



Working towards healthy, thriving habitats of sufficient quality to support all life stages of Atlantic coastal, estuarine-dependent, and diadromous fishes.

Who We Are

A coast-wide partnership of fish habitat resource managers, scientists, and communications professionals from 33 different state, federal, tribal, recreational, and non-governmental entities.

What We Do

Develop goals, objectives, action strategies and priorities to guide conservation efforts directed towards fish habitat conservation on the Atlantic coast.

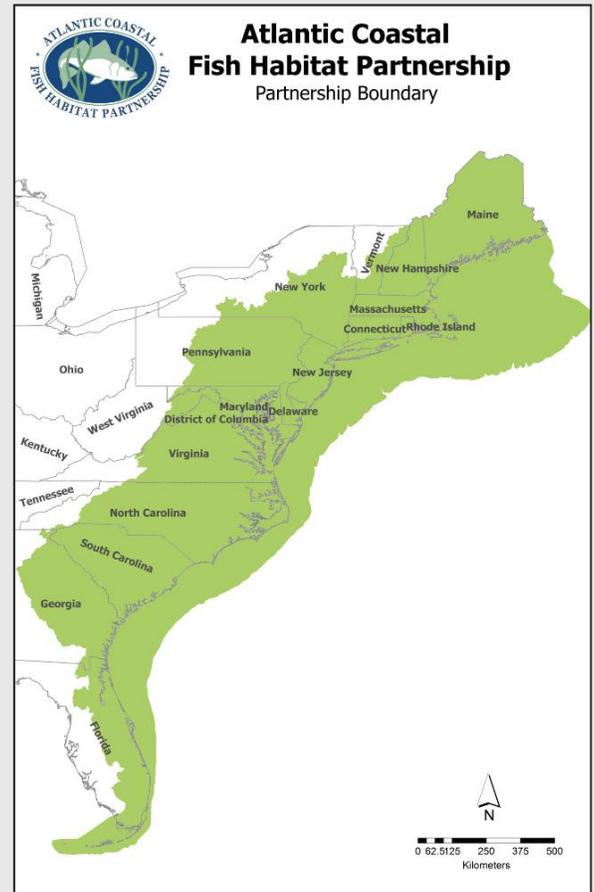
Secure, leverage, and distribute resources for on-the-ground fish habitat conservation projects.

Coordinate the implementation of fish habitat conservation projects on a coast-wide, regional, and local scale.

Develop coast-wide scientific projects whose outcomes serve as decision support tools for our partners and other entities working to conserve aquatic habitat.

Our Goals

Support projects that protect and maintain healthy aquatic systems, prevent further degradation, or restore degraded aquatic habitats.



Where We Work

From the headwaters of coastally draining rivers to the edge of the continental shelf, from Maine to the Florida Keys, with a focus in estuarine environments.





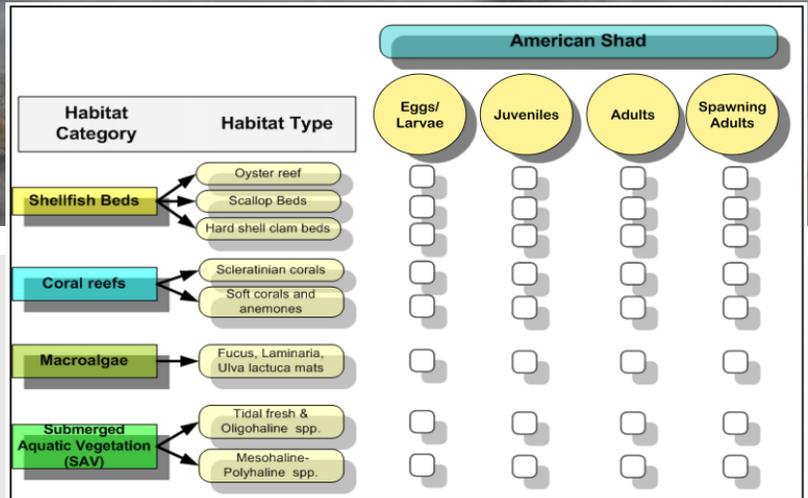
Science Projects

Our **Species-Habitat Matrix** and **Assessment of Existing Habitat Information** projects were completed to inform or verify the development of conservation objectives and priorities.

The **Species-Habitat Matrix** evaluates the relative importance of coastal, estuarine, and freshwater habitat types in terms of their value to the major life stages of over 100 fish species.

The development, review, and analysis of the Species-Habitat Matrix represents a truly coast-wide cooperative effort to which scientists from state, federal, NGO, and academic entities contributed.

The **Assessment of Existing Habitat Information** was conducted through a contract with the NOAA National Ocean Service. It is a database of documents, datasets, and information portals on Atlantic coastal fish species and habitats which were collected and analyzed for indicator, threat, and action information. The Assessment is web-based, enabling all resource managers to access this information at: <http://www8.nos.noaa.gov/bhv/spatbibindex.html>.



Illustrative Snap Shot of the Species-Habitat Matrix

Habitat Type	Region	State	Zone	Waterbody	Information Type
All Types	All Regions	All States	All Zones	All Waterbodies	All Items
Coastal Inlet Substrate	Mid-Atlantic	CT	CDA	Barnegat Bay	Conservation Plan
Estuarine Waters	North Atlantic	DC	EDA	Barnegat Bay, EDA	Habitat Assessment
Macroalgae	South Atlantic	DE	Estuarine	Buzzards Bay	Habitat Characterization

Title	Year	Authors	Organization	Publication Info	Species	Habitat Type	Information Type	Web Location
Atlantic coast diadromous fish habitat: A review of utilization, threats, recommendations for conservation, and research needs	2009	Greene, K.E., J.L. Zimmerman, R.W. Laney, and J.C. Thomas-Blate	Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Washington DC	ASMFC Habitat Management Series No. 9	Alewife, American eel, American shad, Atlantic sturgeon, Hickory shad, Striped bass, Blueback herring	Estuarine Waters	Conservation Plan	Click Here

Snap Shot of the Assessment of Existing Habitat Information

How You Can Get Involved

You can help the Partnership develop, refine, or achieve the following:

- Conservation strategies
- Long-term funding strategies
- Partners from the national, regional, and local levels

For more information on the Partnership visit us at: www.atlanticfishhabitat.org

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