



## The Coastal Program In South Carolina *Caring for Our Coastal Habitats*

### Overview

Established in 1995, the Coastal Program in South Carolina is one of a nationwide network of 22 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program offices focused on protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat in the Nation's coastal areas.

The coastal plain of South Carolina is a biologically rich landscape that, until recent decades, had escaped the intense commercial and residential development typical of much of the U.S. Atlantic Coast. The Coastal Program in South Carolina works cooperatively

### SC Coastal Program Accomplishments

#### FROM 1995-2006

##### Protected

- Over 100,000 acres of coastal habitat
- 200 miles of coastal streamside habitat

##### Restored

- 3,700 acres of coastal wetlands

#### IN FY 2006

##### Protected

- 1,809 acres of coastal wetlands
- 2,864 acres of coastal uplands
- 10 miles of streamside habitat

##### Restored

- 65 acres of coastal wetlands

through public-private partnerships that seek innovative landscape scale solutions to protect and restore South Carolina's coastal ecosystems. Program delivery is targeted within geographic focus areas that overlay the lower portions of the 5

major coastal watersheds in South Carolina. These include Winyah Bay, Santee River, CAWS Basin, ACE Basin, and Savannah River.

### Priorities

Permanent landscape protection using perpetual conservation easements on private lands complemented with strategic fee-title acquisitions by Federal, State, and non-government conservation organizations is a priority. Habitat restoration, technical assistance and outreach projects are also a priority.

### For More Information

For more information about the Coastal Program in South Carolina, contact the Program Manager, Charleston Field Office, 843-727-4707 or visit us on the internet at <http://www.fws.gov/coastal/>

