



# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OFFICE

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**MISSION:** To build and sustain capacities for global coastal and marine stewardship through effective international partnerships.

## PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

- Capacity building in coastal stewardship
- Deemed exports administration
- International outreach
- International partnerships and bilateral agreements
- Policy vetting and operational support across NOS
- Support to U.S. State Department priorities

## LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY DRIVERS

### Legislative Drivers:

- Coast and Geodetic Survey Act
- Coastal Zone Management Act
- National Marine Sanctuaries Act
- Oil Pollution Act
- Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act
- Oceans and Human Health Act
- Coral Reef Conservation Act
- Marine Debris Research, Prevention and Reduction Act

### Policy Drivers:

- International Agreements
- NOS International Strategic Plan
- Ocean Action Plan
- Committee on the Marine Transportation System National Strategy
- Ocean Research Priorities Plan
- Gulf of Mexico Regional Alliance
- West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health
- Coastal Enterprise Report

## BUDGET AND PERSONNEL

**FY08 Budget:** \$ 250,000 (excluding salary and benefits)

**Personnel:** 10 FTE

## KEY PARTNERS

- U.S. State Department and U.S. international aid community
- United Nations: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC), United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Development Programme
- Foreign and Intergovernmental organizations (eq. Wider-Caribbean, China, IUCN-The World Conservation Union)
- State and Local Governments, Universities, and nongovernmental organizations

## FISCAL YEAR 2008 HIGHLIGHTS

- Working with governments and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission to develop integrated programs to **build capacity for regional observations and environmental stewardship in the Caribbean Region.**
- **Assisting Trinidad and Tobago, Belize, and Grenada in the development of a National Program of Action (NPA)** to improve watershed management and protect coastal resources. An NPA provides a framework for coastal management and is a national plan to prevent, reduce, control, and/or eliminate marine degradation from land-based activities. NOS helped identify major land-based pollution sources and refined specific actions to mitigate pollutant impacts in these countries.
- **Administering the U.S.-China Integrated Coastal Management Program** with the Chinese State Oceanic Administration. Recent program highlights have included:
  - Providing technical assistance to provincial and regional working groups in developing a watershed management program and implementation plan for the greater Xiamen municipality.
  - Providing technical support to the Chinese government under a United Nations Development Program/Global Environmental Facility Project on Biodiversity Management in the Coastal Area of China's South Sea (2006-2012).
- **Administering a Joint Project Agreement for Integrated Coastal and Ocean Resources Management with Ministries in Korea.** The annual work plan includes a scope of work funded with approximately \$400,000 per year by the Government of Korea. All NOAA line offices are involved in this Program.
- **Developing an agency-wide International Strategic Plan.** Annual Action Plans are developed that represent a full breadth of international engagements throughout the agency, with emphasis on supporting those involving more than one program office.
- **Coordinating International Coral Reef Conservation and Management Initiatives** through the NOAA International Coral Grant Program and the Coral Reef Conservation Fund, a partnership between NOAA and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. During the International Year of the Reef, the two grants programs awarded nearly \$1.1 million to 20 coral projects in 15 countries.

## ORGANIZATION

### By geography and theme:

- **Caribbean and Latin America:** Program priorities include support to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Sub-commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions and the United Nations Environmental Program and others in ways to improve regional environmental observation capacities and reduce land-based sources of pollution to the marine environment.
- **Asia:** Under several bilateral government-to-government agreements, NOAA works with China, Vietnam, and Korea to build capacity for integrated coastal management through technical assistance, training, and policy advice.
- **Watershed Management:** The NOS International Program Office helps transfer knowledge, information, and tools to parties throughout the world in ways to adopt ecosystem-based management approaches to watershed management.

**Agency-wide Organization and Coordination:** In addition to the internal organization within IPO, the International Program Office Director represents NOS in the NOAA-wide International Affairs Council and chairs the NOS-wide NOS International Coordination Council. These Councils ensure internal communication, advocacy, and coordination among NOS international programs and positions internally and across NOAA.