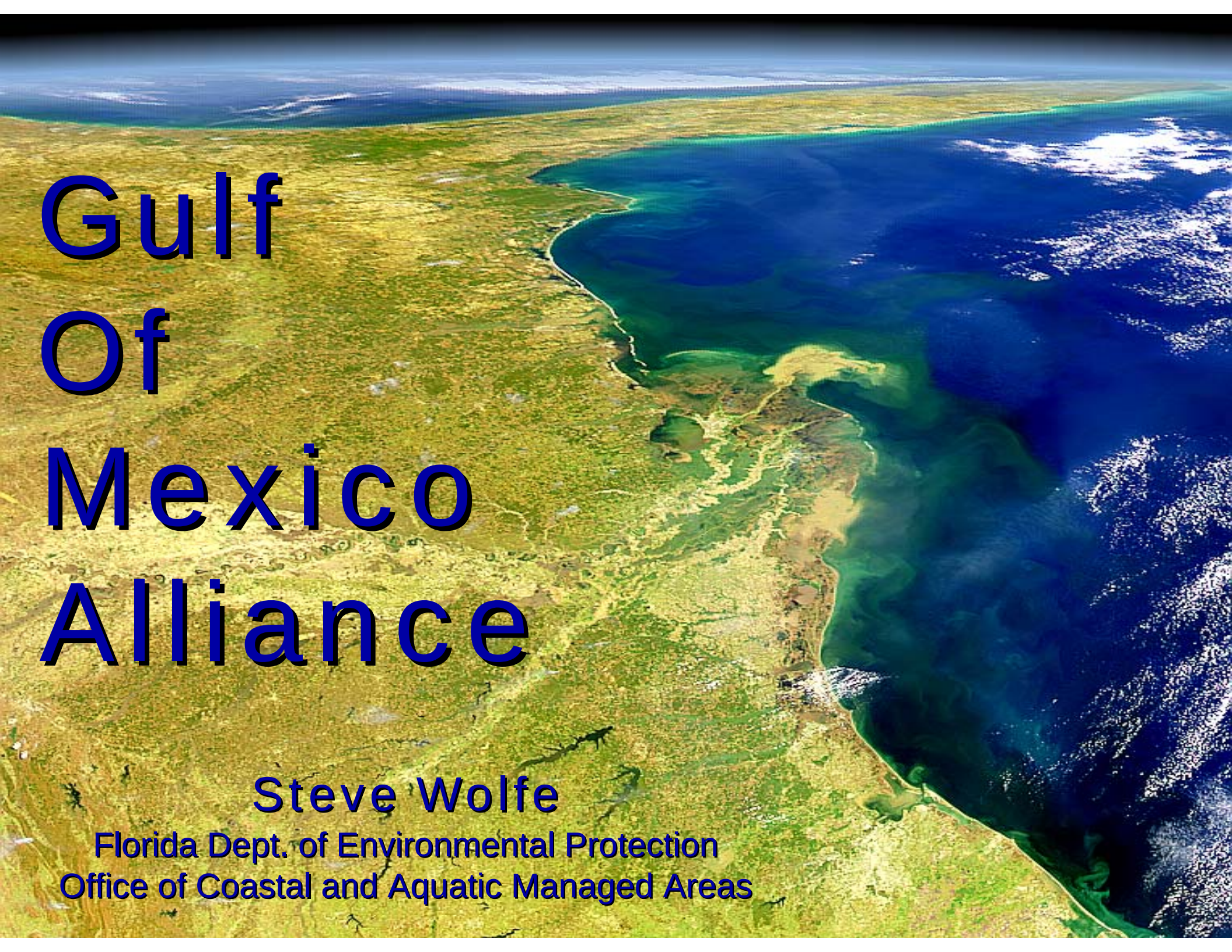


An aerial photograph of a coastal region. On the left, there is a large, shallow bay with greenish water, surrounded by a vast, flat, yellowish-green landscape. To the right, the water is a deep blue, indicating deeper depths. The coastline is irregular, with several small inlets and peninsulas. The sky is a pale blue with some wispy clouds.

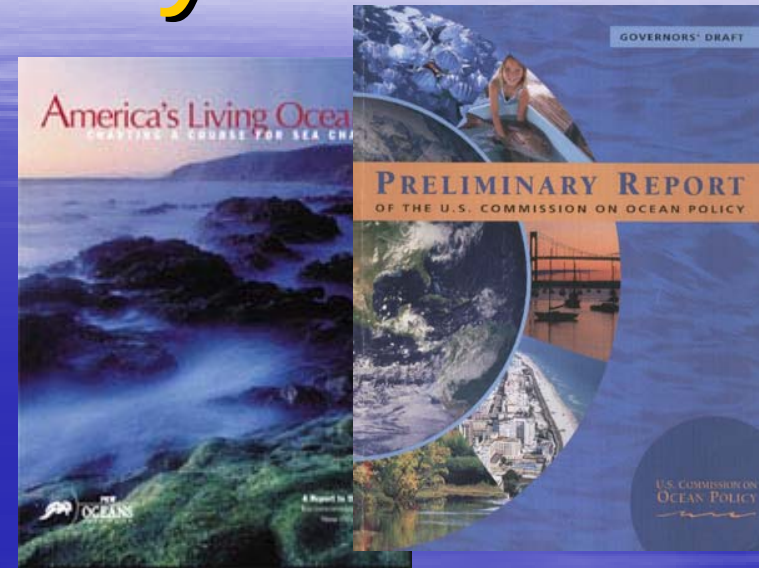
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GOMA History

- *Pew Report – 2003*
- *U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy - 2004*
- *Gov Bush invited Gulf governors to form GOMA - 2004.*



Stronger Alliance for the Gulf

- Developing a renewed vision for the Gulf with the other four American Gulf States
- Involving the Mexican Gulf Governors through the Gulf of Mexico States Accord to make this a truly regional effort
- Analyzing and improving existing goals and programs in light of the Ocean Commission's recommendations

GOMA History

- *Federal support for GOMA part of President's U.S. Ocean Action Plan – Dec 2004.*
- *13 Federal agencies formed Gulf of Mexico Regional Partnership Federal Workgroup in early 2005 to support GOMA. Coordinated by EPA and NOAA.*

An aerial photograph of a coastal wetland area. A prominent, winding waterway, possibly a river or canal, flows through the landscape. The surrounding land is covered in dense, green vegetation, likely marsh grasses or mangroves. The water is a deep blue color. The overall scene is a natural, undisturbed landscape.

Identified Common Needs

Met with citizens and agencies within states and among states to identify common problems and needs across Gulf states.

From full list,
Five Action Areas identified:

- Identification and Characterization of Gulf Habitats
- Wetland and Coastal Conservation and Restoration
- Environmental Education
- Reducing Nutrient Inputs to Coastal Ecosystems
- Water Quality for Healthy Beaches and Shellfish Beds

Action Items were identified from each of the areas:

- Requirement:
 - Priority in all 5 states;
 - State and/or federal agencies willing to commit resources
 - Could be completed within 36 months.

Governor's Action Plan

- The Action Plan sets out 5 Action Areas with 11 Action Items.
- Action Items are composed of concrete projects that will deliver significant on-the-ground results over the next 36 months.
- Governors Action Plan is the initial effort of the GOMA, the rest of the identified common needs are held for the next phase.

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- *For each Action Item, 36-Month Outcomes identified.*
- *Outcomes accomplished through 73 Action Steps*
- *For each Action Step, four things identified: leads, contributors, collaborators, what will be delivered.*

Governor's Action Plan

- Governor's Action Plan released at Gulf of Mexico Summit in Corpus Cristi, TX, in March 2006.

Alliance Management Team

The Alliance Management Team (AMT) directs all Alliance activities

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Priority Issue Teams

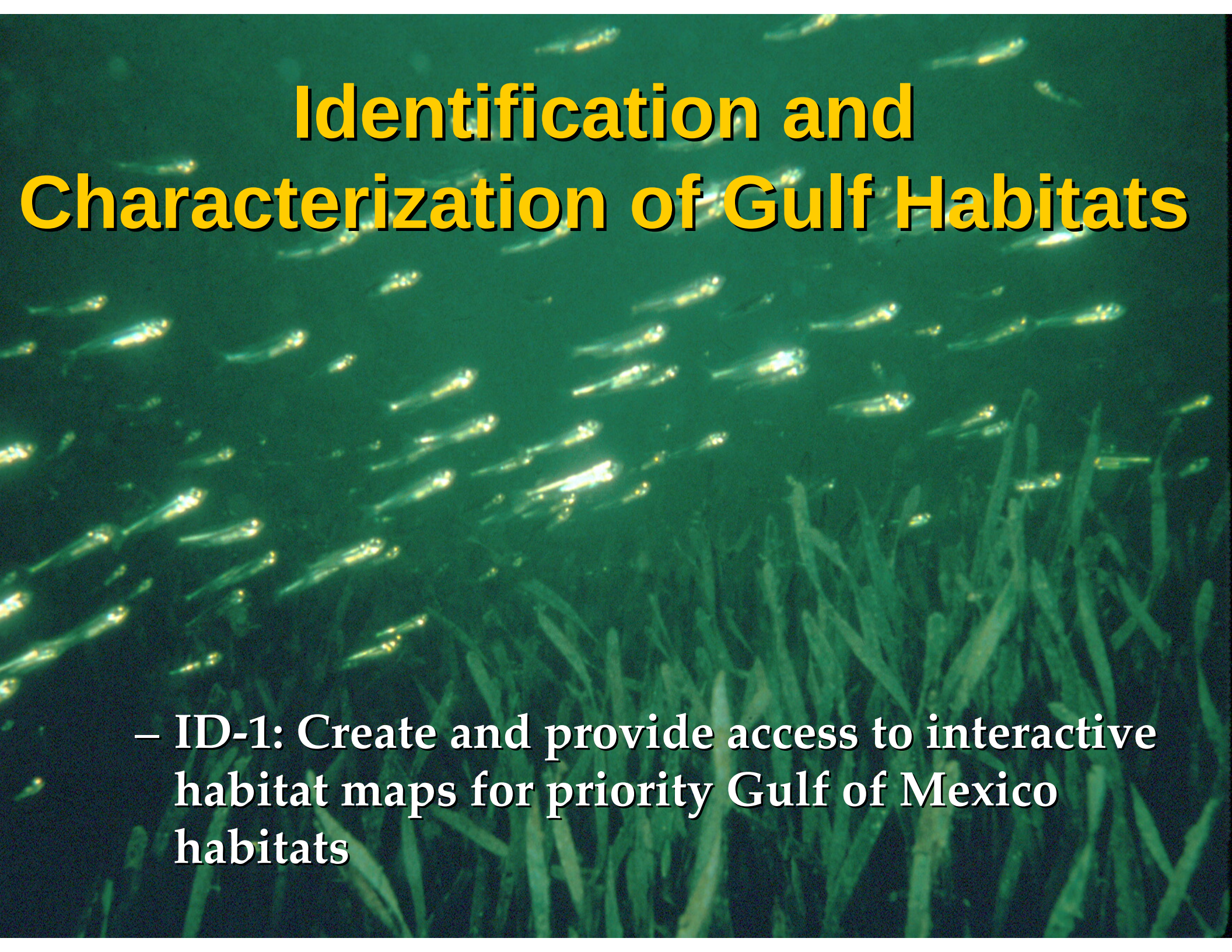
The Priority Issue Teams (PIT) provide leadership in regional coordination on each of the Alliance's five Priority Issues. Each Gulf State leads one PIT. These Team Leaders are highlighted in **BLUE**.

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Identification and Characterization of Gulf Habitats

The background of the slide is an underwater photograph. It shows a dense school of small, silvery fish swimming in a greenish, slightly murky water. Below the fish, there is a field of seagrass or similar aquatic vegetation. The lighting is somewhat dim, creating a naturalistic underwater atmosphere.

- ID-1: Create and provide access to interactive habitat maps for priority Gulf of Mexico habitats

Wetland and Coastal Conservation and Restoration



- R-1: Streamline coastal restoration and conservation efforts
- R-2: Increase the safety of Gulf communities by better understanding the risks of localized sea level rise, storm surge, and subsidence

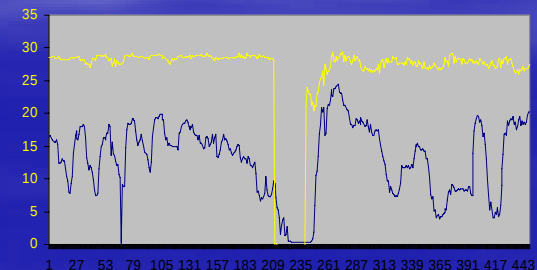
Environmental Education

- ED-1: Galvanize local communities to protect their Gulf of Mexico through targeted education
- ED-2: Conduct a public awareness campaign for the Gulf of Mexico



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- **Reducing Nutrient Inputs to Coastal Ecosystems**
 - N-1 Increase regional coordination in the development of nutrient criteria
 - N-2: Implement nutrient reduction activities during Gulf recovery and rebuilding
 - N-3: Assert an aligned, five Gulf State position on the need to address Gulf of Mexico hypoxia



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- Gulf of Mexico Alliance interested in becoming pilot for National Water Quality Monitoring Network.

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