and
- ✓ Coastal areas of Campeche, Yucatan and Quintana Roo

➤ Historical hurricane paths



➤ RISK - Flooding

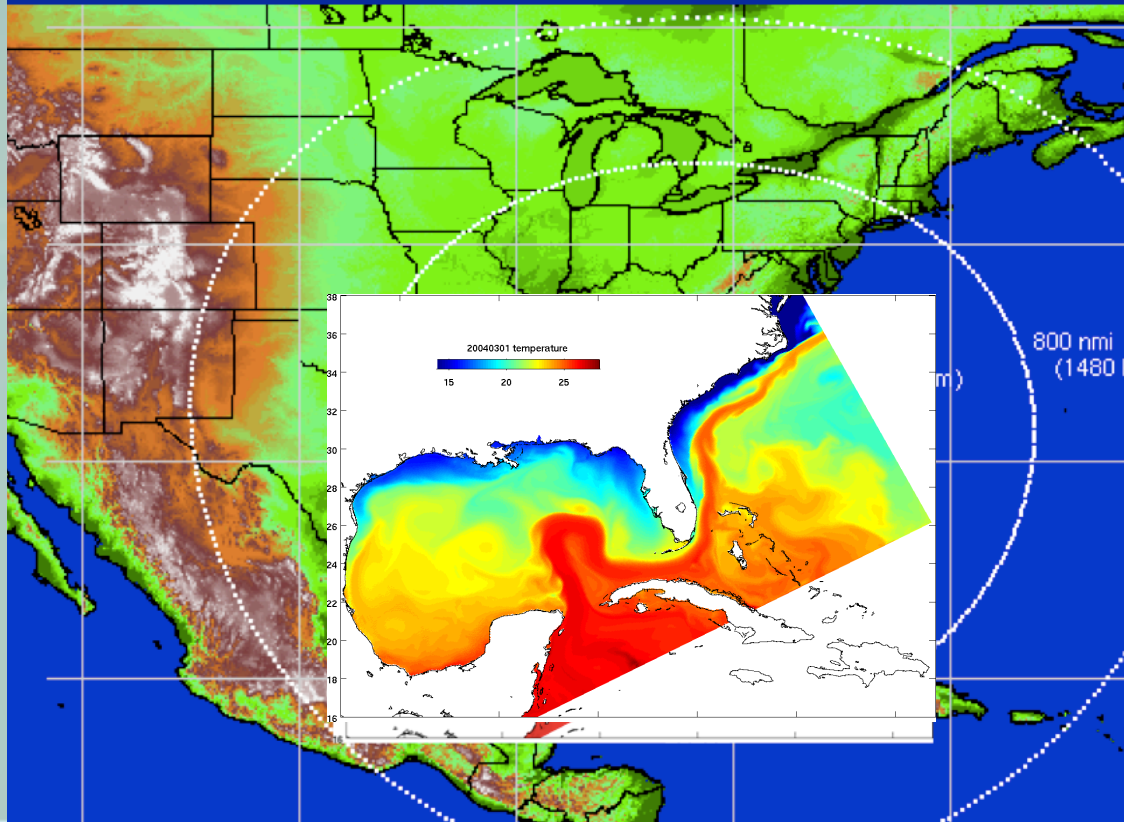
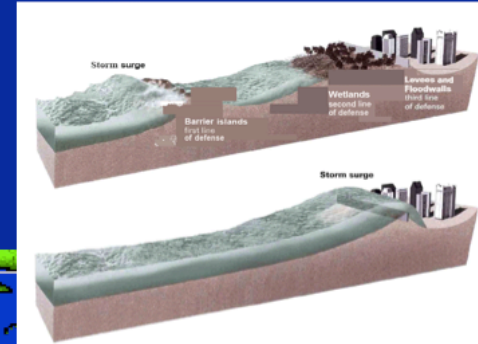
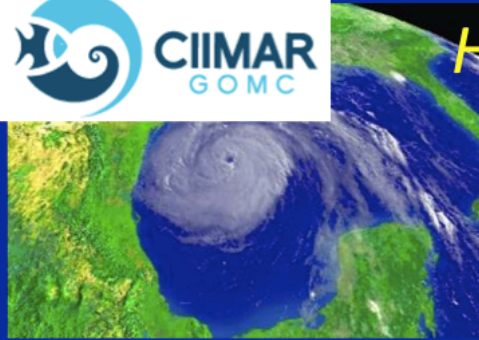


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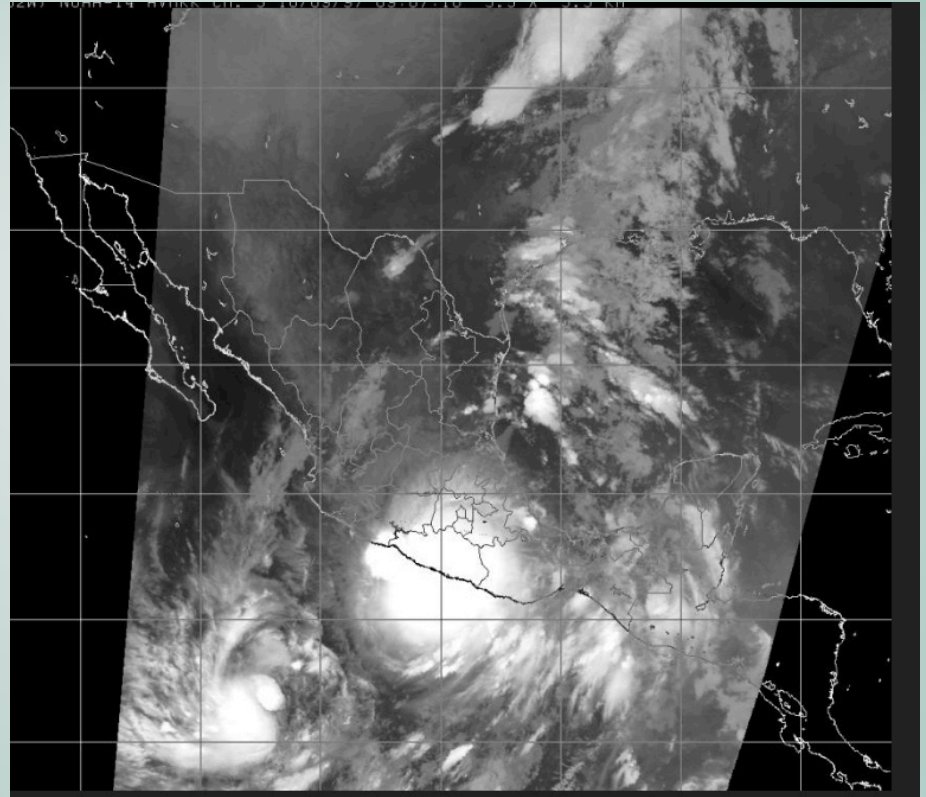
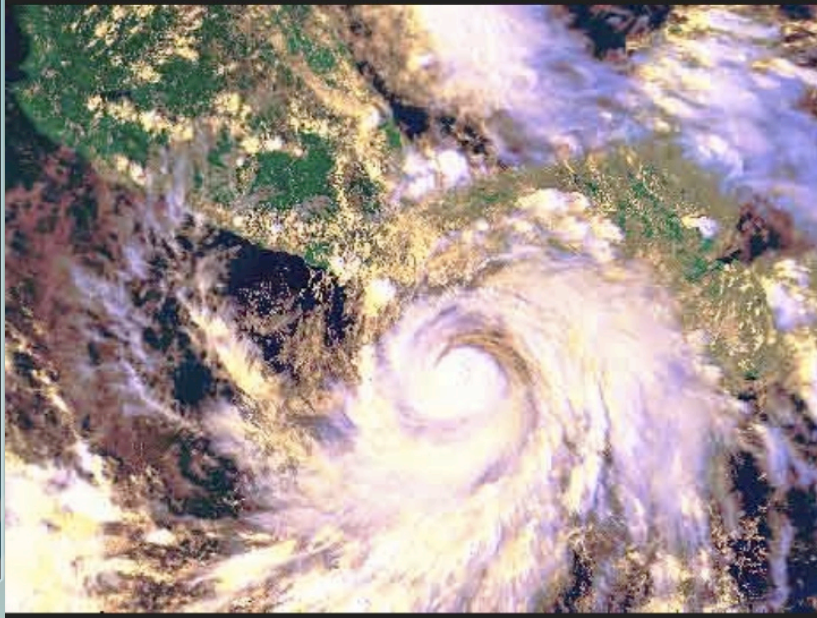
Hurricanes, storm surge, flooding, etc.



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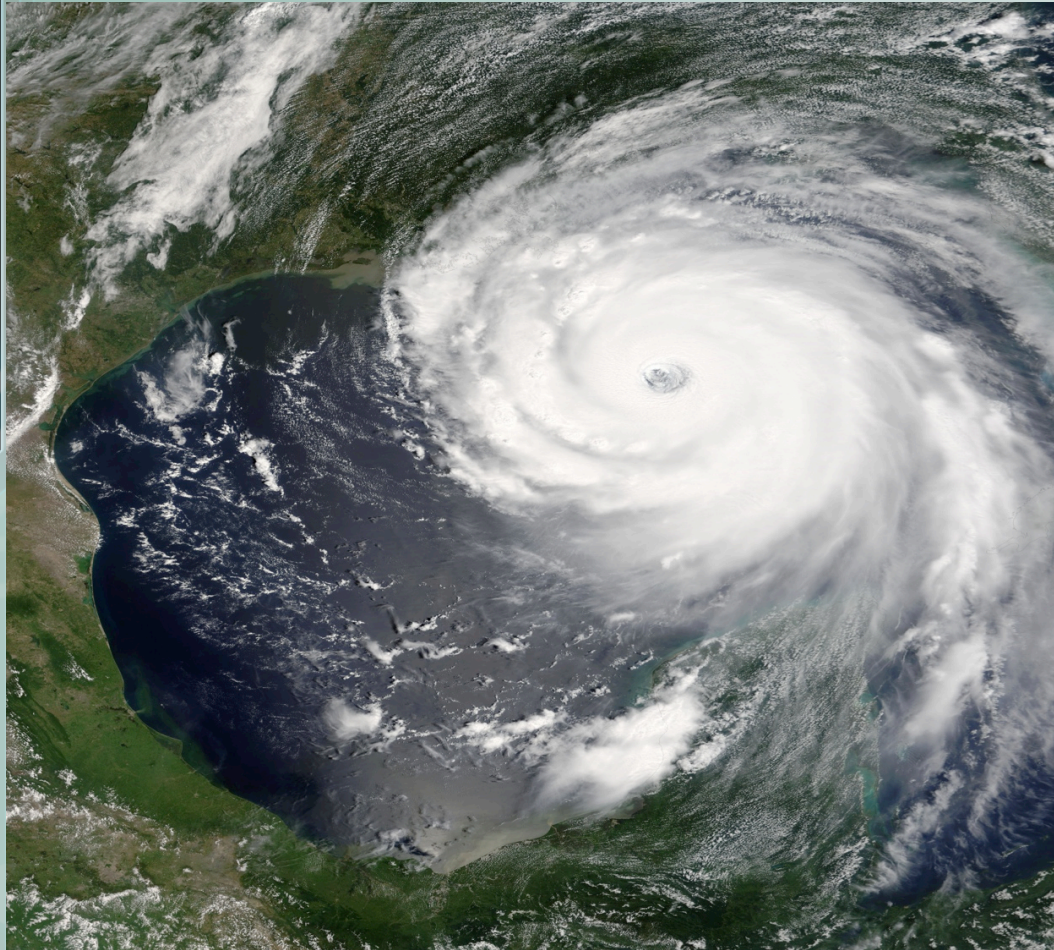
Paulina,
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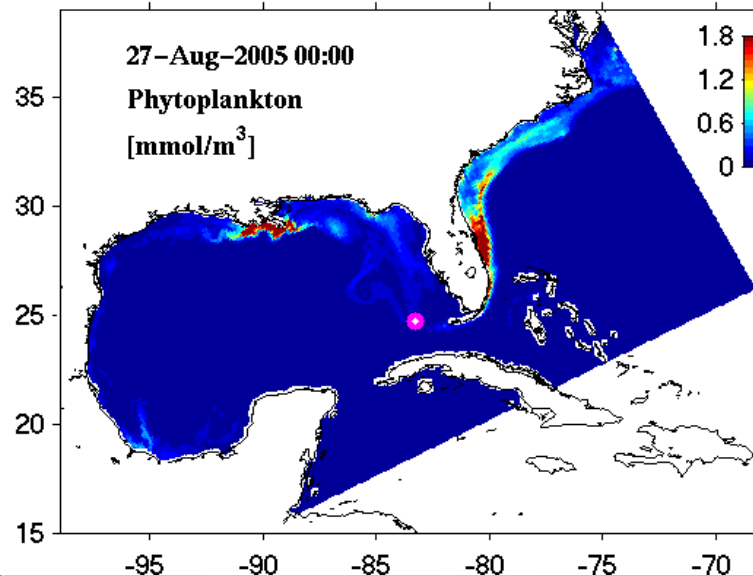
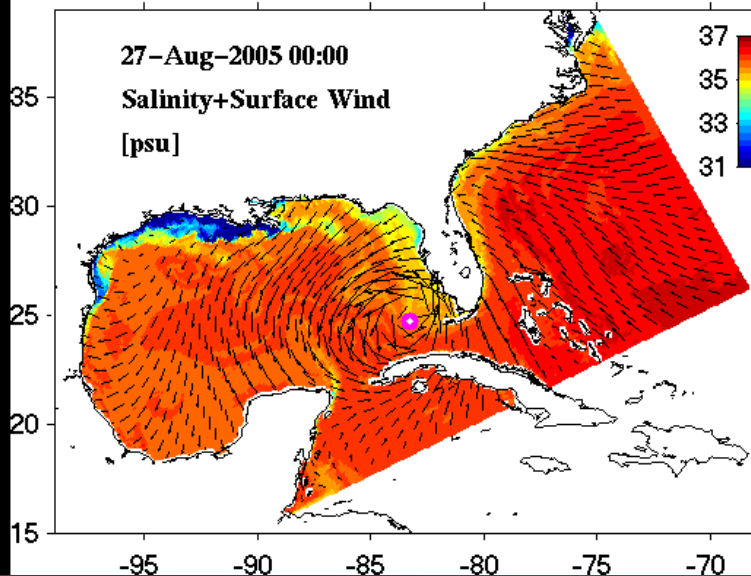
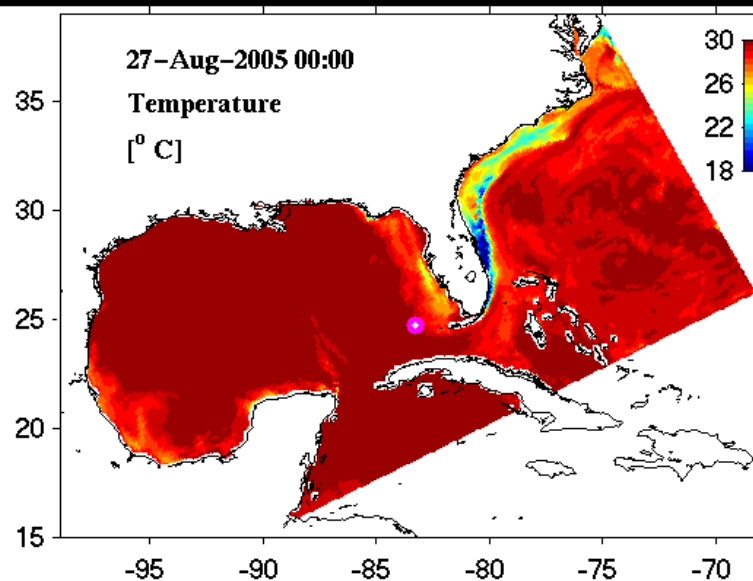
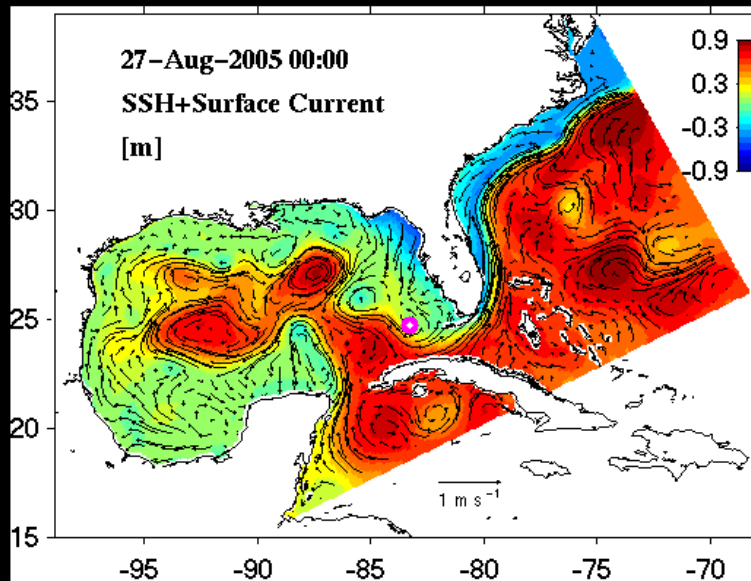


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Katrina (August, 2005)

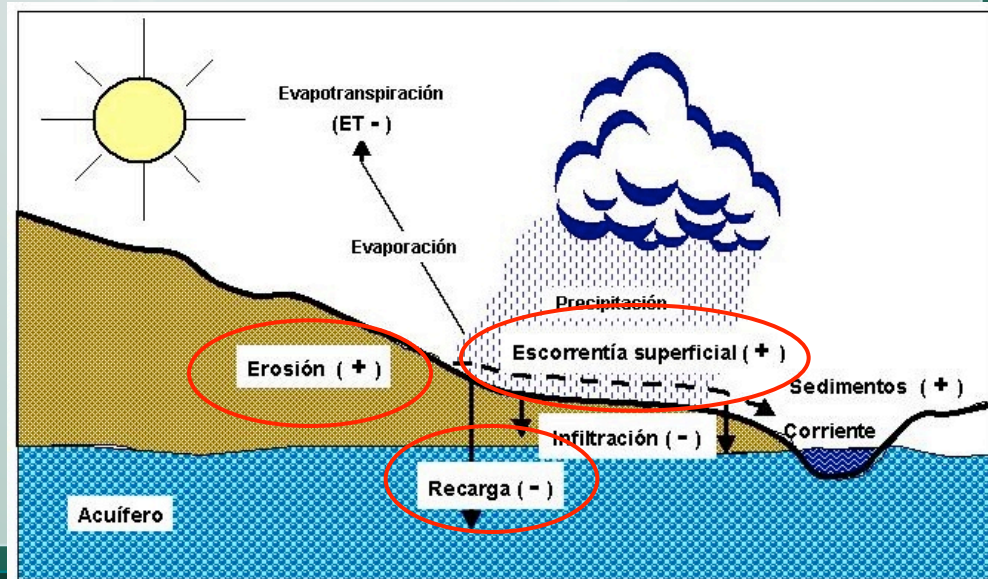
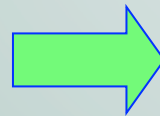
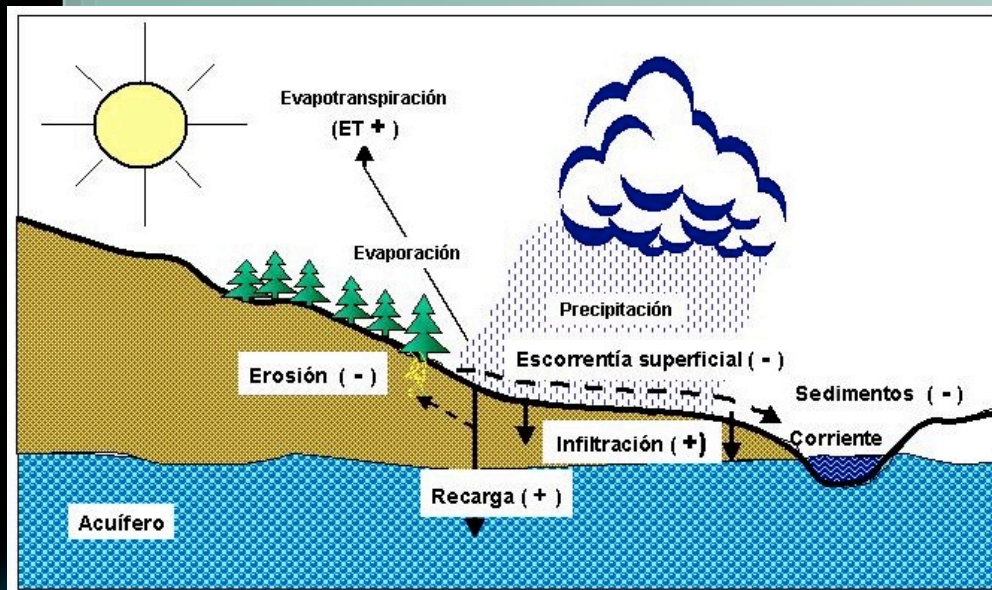




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From top of the hills to the oceans



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LAND AND OCEAN LINKAGES



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Hurricane impacts

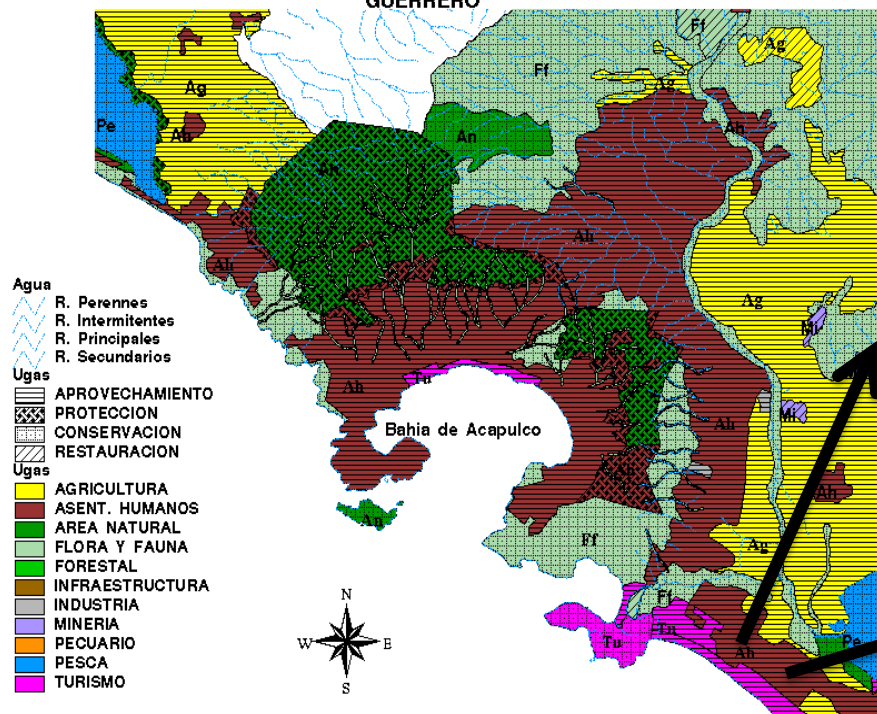
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MODELO DE ORDENAMIENTO ECOLOGICO DE LA REGION DE ACAPULCO GUERRERO



POLLUTION ISSUES

HYPOXIC---- DEAD ZONES



Figure 52: The Mississippi River watershed and general location of the hypo "Dead Zone" in the Gulf of Mexico.

Source: EPA, Mississippi River Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force, 2011

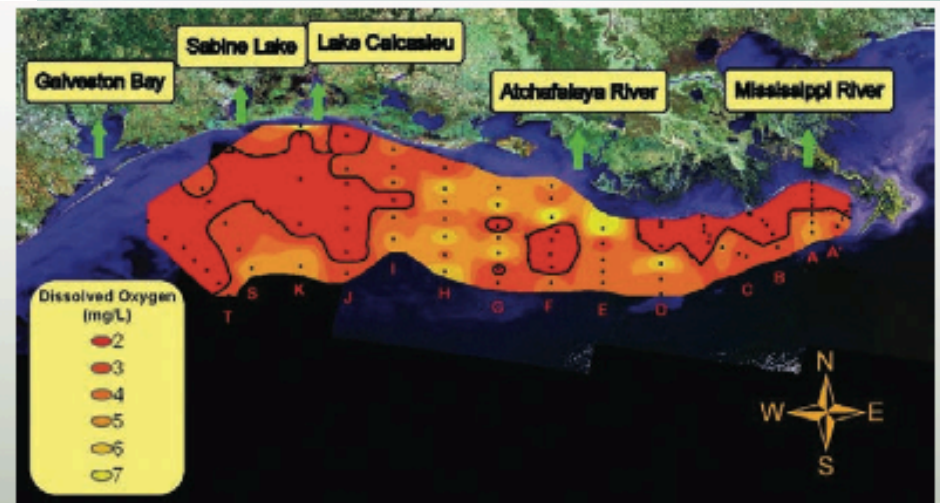


Figure 53: Dissolved oxygen concentration in bottom-water across the Louisiana-Texas shelf from July 25 to 31, 2010. The black line outlines values less than 2 mg/L, or hypoxia.

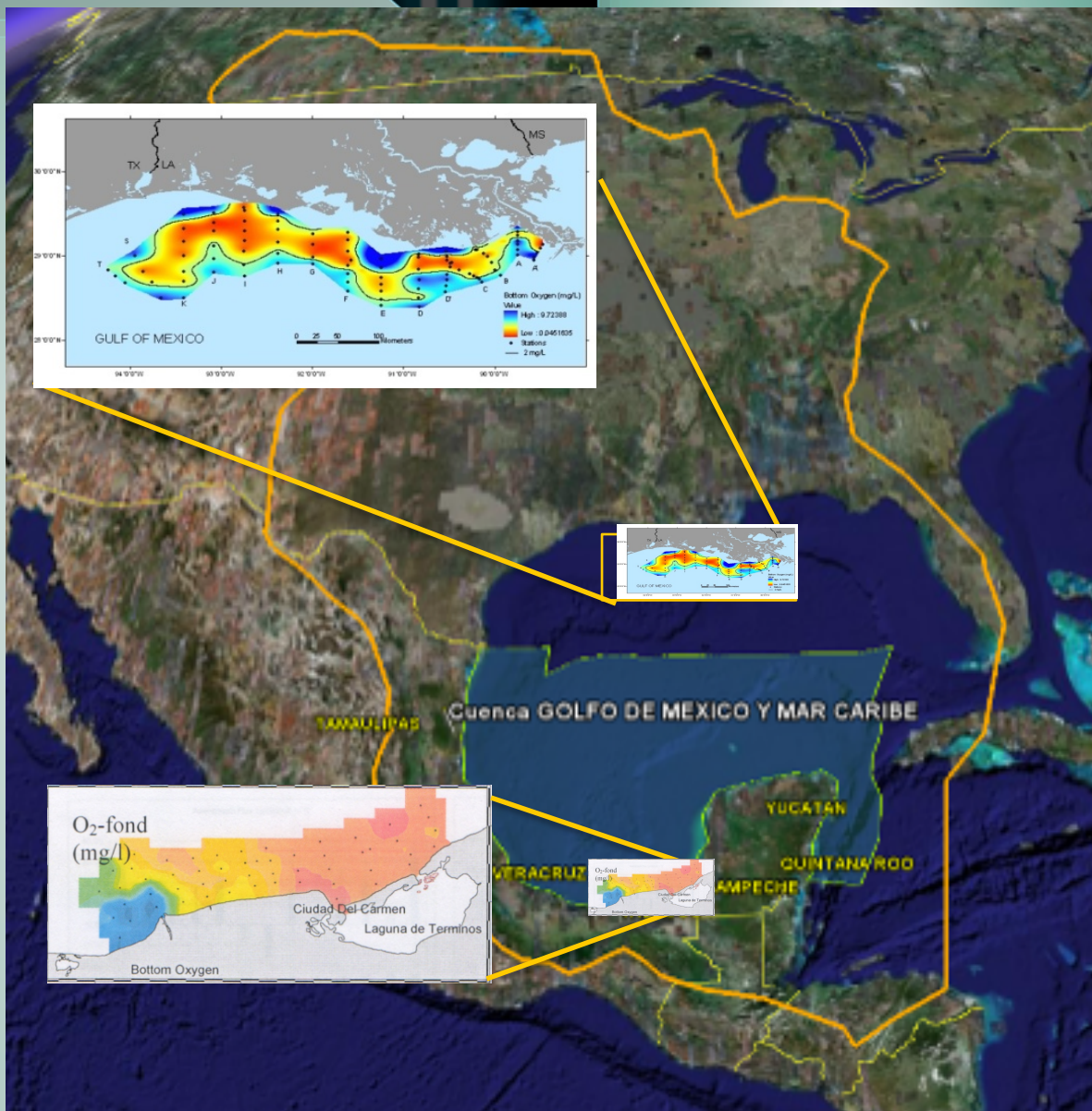
Source: Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium; Funded by NOAA, Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research, 2010

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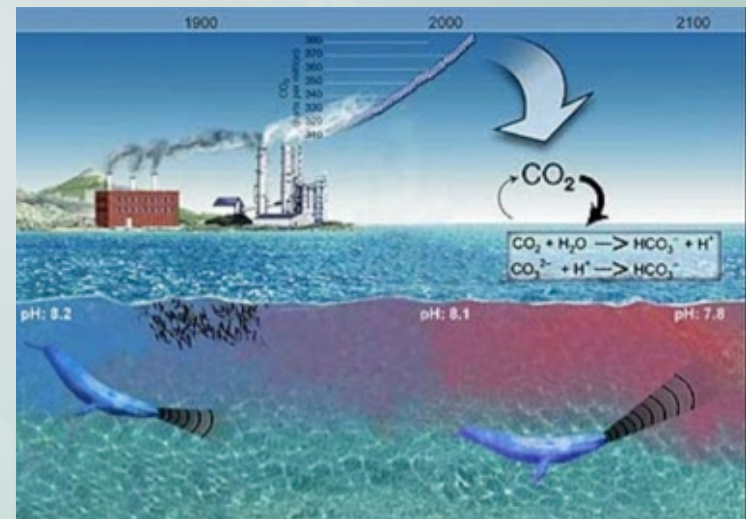
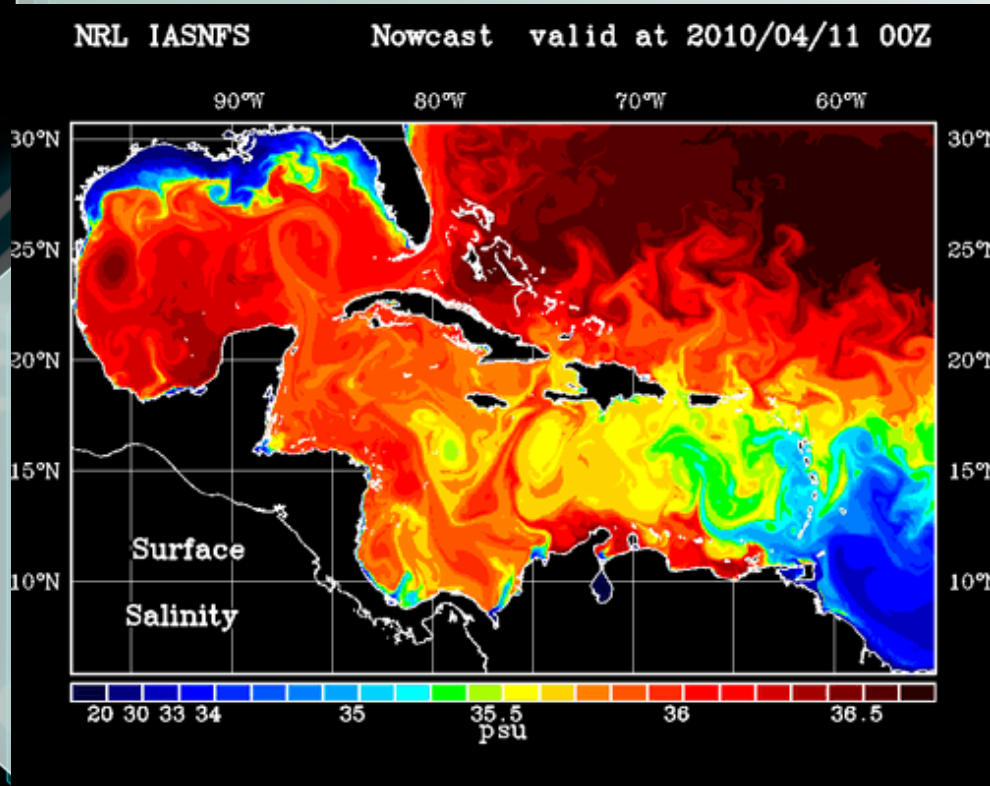
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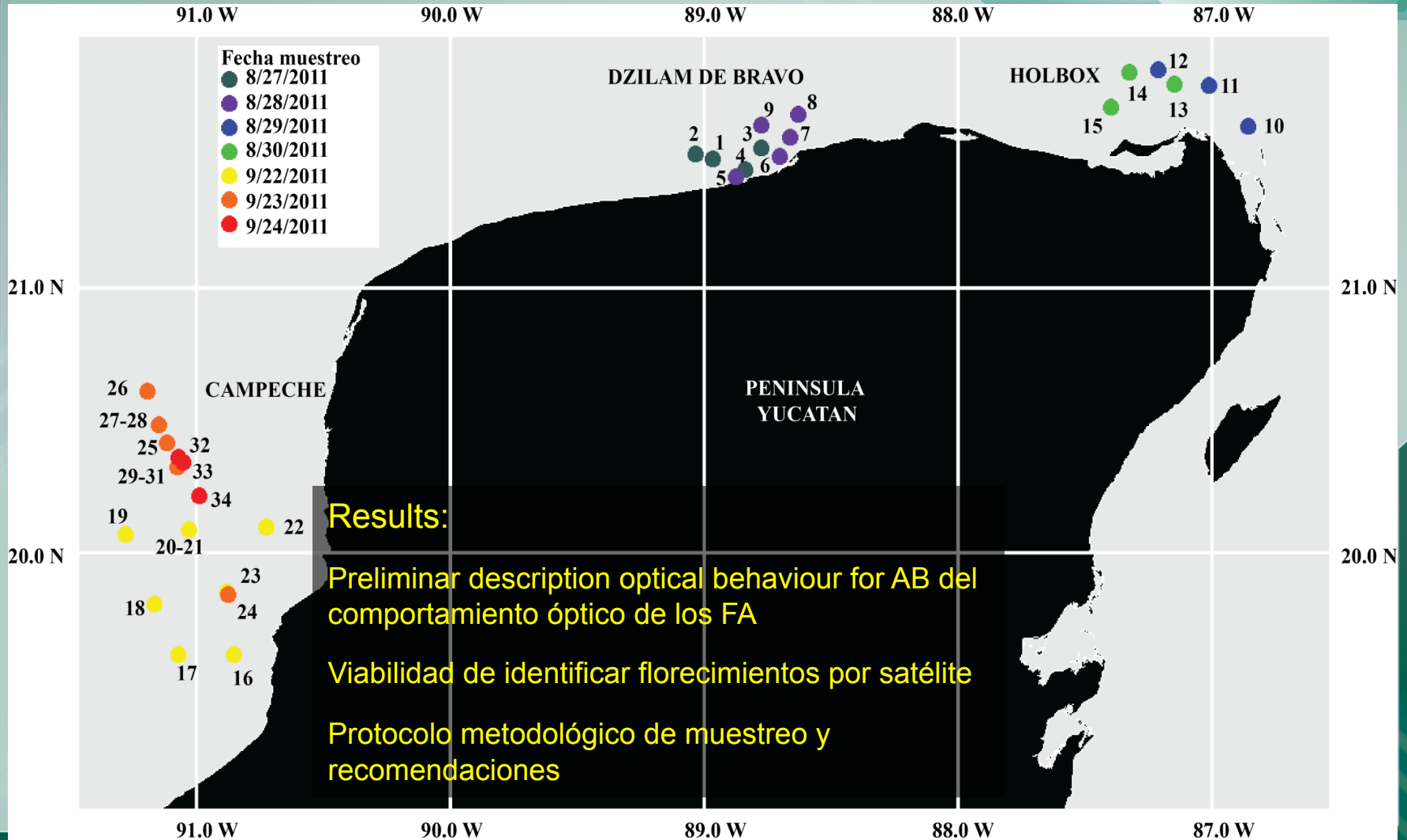
Hypoxia in the northern and southern Gulf of Mexico



IASNFS Real-Time Prediction **Sea Surface Salinity for NOAA/AOML** **OCEAN ACIDIFICATION** **ASSESSMENT**



Algal blooms





Coastal & beach erosion



Figura 5. La destrucción de la infraestructura adyacente a la costa, es otro de los problemas que se manifiestan con el ascenso del nivel medio del mar. (Barra de Tupiko, Tabasco).



Barra de Laguna de Machona, Tabasco



Grijalva Este, Tabasco



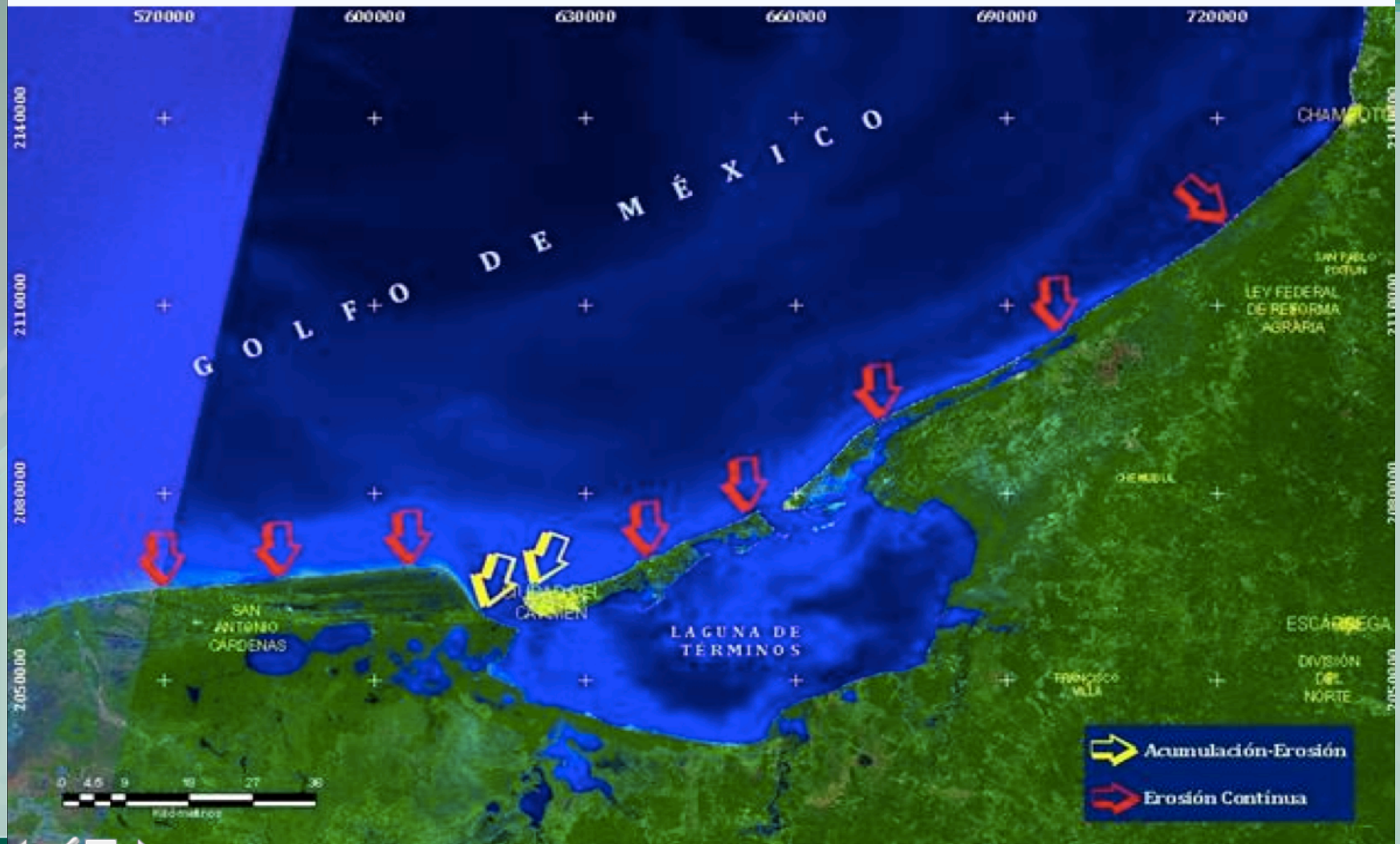
Mecoacán, Tabasco



Barra de Machona



Erosion and sedimentation processes along the coast

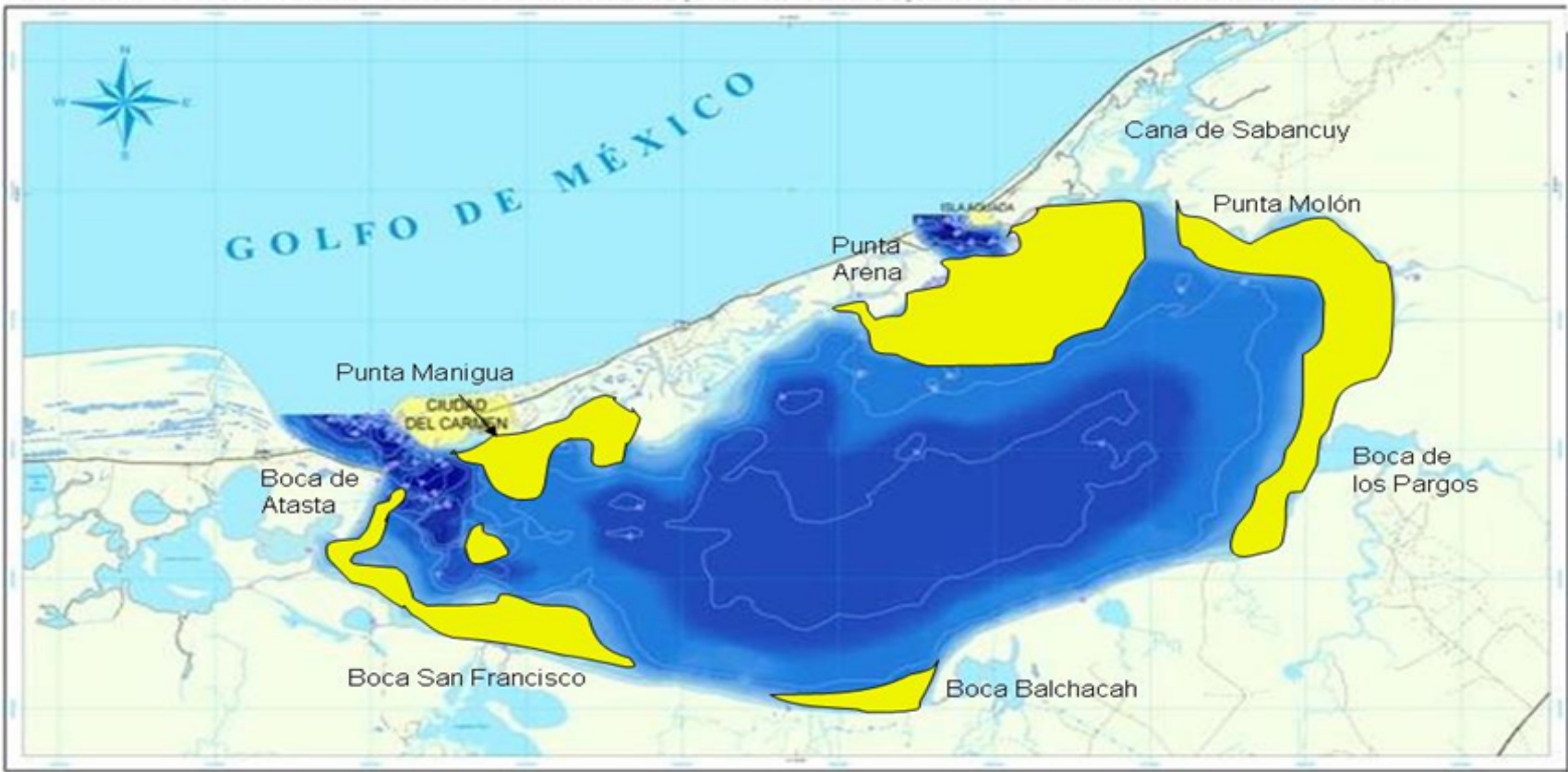


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Where the sediments goes in Laguna de Terminos?

ESTUDIO DE LA DINÁMICA COSTERA DEL LITORAL NORTE DEL MUNICIPIO DEL CARMEN BATIMETRIA DE LA LAGUNA DE TERMINOS



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Marine Debris



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ECO-Tourism and biodiversity conservation



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Mexican Consortium of Marine Research Institutions of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean

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Mexican Consortium was funded in November 2012 and has a membership of 25 universities and research centers in Mexico working on marine science, and aims to foster collaborative work and regional development.



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MISSION

Integrate, organize and enhance institutional efforts conducting scientific research to generate appropriate diagnostics and propose and implement sustainable solutions to the environmental, social and economic problems of the Gulf of Mexico region.

VISION

To be recognized as a high level and scientific authority organization committed to strengthening the sustainable development and integral well-being of the Gulf of Mexico.



Consortium main objectives

- ✧ Enhance collaboration with U.S. academic & research institutions
- ✧ Strengthen joint research between the U.S. & Mexico
- ✧ Provide sound science for informed decision-making
- ✧ **Strengthen higher education** and technological development
- ✧ Strengthen national and international collaboration and exchange
- ✧ Consolidate public policies for regional benefit





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Mexican Consortia capacity building network

Nov 2012 to Oct 2014



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3rd Tabasco



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Main Priority Regional Issues



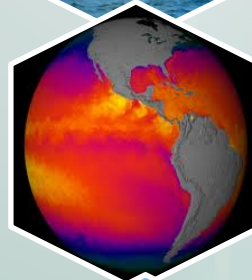
POLLUTION



LIVING MARINE
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COASTAL AND
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CLIMATE
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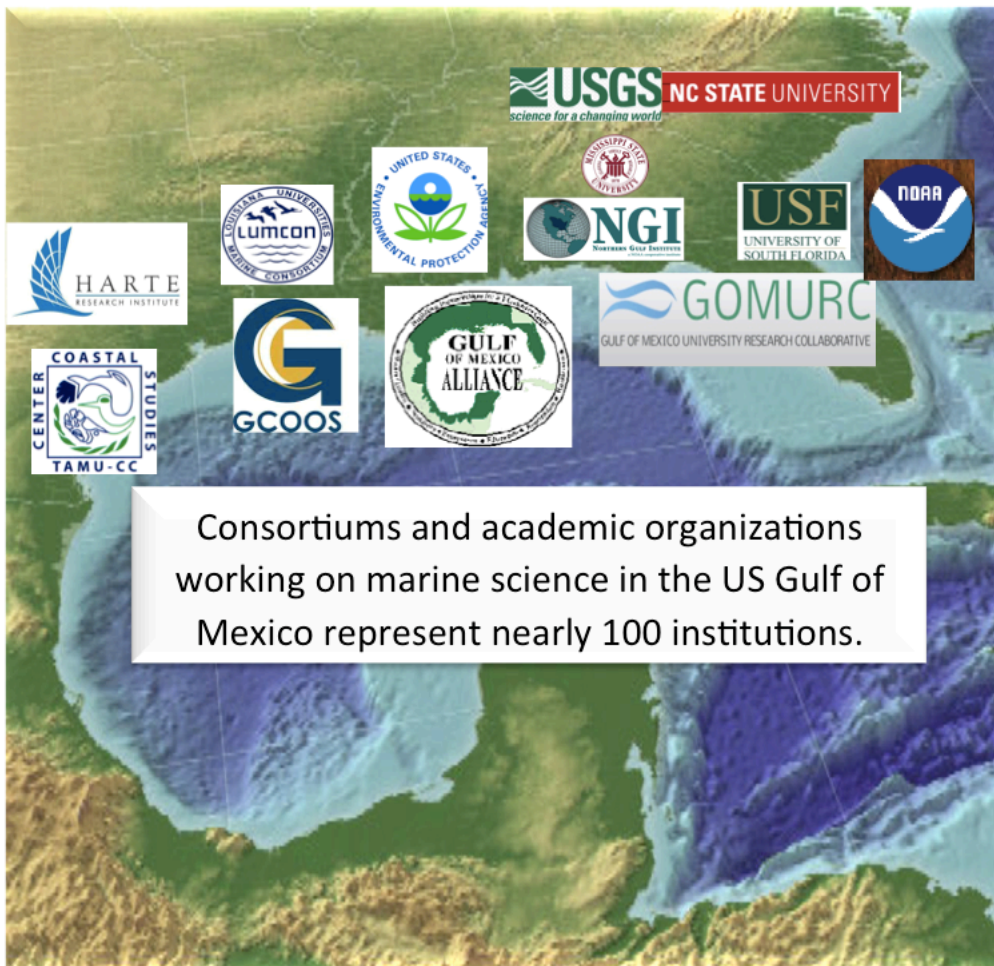


SOCIO
ECONOMIC &
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POLICIES



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Mexican CiiMar has established strategic partnerships with U.S. organizations



Consortiums and academic organizations working on marine science in the US Gulf of Mexico represent nearly 100 institutions.

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Meeting with our U.S. Partners

- Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA)
- National Academy of Science (NAS)
- Gulf of Mexico Universities Research Consortium (GOMURC)



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Steps Towards Consolidating the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean's Alliance for Environmental Educators



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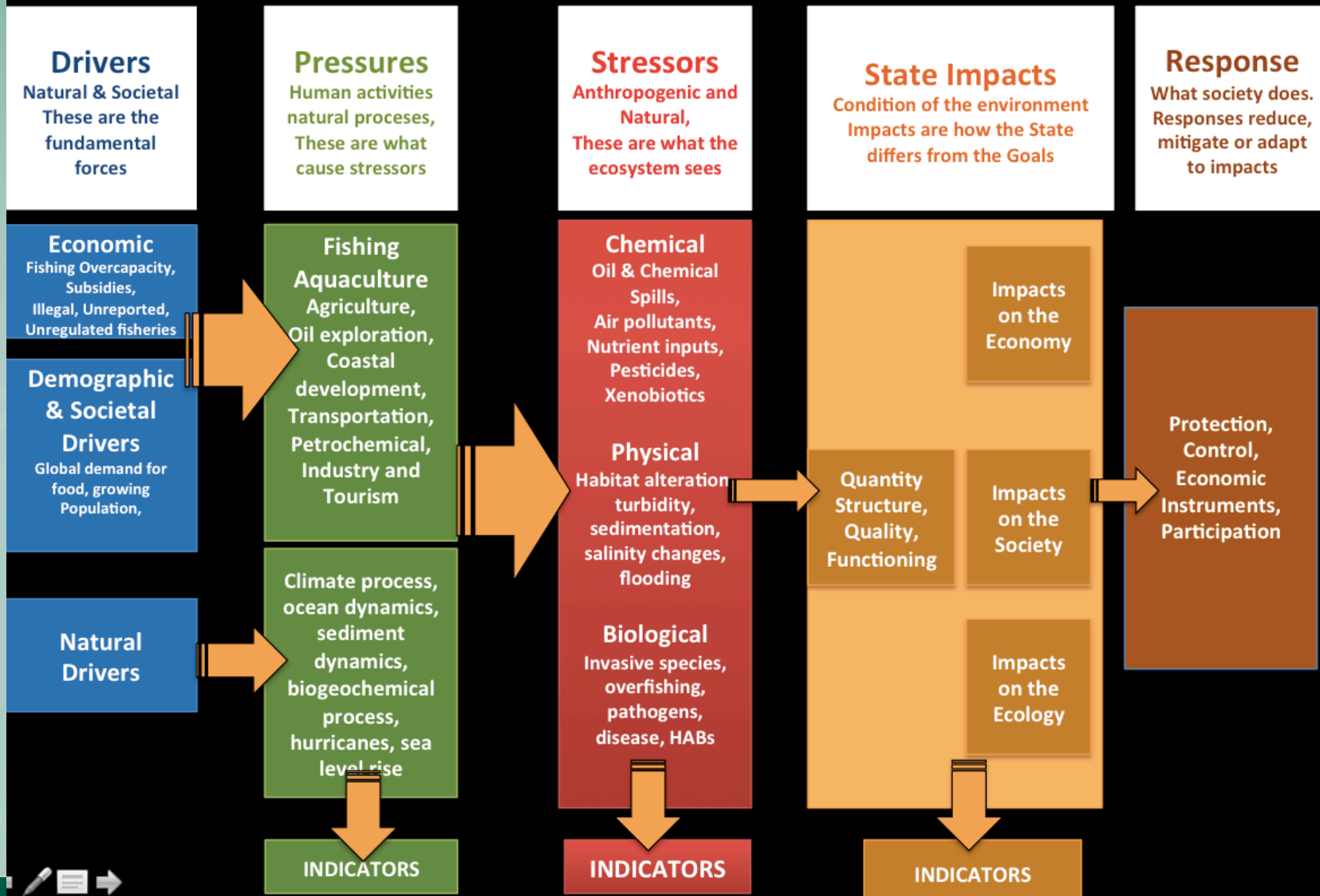
SUMMIT 2014

STATE OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

Key participation at the Gulf Summit Houston, 24 March, 2014



Developing indicators for the Gulf of Mexico



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*An international cooperation project to
set up the*

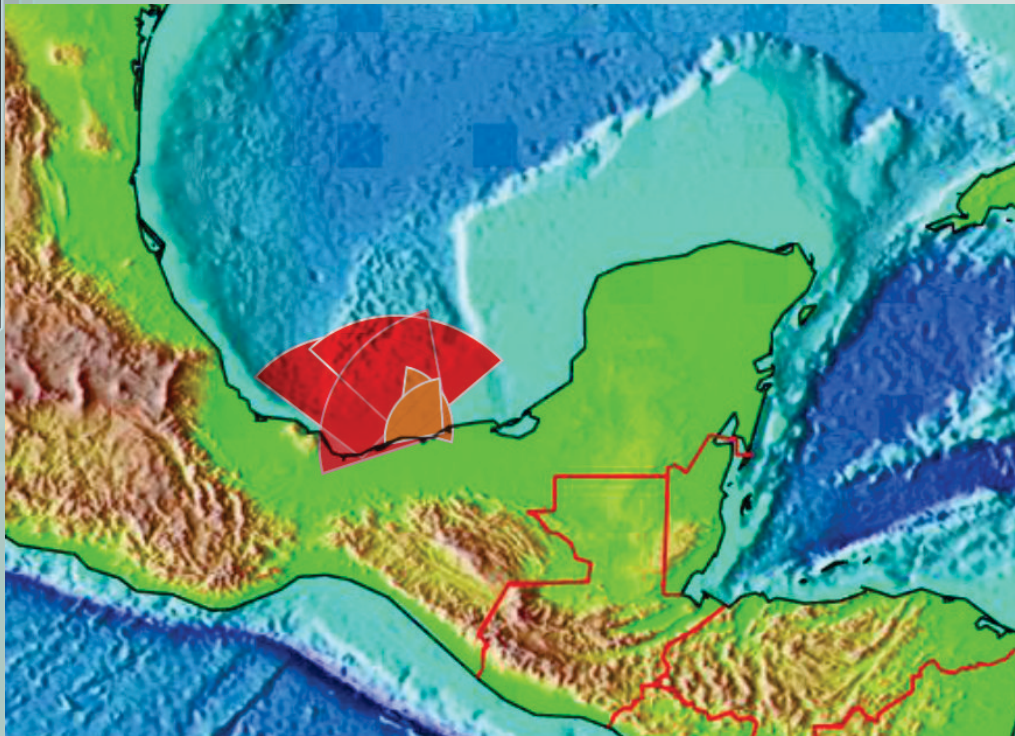
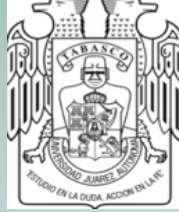
Mexican **I**ntegrated **C**oastal
and **O**cean **O**bserving **S**ystem

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Monitoring of ocean current using High Frequency Radars in the coastal areas of the Tabasco State

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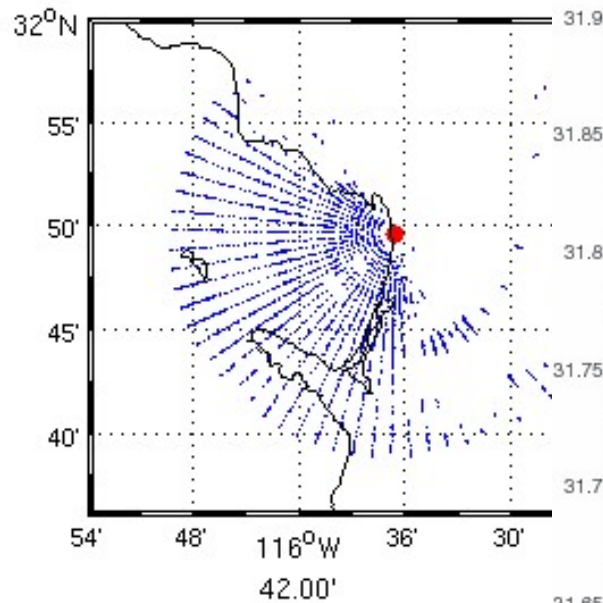
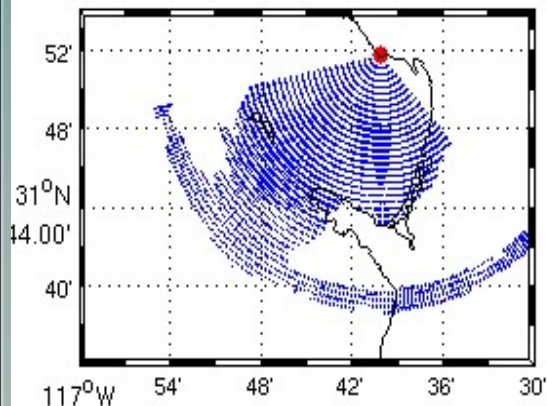
Examples of HFR's



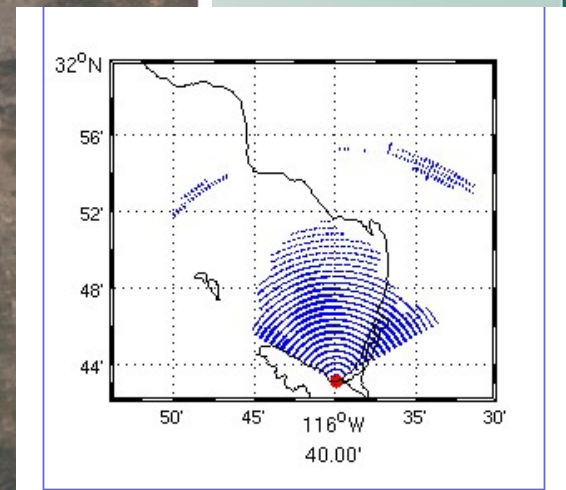
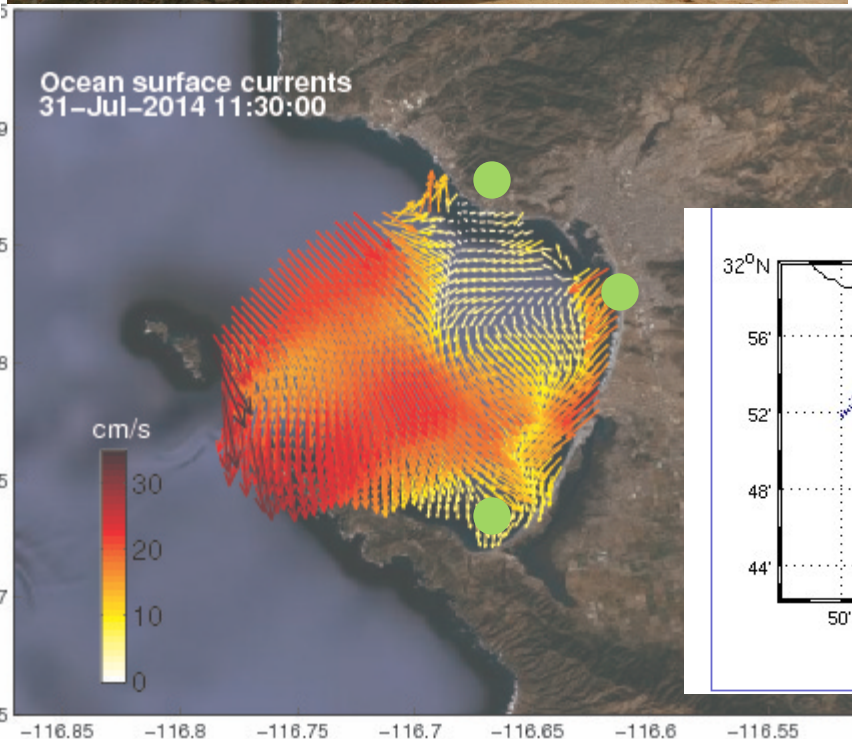
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Data taken from
over 2 HFR stations



Ocean surface currents
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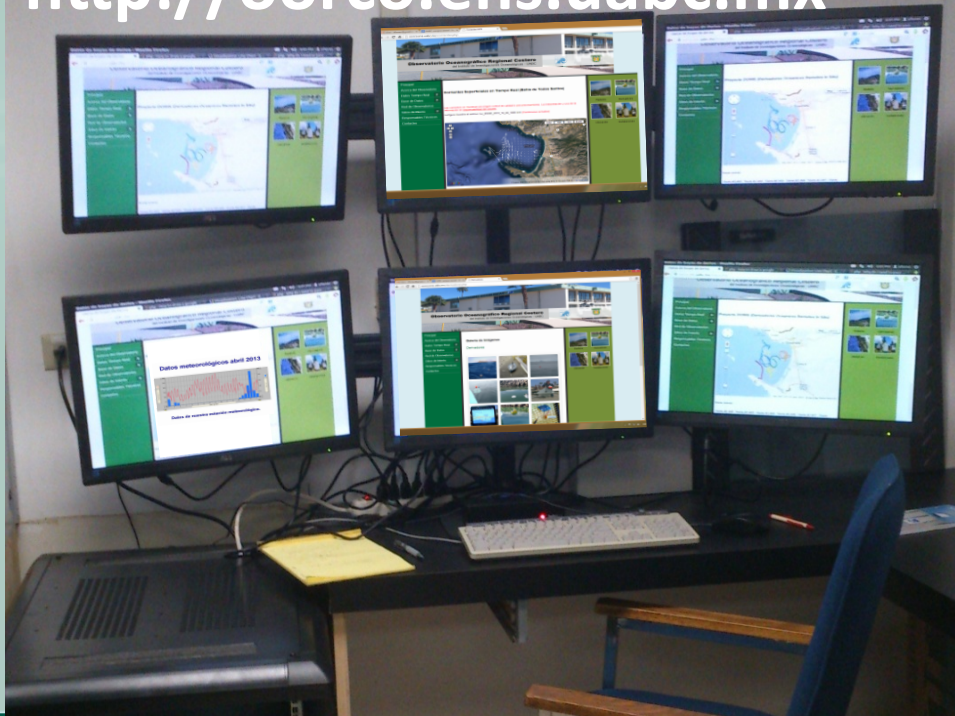
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Observatorio Oceanográfico Regional Costero
del Instituto de Investigaciones Oceanológicas - UABC

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OORCo measures:

- ✓ Radio Scatterometers (HFR)
- ✓ Weather stations
- ✓ Drifters (developed by ourself)
- ✓ Numerical Models

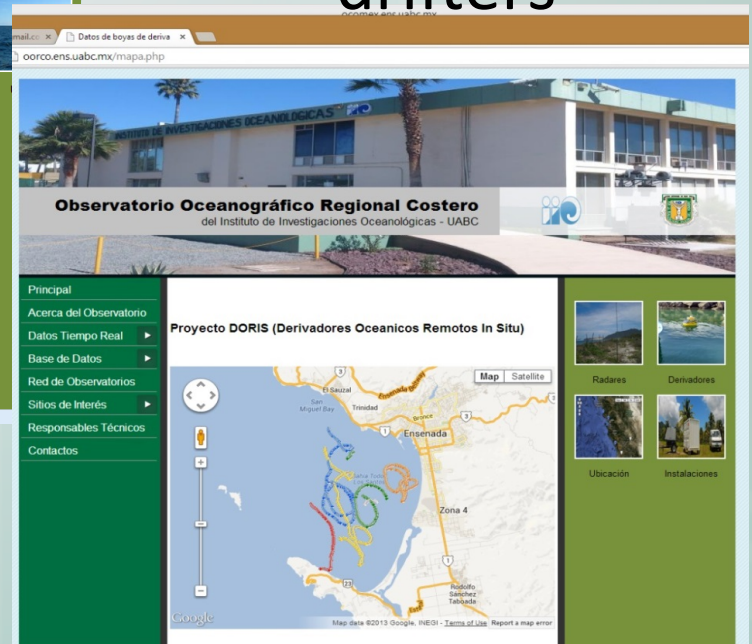
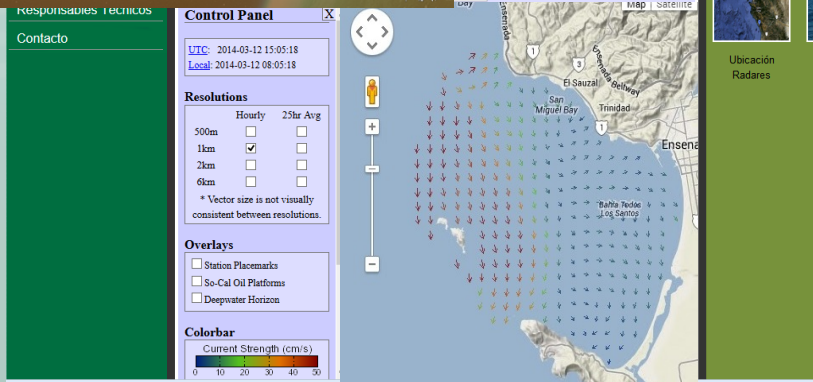
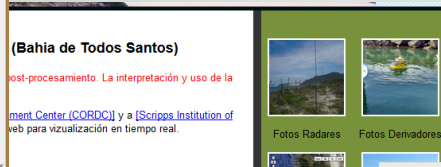
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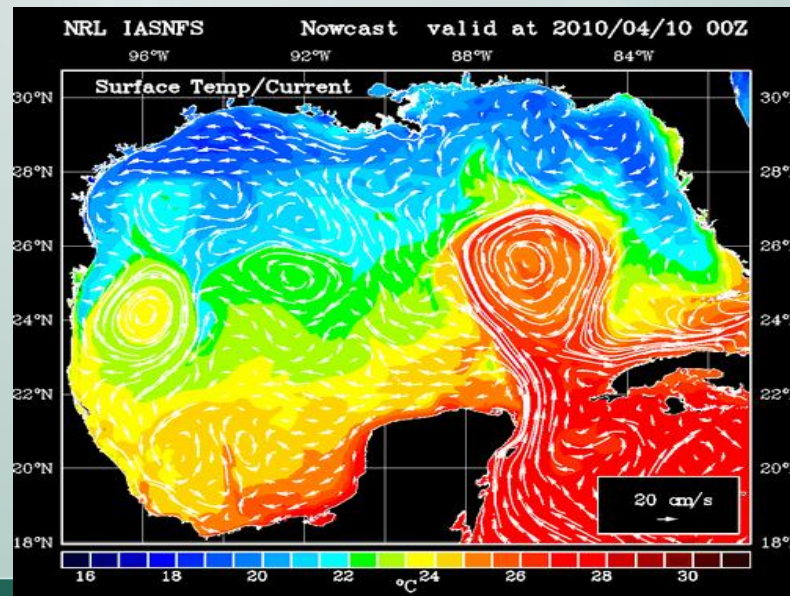
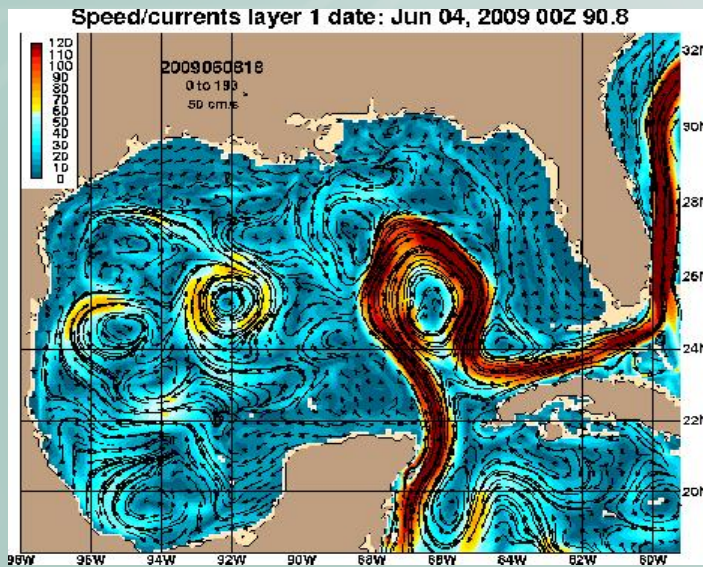
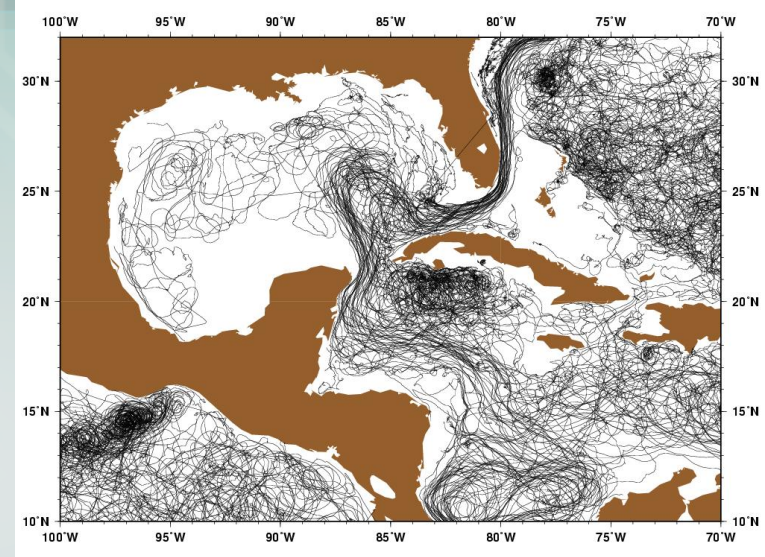
2. Sea surface currents

3. Paths from drifters

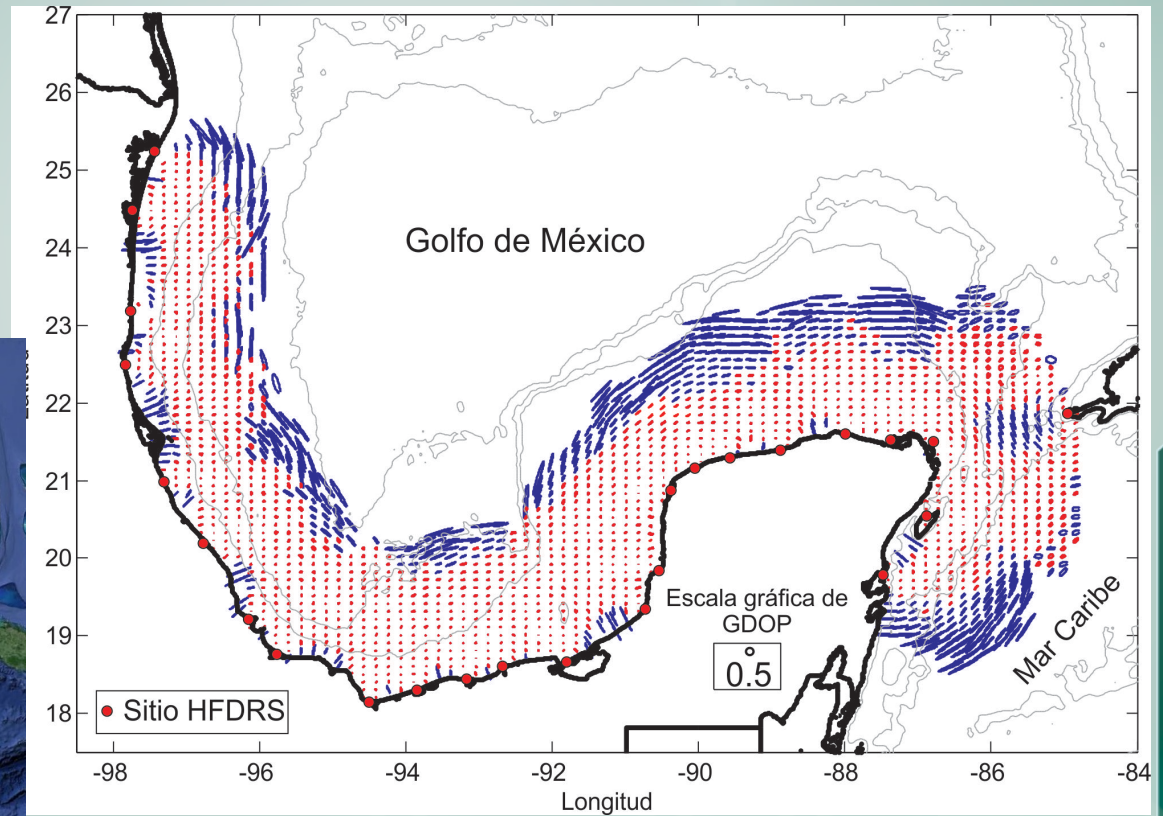
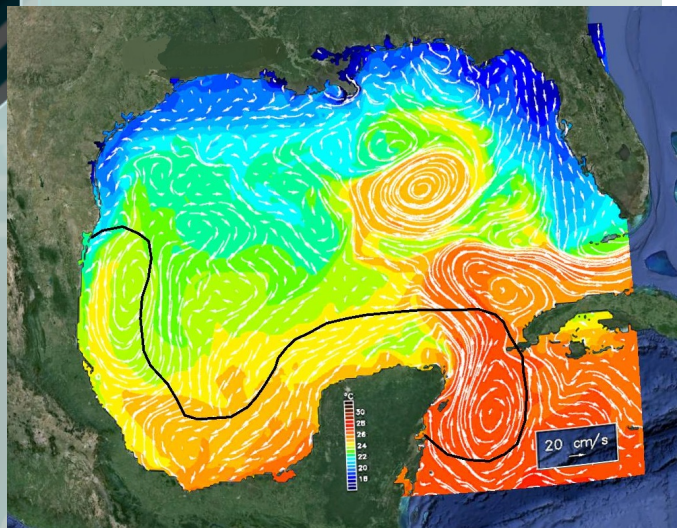


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- Interaction of the Loop current with coastal currents on the continental platform
- Hydrodynamic effects generated by the Grijalva Usumacinta and Gonzalez rivers

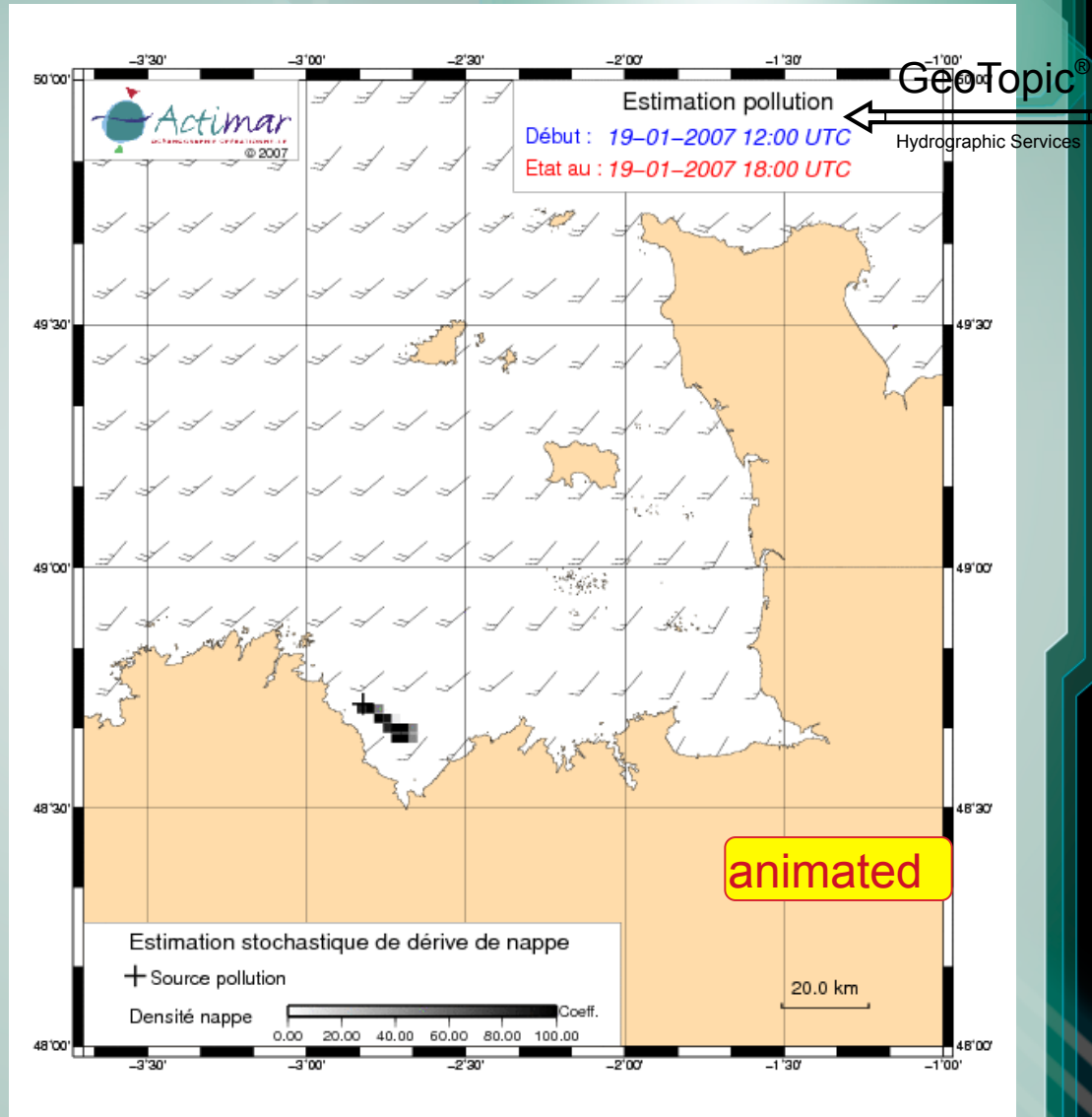


Proposal for 20 Stations of HFR in the Gulf and Caribbean



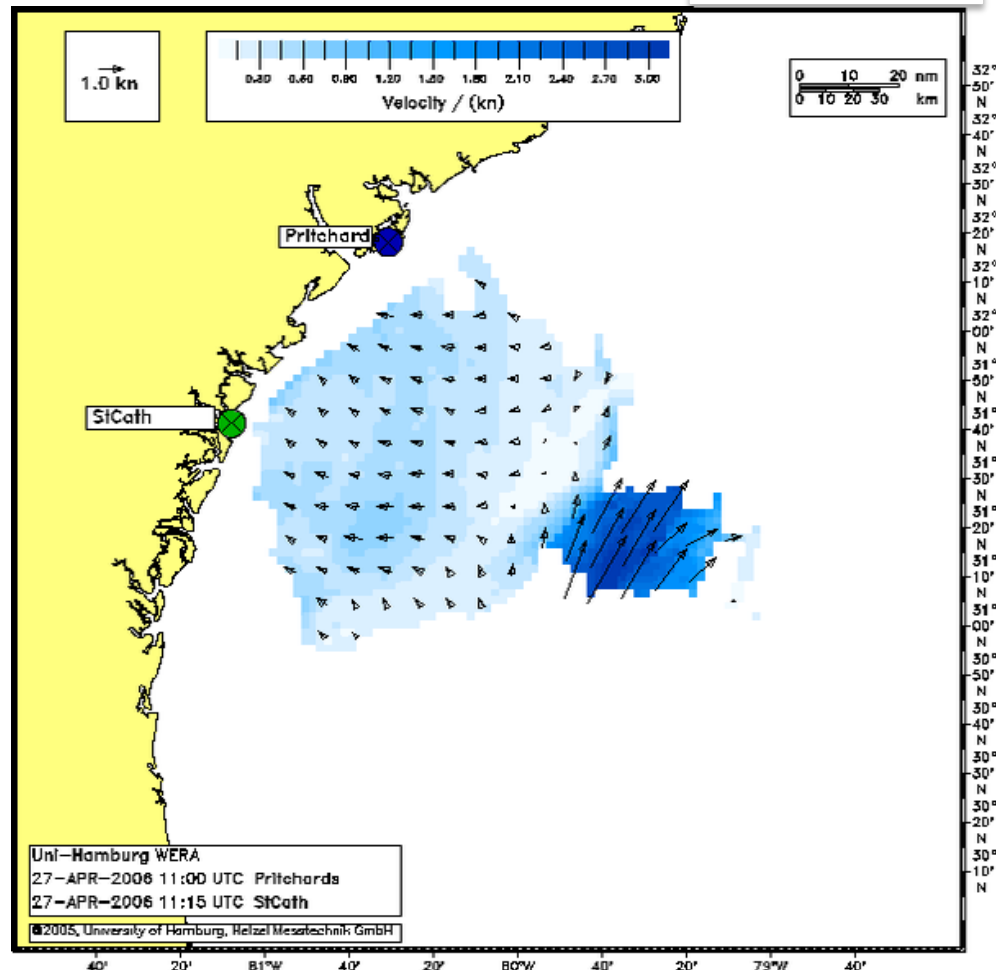
Oil Spill Forecast

Oil drift with a continuous source



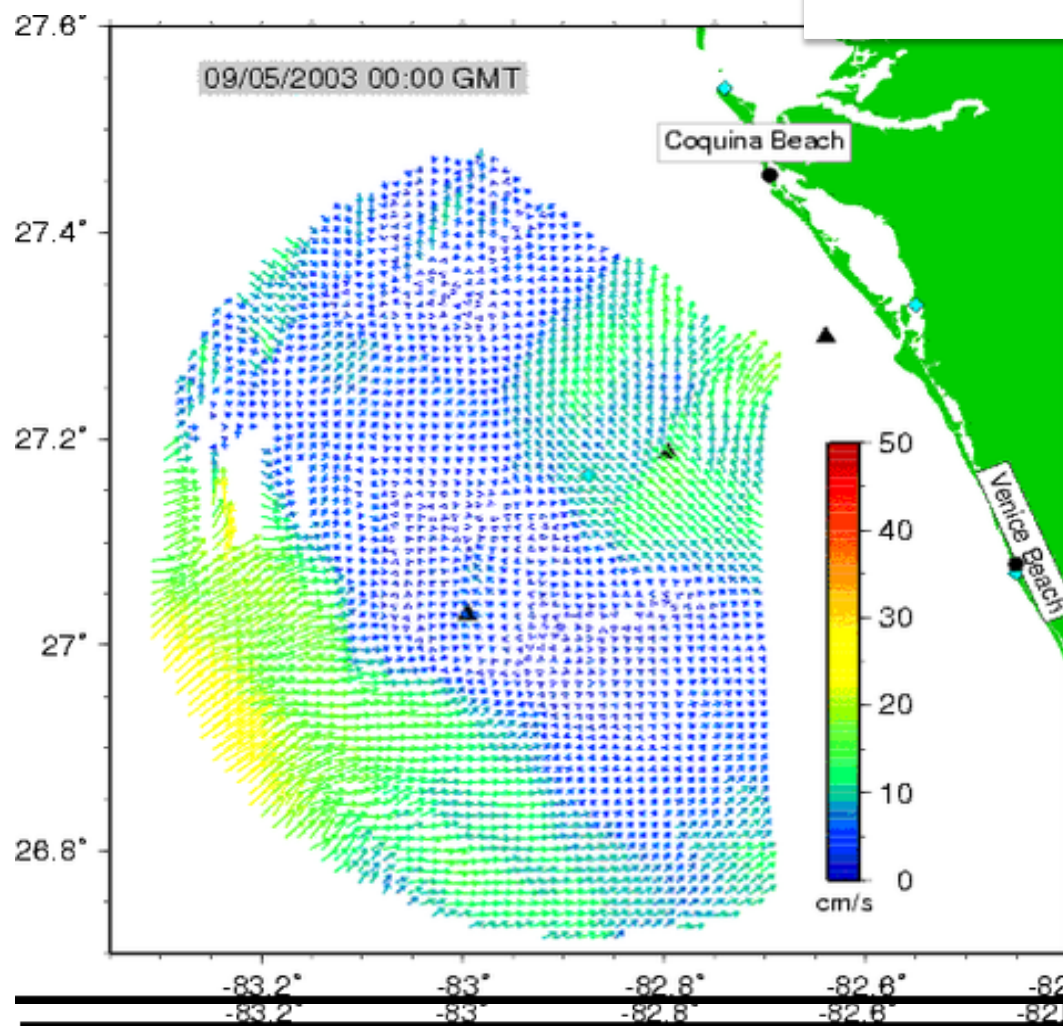
Measurement Results

- 36 hours of raw data processed **without any noise reduction, artefact suppression or special filtering**
- One new map from complete new data set **every 30 min**
- Range varies from **120 to 220 km**
- 8.35 MHz, 30 Watts, **3 km range cell size**

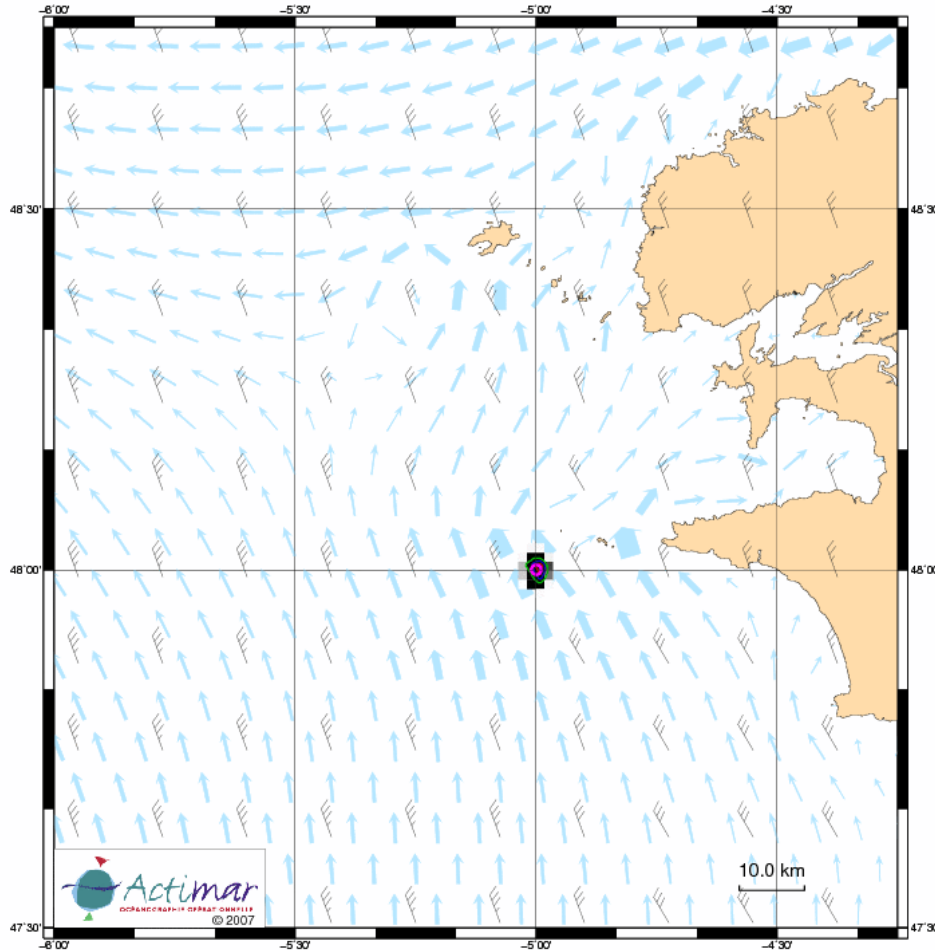


Over the Horizon Radar

- Example of a hurricane West of Florida
- 2003-09-05



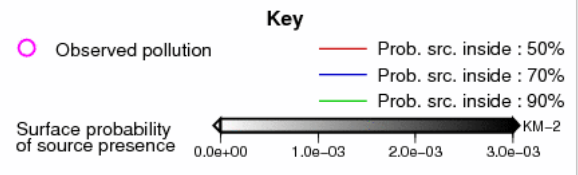
Prediction of Oil Drift



Stochastical estimate of pollution drift
-- Iroise_obj_backward --
Map of presence probabilities of the pollution source

Parameters
 Type of pollutant : Container - fût
 Wind influence :
 Start pollution : 19-03-2007 12:00 UTC

Current situation
 Date : 19-03-2007 12:00 UTC
 End of calculation : 26-04-2007 16:08 UTC
 Prob. 50% to find the src. in 1.84e+00 KM2 of sea.
 Prob. 70% to find the src. in 3.69e+00 KM2 of sea.
 Prob. 90% to find the src. in 5.53e+00 KM2 of sea.



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DEFINE: Principles
and challenges

FOCUS on priority
and Transboundary
Issues

DEVELOP: Actions

DEFINE: Sources
of Funding and
future cooperation



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➤ Focus on four priority issues

1. Restoration of Coastal Ecosystems

- ✓ Mangrove Restoration
- ✓ Blue carbon assessment in wetlands

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- ✓ Coastal and Ocean Observing System Development
- ✓ High Frequency radars, Glider technology development and oceanic buoys

3. Assessment of sources of pollution

- ✓ Oil, gas, hypoxia, harmful algal blooms

4. Adapt to Climate Change

- ✓ Local models for Sea Level Rise & Flooding
- ✓ Models and assessment of coastal erosion
- ✓ Enhance coastal communities resilience



Examples of collaboration

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LSU, MSU,

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Smithsonian Environmental Research Center

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Woods Hole, MIT, Scripps

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