



Role of National Parks in Ocean Stewardship and MPA Federal Advisory Committee

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**Marine Protected Areas
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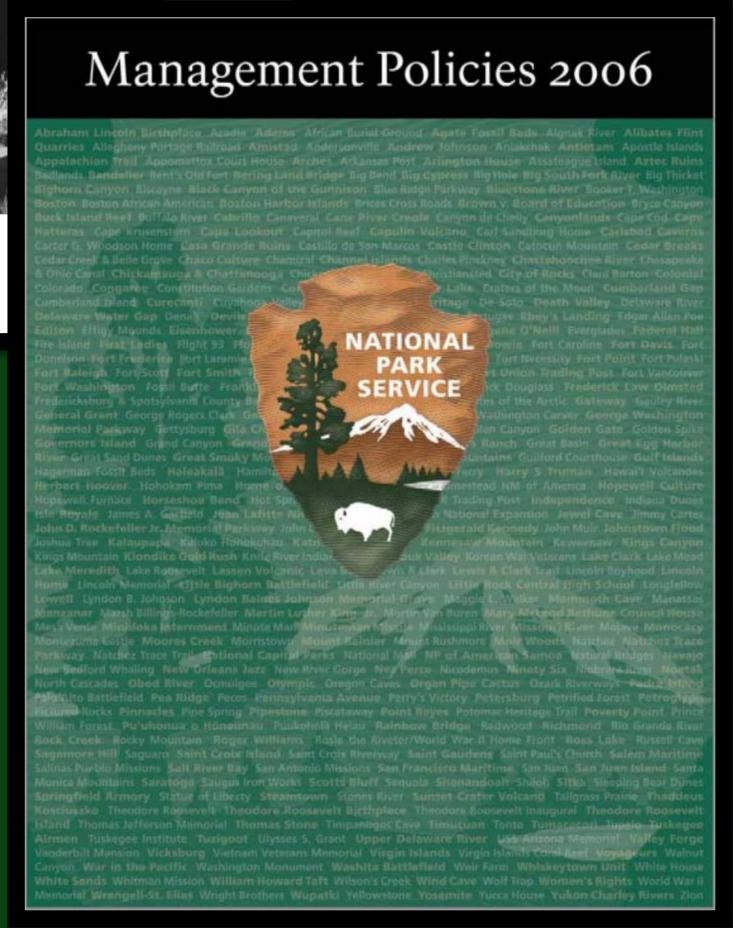
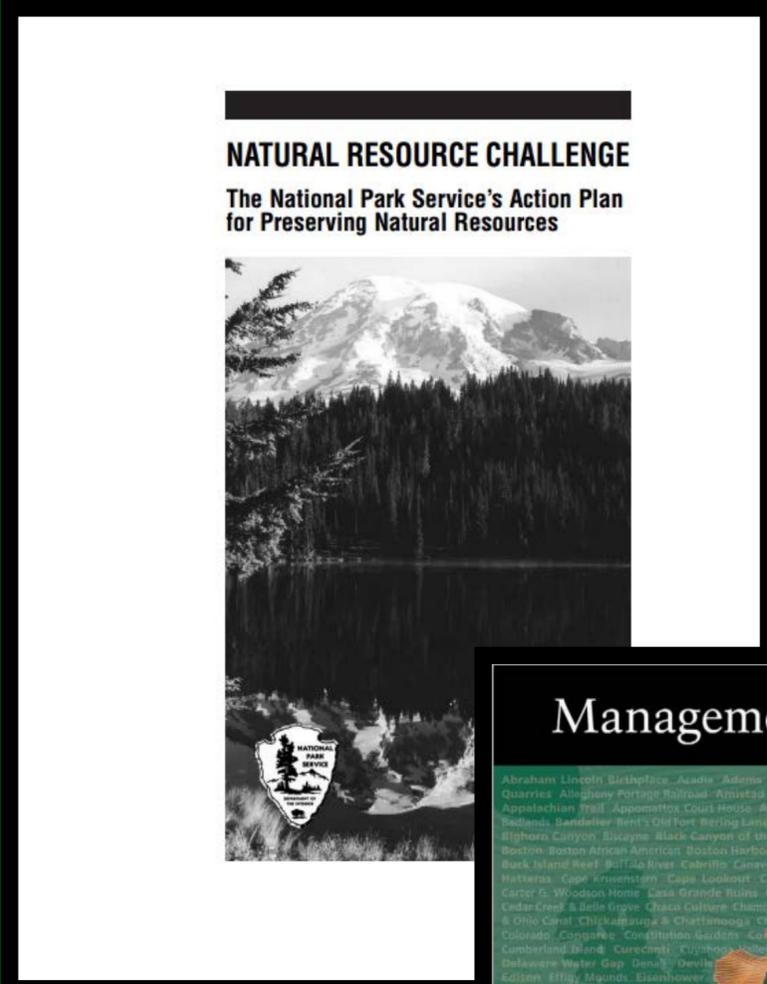
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Stewardship Mandate

“To **conserve** the scenery and the natural and historic objects and **wild life** therein to provide for the **enjoyment** of the same in a manner and by such means as will leave them **unimpaired** for the enjoyment of **future generations**”

(NPS Organic Act 1916)



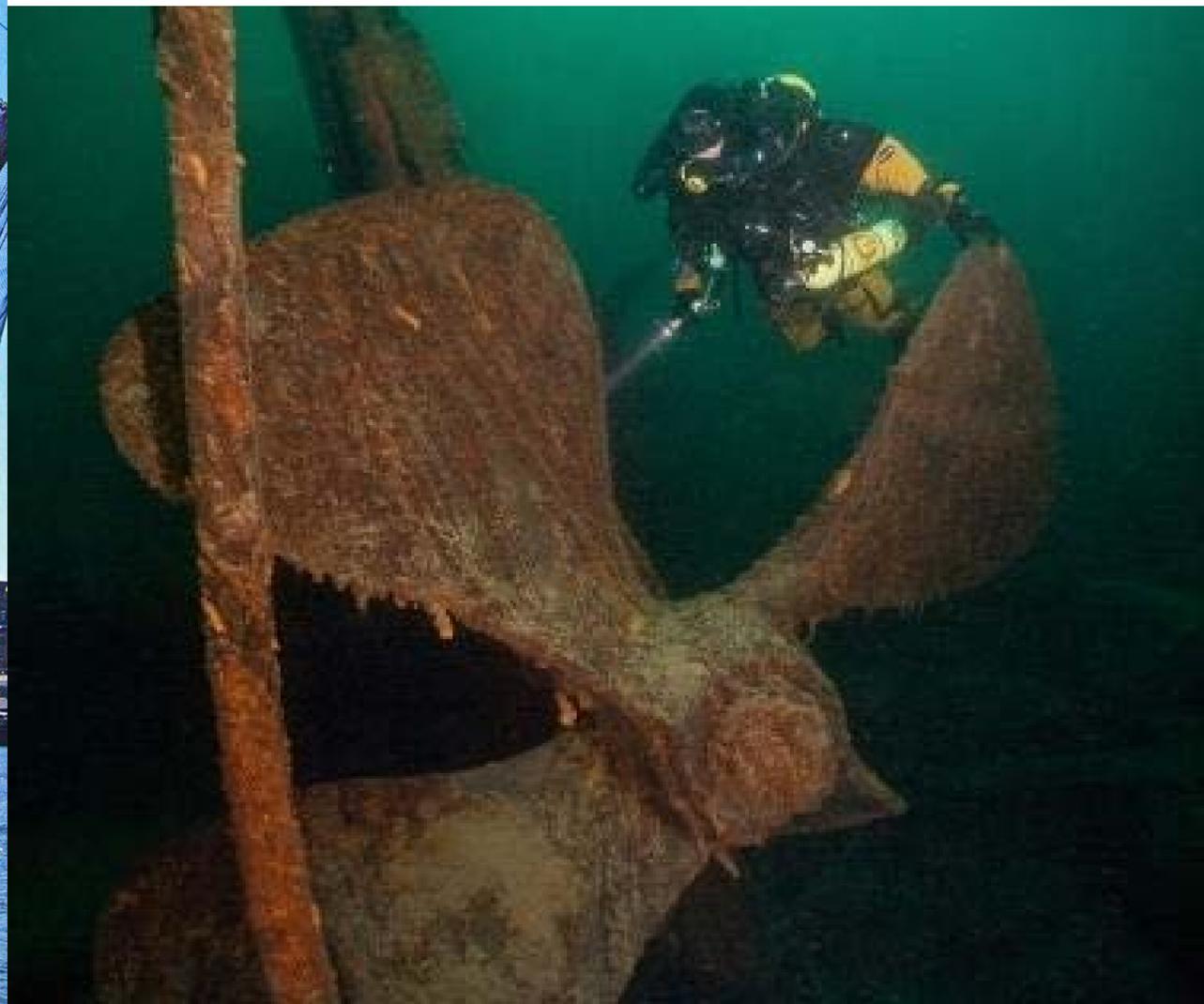


- **88 Ocean and Great Lakes parks**
- **Over 2.4 million acres of marine waters**
- **Over 11,000 shoreline miles**
- **Arctic to tropical regions**
- **Natural resources include terrestrial, intertidal and marine ecosystems**





- **Native Cultural Sites**
- **Coastal Forts, Historic Sites & Maritime Museums**
- **War Memorials**
- **Shipwrecks & Submerged Archeological Sites**





Recreation, Education and Citizen Science

- 2016 NPS Centennial
- Over 96 million coastal recreation visits
- Coastal bioblitzes
- Every Kid in a Park
- Parks as Classrooms

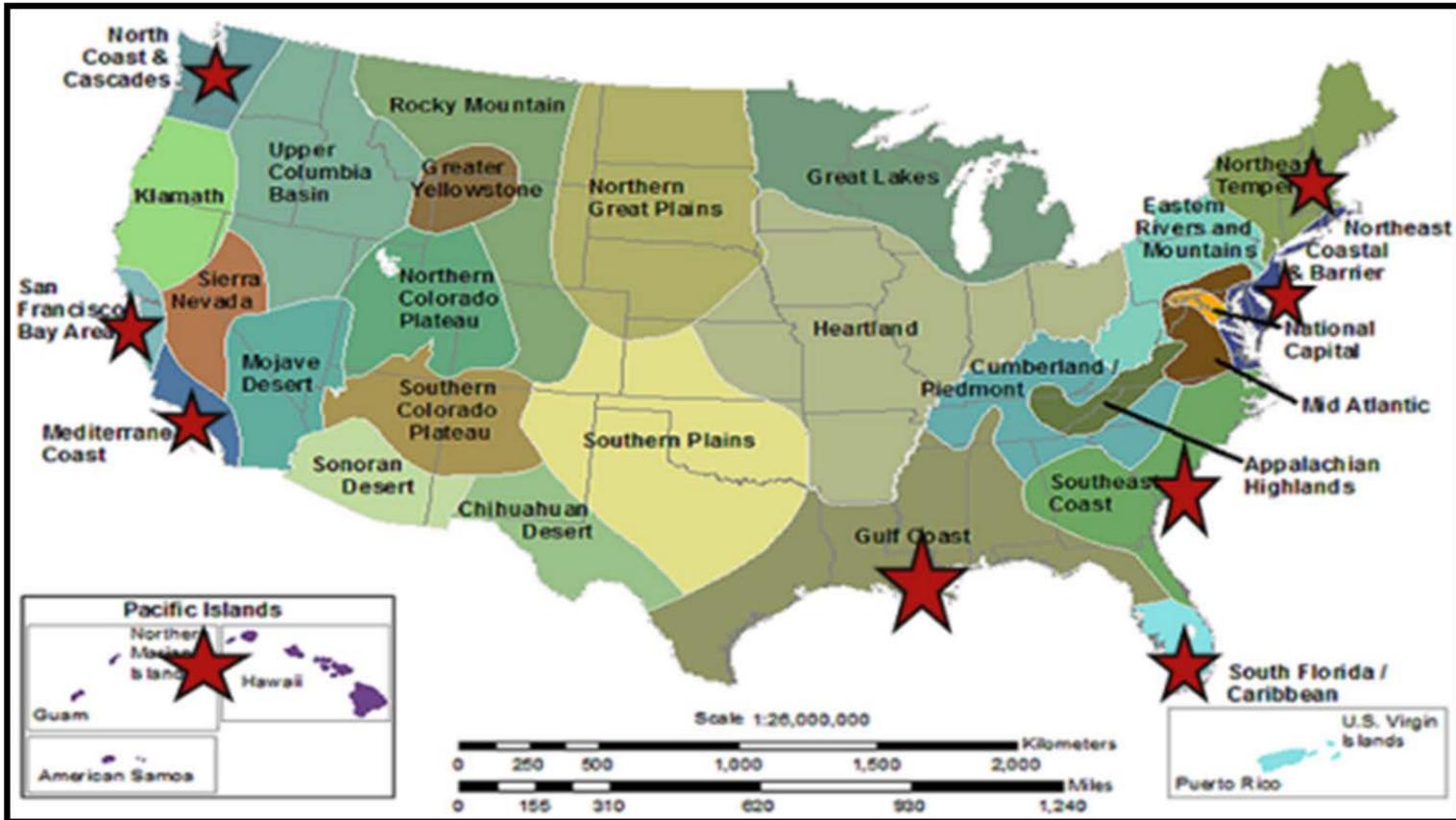


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Collaboration Among Scientists and Managers

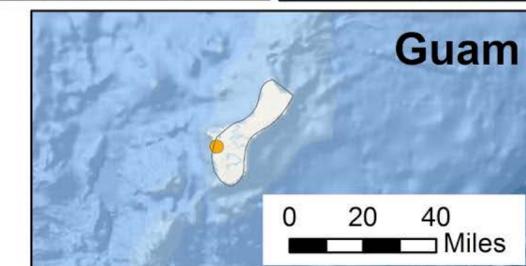
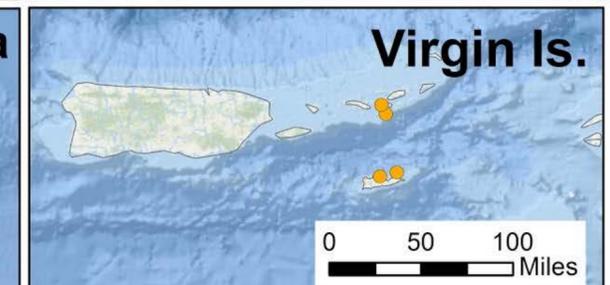
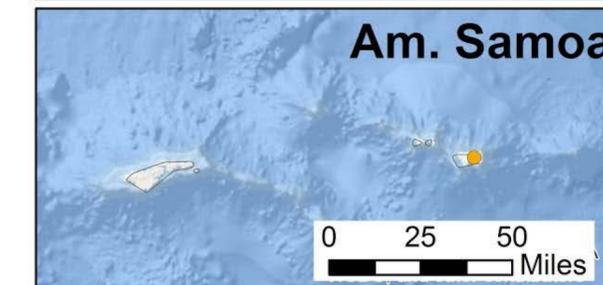
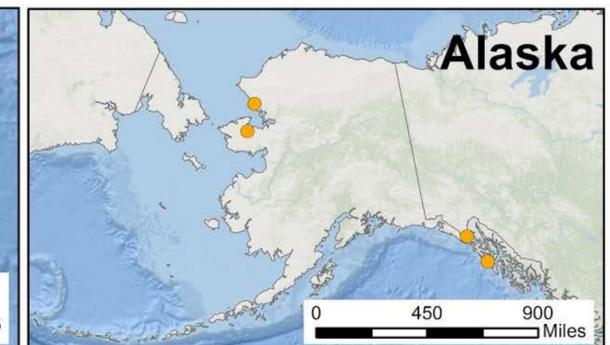
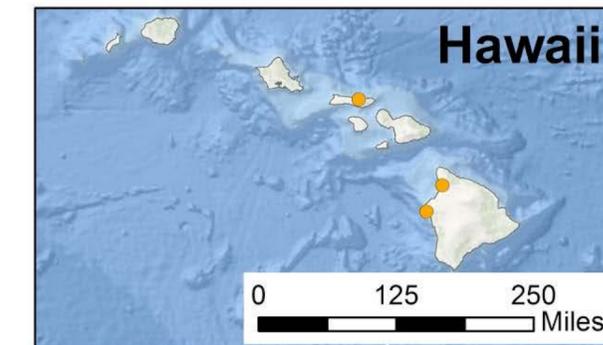
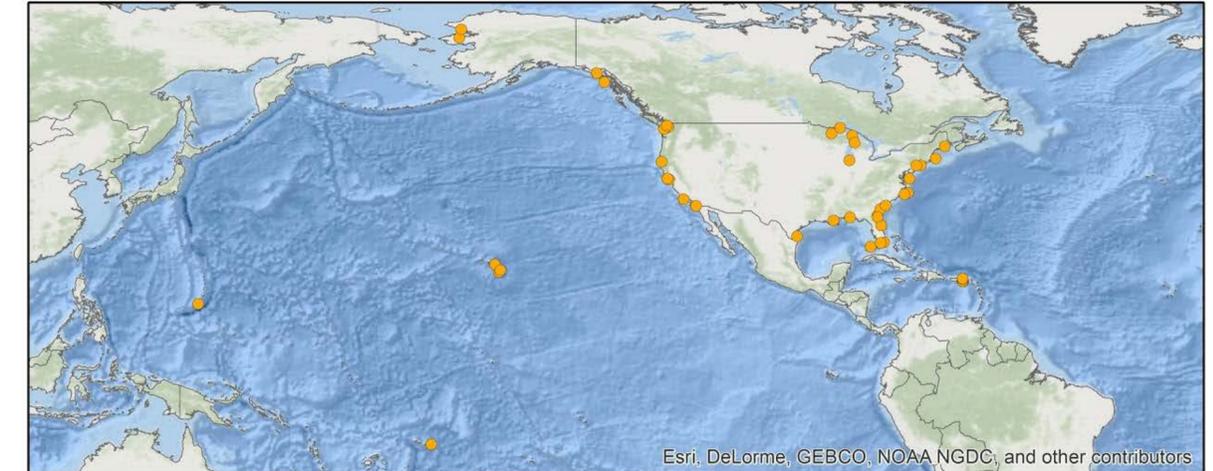
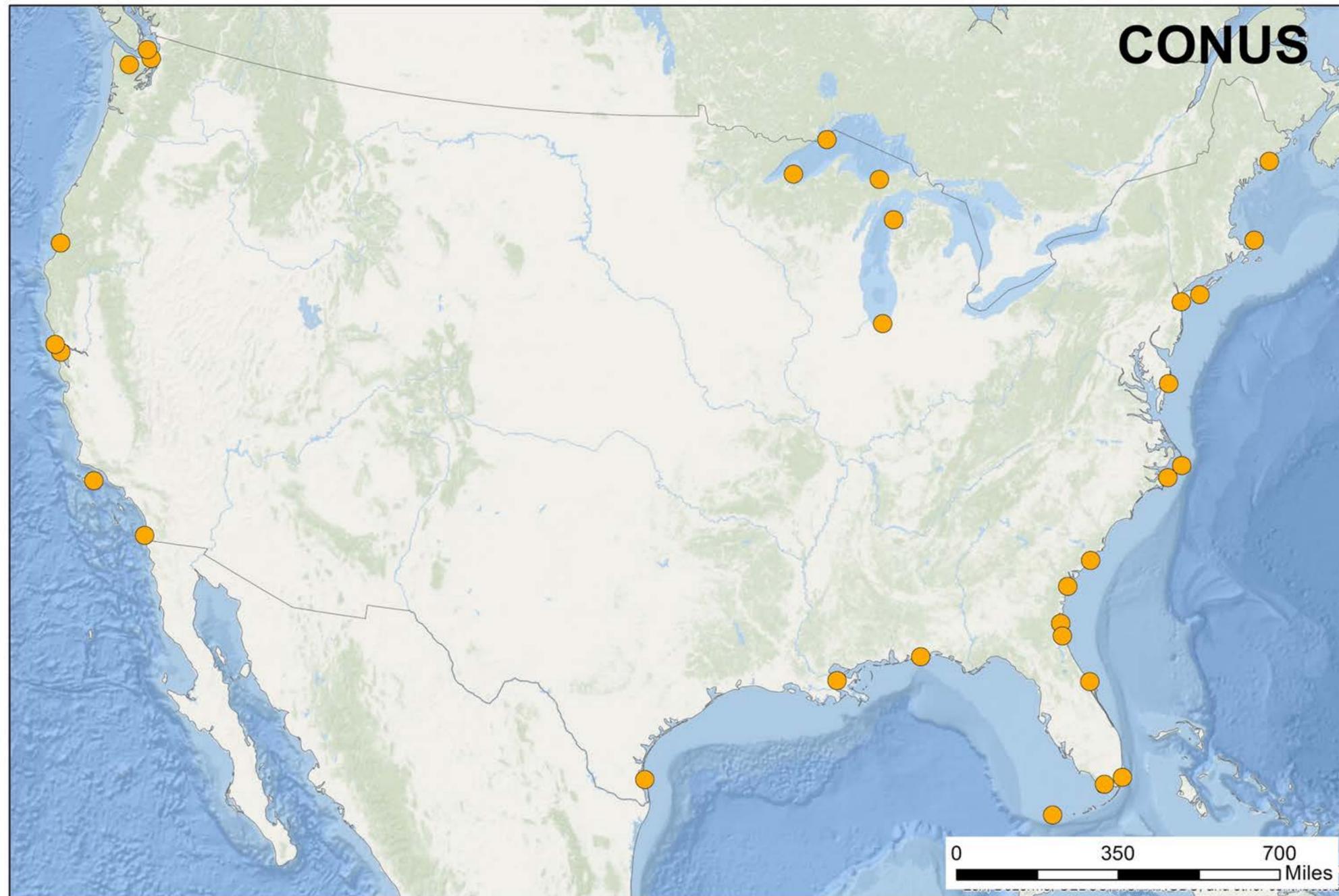


- NPS Coastal Inventory and Monitoring Networks
- Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (universities)
- State agencies
- NOAA
- US Geological Survey
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Army Corps of Engineers





44 National Park Units in MPA Inventory





We look forward to working with you!

- Seek your valuable expert advice & recommendations
- Provide visibility and recognition for non-federal partners and their contributions to MPA communities of practice
- Value your diverse input: natural sciences, marine archeology, commercial and recreational fishing, non-consumptive uses, state resource managers, energy, tourism, and conservation organizations, among other sectors