



28 PROTECTING
YOUR WATER
YEARS

We Protect Clean Water

We monitor, communicate and influence water policies and permits to prevent or reduce pollution locally and in the Gulf.

3 FACTS ABOUT THE GULF

350 

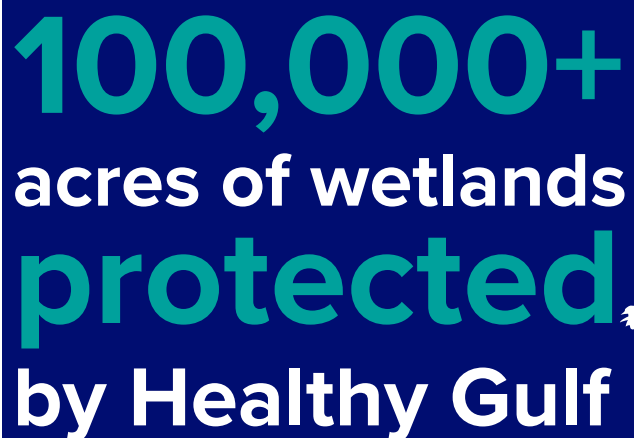
Endangered Species
in the Gulf of Mexico.

1/2 U.S. RIVERS
FLOW INTO THE
GULF

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100,000+
acres of wetlands
protected
by Healthy Gulf

A photograph of a wetland landscape with tall grasses and water, partially obscured by the text overlay.

Quick facts for stylists:

HEALTHY GULF PROTECTS WATER

Our vision is a healthy Gulf of Mexico returned to its former splendor that supports a thriving ecosystem that includes the Gulf's natural resources and, just as importantly, the people, communities, and cultures that depend on those resources.

HEALTHY GULF PROTECTS WETLANDS

Healthy Gulf has protected over 100,000 acres of wetlands in the Gulf of Mexico region since 2010. According to the EPA, each acre of wetland provides 1-1.5 million gallons of stormwater storage, which is a vital protection to communities during storms.

HEALTHY GULF PROTECTS ENDANGERED SPECIES

350 endangered species call the Gulf of Mexico home. Healthy Gulf ensures Endangered Species Act (ESA) protections are given to animals like the black rail, the dusky gopher frog, and the Gulf Rice's whale. It is estimated that 22% of the Rice's whale population was decimated by the BP Drilling Disaster. Healthy Gulf members fought to give the Rice's whale a fighting chance with the protections it needed under the ESA.

HEALTHY GULF PROTECTS DEEP SEA GULF CORALS

Healthy Gulf members sent 1,000+ letters and 65,000+ petition signatures to the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council urging them to protect Gulf corals. Because of members like you, over 300,000 acres of deep sea corals at 23 sites across the Gulf of Mexico are now protected as Habitat Areas of Special Concern.