

50%

of liquid natural gas comes from the Gulf of Mexico

3 countries border and impact the Gulf.

1.3 billion

pounds of seafood comes from the Gulf each year, more than the entire East Coast shore.

44 percent of U.S. Oil Reserves are in the Gulf of Mexico

15,419

known species live in the gulf.

3 Trillion dollars US economic impact from the Gulf.

1.5 million barrels of oil per day from the Gulf.

5,700 square miles dead zone forms each year.

4,000+

oil and gas platforms found in the Gulf.

63,000,000 people in the Gulf's coastal region,



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is a group dedicated to funding the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies (HRI), targeting the economic, conservation, and education initiatives that are critical to the ninth largest body of water in the world.

Over 4,000 miles of coastline forms its northern border and encompasses a diverse array of habitats from coral reefs and hyper-saline lagoons to emergent wetlands and vast seagrass meadows.

There are over 4,500 oil and gas platforms and structures dotting the waters of the Gulf and connecting them together is an unimaginable maze of pipelines, funneling their output into the heart of the USA. Over 47% of the refining capacity, 52% of oil production and 54% of the natural gas produced in the USA comes from the Gulf.

How does it affect you?



After Katrina, gas prices increased by 18% and jet fuel by 26% because of damage to this infrastructure.

95% of all commercially and recreationally finfish and shellfish depend on habitat found in the Gulf of Mexico which makes it an ideal laboratory to find the balance between economic and environmental health. HRI is focused on understanding the fundamental issues of ecosystem health and resiliency; using a multi-disciplinary approach that works with energy commerce and policy experts to implement and sustain that balance for us and future generations.

HRI's multi-disciplinary approach partners cutting-edge science with real life social, economic, and policy issues.



HISTORY

In September 2000, Ed Harte, philanthropist and dedicated conservationist, was inspired to make a difference and endowed \$46

million to A&M Corpus Christi to establish a research institute dedicated to the Gulf of Mexico. Today, the Harte Research Institute is recognized as a respected research center of excellence providing international leadership in generating and disseminating knowledge about the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem and its critical role in the economies of the North American region.



ABOUT

The Harte Research Institute, an endowed research component of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, is dedicated to advancing the long-

term sustainable use and conservation of the Gulf of Mexico. It is a respected research center of excellence providing international leadership in generating and disseminating knowledge about the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem and its critical role in the economies of the North American region. HRI strives to take basic science and apply it to solve real problems and effect change in law and policy. The outcome is an economically, ecologically healthy Gulf of Mexico.



OUTREACH

Through conferences, education, seminars, the HRI Speaker Series, State of the Gulf of Mexico Summit and periodic workshops, HRI brings

together committed individuals and organizations interested in helping to build a healthy Gulf and a vibrant economy.



RESEARCH

Over 28 scientists make up the internationally renowned research team responsible for over 79 projects to date. One of the most time-sensitive of these

is the collection of thousands of samples from the sea floor, which will serve as a baseline to determine the impact of the recent BP oil spill on the Gulf of Mexico's entire ecosystem.