



## Marine Coastal Initiative

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- The Marine Coastal Initiative is the only cross-state effort to coordinate coastal and marine resources and management approaches within the southeast region. The scope of the marine coastal initiative is from the seaward boundary of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) through the coastal waters and as far inland as necessary to effectively address marine/coastal issues. Under this initiative the SERPPAS working group has established a South Atlantic Alliance Executive team that will work together to establish mapping priorities, address common regional issues related to working waterfronts, healthy fisheries and habitat, clean coastal and ocean waters, and disaster-resilient communities.
- The South Atlantic Alliance Executive Team was established in May 2007, and identified four mutual regional issues of interest (i.e., Healthy Ecosystems, Working Waterfronts, Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters, and Disaster Resilient Communities).
- The Marine Coastal Team is continuing its work in developing state and regional mapping priorities. One emerging area of interest include exploring the transfer of Navy observation towers (TACTS) that are planned for decommissioning to compliment the initiative to establish an integrated ocean observing system in the South Atlantic. Another team effort includes facilitating state and military development of South Atlantic marine-coastal requirements for the future (30-50 years). Currently, the Marine Corps is the only partner that has launched such an initiative.

