

COASTAL STATES ORGANIZATION

EPA PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES



EPA's Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds (OWOW)

- OWOW's mission is to protect freshwater, estuarine, coastal and ocean ecosystems, including watersheds and wetlands.

OWOW's Ocean and Coastal Management Branch (OCMB)

- Protects and restores ocean and coastal ecosystems by promoting watershed-based management, preventing aquatic pollution, managing ocean dumping sites, assessing coastal conditions, establishing effective partnerships and facilitating community-led science-based efforts.
- These programs help to ensure clean and safe waters that sustain human health, the environment and the economy Support the work of the island coastal programs.

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Programs and Resources

CORAL REEF PROGRAM

Protects and preserves coral reefs by implementing Clean Water Act programs that protect water quality in coastal watersheds and near coral reef habitats.

- [Handbook on Coral Reef Impacts: Avoidance, Minimization, Compensatory Mitigation and Restoration](#)
- [Watershed Partnership Imitative Priority Ecosystem Indicators](#)
- [Corals & Climate Adaptation: Planning Adaptation Design Tool and User's Guide](#)

VESSELS, MARINAS & PORTS

Uses a combination of regulatory and non-regulatory efforts to protect and restore the water quality in coastal areas from vessel-related activities to keep coastal communities healthy and economically vibrant. Priorities include;

- [Uniform National Discharge Standards](#)
- [Vessel Sewage](#)
- [Vessel Incidental Discharge Act \(VIDA\)](#)

OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

Works with other Federal Agencies to address ecosystem threats associated with ocean and coastal acidification including reducing aquatic nutrient pollution and monitoring changes in pH.

- [Guidelines for monitoring acidification in coastal environments](#)
- [EPA Efforts to reduce ocean acidification](#)
- [Interagency Work Group on Ocean Acidification](#)

CLIMATE READY ESTUARIES

Delivering actionable information and technical assistance to help coastal managers assess climate change vulnerabilities and implement adaptation strategies

- [Online Adaption Toolkit](#)
- [Being Prepared for Climate change: A Workbook for Developing Risk-Based Adaptation Plans](#)
- [Rolling Estimates Primer](#)

COASTAL WETLANDS

EPA Partners with Stakeholders to Manage, Protect, and Restore Coastal Wetlands

- [Interagency Coastal Wetlands Workgroup](#)
- [Living Shorelines Academy](#)