



# Region-wide Restoration Area

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Aerial view of bird habitat acquired for conservation on the Fort Morgan Peninsula in Alabama as part of the Pilot Town project.



The Trustee representatives for the Region-wide Restoration Area are:

- Jaime Miller, Alabama
- Gareth Leonard, Florida
- Lawrence B. "Bren" Haase, Louisiana
- Chris Wells, Mississippi
- Angela Sunley, Texas
- Ashley Mills, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)
- Jamie Schubert, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Ron Howard, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Timothy Landers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

We continue to oversee implementation and monitoring of Early Restoration projects. The Region-wide Trustee Implementation Group released its Final Restoration Plan 1 in September 2021. The plan includes nearly \$100 million for 11 projects to restore birds, sea turtles, oysters, and marine mammals. In addition to implementation of projects in Restoration Plan 1, the Region-wide Trustees are collecting bird monitoring data throughout the Gulf.

## WHAT WE DO

Our work within the Region-wide Restoration Area is intended to replenish and protect targeted marine resources (marine mammals, sea turtles, birds, and oysters) affected by the spill and which often live and migrate across broad jurisdictional boundaries.



# Funding Overview

Restoration Type	Settlement Allocation	Funds Committed Through May 2022	Percent Funds	
			Committed	Remaining
<b>Sea Turtles</b>	\$89,256,165	\$43,091,160	48%	52%
<b>Marine Mammals</b>	\$19,000,000	\$3,029,372	16%	84%
<b>Birds</b>	\$72,223,100	\$37,160,017	51%	49%
<b>Oysters</b>	\$64,372,413	\$953,379	1%	99%
<b>Monitoring and Adaptive Management</b>	\$65,000,000	\$6,702,928	10%	90%
<b>Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning</b>	\$40,000,000	\$13,893,014	35%	65%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$349,851,678</b>	<b>\$104,829,870</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>70%</b>

# Restoration Overview

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION // \$104 million committed to approved projects. Six of 11 projects have an approved project implementation plan. The remaining five projects implementation plans have been prioritized for completion. Four early restoration projects are still in progress.

Monitoring and Adaptive Management (MAM) Activity Implementation Plan for Colonial Waterbird Monitoring // Our MAM Activity addresses the MAM Priorities of 1) Informational Needs, and 2) Assisting in Restoration Planning. The data generated and evaluated, will assist in the estimation of colonial bird nesting numbers at a regionwide scale (South Texas to Big Bend of Florida). Specifically, since November 2020 we have completed the processing of high-definition photographs of bird colonies taken in 2015. In 2021, we captured and are currently processing new high-definition images. Products from this activity will include high-definition images, processed images indicating bird nesting numbers, and a final summary report on these data and findings for the years 2010 through 2013, 2015, 2018, and 2021.

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