



# Mississippi Restoration Area

June 2025



The Trustee Representatives for the Mississippi Restoration Area are:

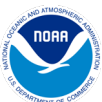
- Chris Wells, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
- Cody Haynes, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Stella Wilson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Ron Howard, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Tripp Boone, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

In September 2024 we closed three Early Restoration recreational use projects. We have also been busy screening projects for Restoration Plan 5 and overseeing the implementation of 24 restoration projects, including the projects approved in our Restoration Plans 1-4, and continuing with the implementation and monitoring of our Early Restoration projects.

## WHAT WE DO

Our work in the Mississippi Restoration Area focuses on living and coastal marine resources such as sea turtles, marine mammals, birds, and oysters. We also restore and conserve wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitats. Our restoration work also includes nonpoint source nutrient reduction to watersheds, partnerships to conserve habitats on federal lands, and enhancement of recreational opportunities.





## Restoration Overview

**\$214M committed to approved projects and activities**

### RECENT NEWS // Maintaining Enhanced Sea Turtle Stranding Network Capacity and Diagnostic Capabilities

Specific goals of this project include continuing enhanced response and data collection efforts to further understand mortality, inform population studies, as well as enhance potential for species conservation, recovery, and rehabilitation. The project will also maintain the increased capacity to rehabilitate sea turtles and ultimately return them to the Mississippi Sound. In 2024, staff responded to 78 sea turtle strandings, performed 36 necropsies, received 30 cold-stunned turtles from New England, rehabilitated 38 sea turtles, and successfully released 35 sea turtles.








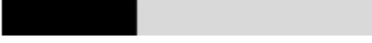















### RECENT NEWS // Mississippi Restoration Project Receives International Award



Hancock County Marsh Living Shoreline, one of the MS TIG's wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitats restoration projects, received international recognition at the 35th PIANC World Congress. PIANC is the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure and awards a variety of honors at its annual congress, including the Working with Nature Award. MDEQ was awarded second place worldwide for its efforts to protect and restore the Hancock County Coastal Preserve, the largest contiguous salt marsh in Mississippi.



# Funding Overview

Restoration Type	Settlement Allocation	Funds Committed Through May 2025	Percent Funds	
			Committed	Remaining
 <b>Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats</b>	\$135,500,000	\$125,637,500	93% 	7%
 <b>Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands</b>	\$5,000,000	\$3,000,000	60% 	40%
 <b>Nutrient Reduction</b>	\$27,500,000	\$9,695,000	35% 	65%
 <b>Oysters</b>	\$33,600,000	\$22,474,129	67% 	33%
 <b>Sea Turtles</b>	\$5,000,000	\$2,500,000	50% 	50%
 <b>Marine Mammals</b>	\$10,000,000	\$5,440,000	54% 	46%
 <b>Birds</b>	\$25,000,000	\$11,355,500	45% 	55%
 <b>Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities*</b>	\$23,957,000	\$23,420,255	98% 	2%
 <b>Monitoring and Adaptive Management</b>	\$7,500,000	\$0	0% 	100%
 <b>Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning</b>	\$22,500,000	\$10,650,000	47% 	53%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$295,557,000</b>	<b>\$214,172,384</b>	<b>72% </b>	<b>28%</b>

\*Interest Used

**MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE**

[www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/Mississippi](http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/Mississippi)

