

Flower Garden Banks Long-Term Monitoring (Texas and Louisiana coast)

Through a partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, involving the private sector and academic scientists, the Minerals Management Service has monitored the Flower Garden Banks in the Gulf of Mexico, the northernmost coral reefs in the western hemisphere for many years. The reefs continue to be among the healthiest in the world, due in part to careful management and monitoring by this scientific team. This partnership highlights Interior's oceans role and is an excellent example of cross-jurisdictional resource management between Interior and Commerce.

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