Working towards healthy, thriving habitats of sufficient quality to support all life stages of Atlantic coastal, estuarine-dependent, and diadromous fishes.

Who We Are

A coast-wide partnership of fish habitat resource managers, scientists, and communications professionals from 30 different state, federal, tribal, and non-governmental entities.

What We Do

Develop goals, objectives, action strategies and priorities to guide conservation efforts directed towards fish habitat conservation on the Atlantic coast.

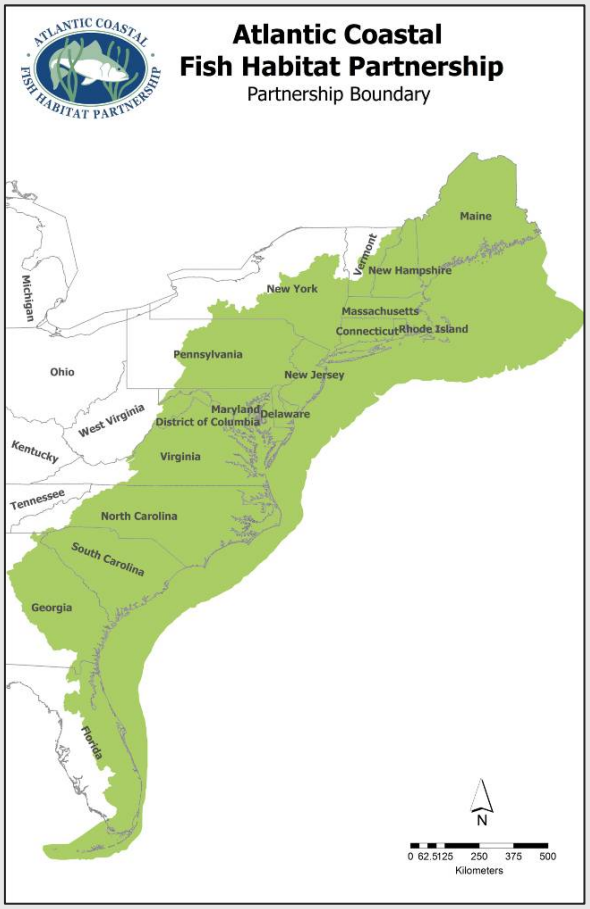
Secure, leverage, and distribute resources for on-the-ground fish habitat conservation projects.

Coordinate the implementation of fish habitat conservation projects on a coast-wide, regional, and local scale.

Develop coast-wide scientific projects whose outcomes serve as decision support tools for our partners and other entities working to conserve aquatic habitat.

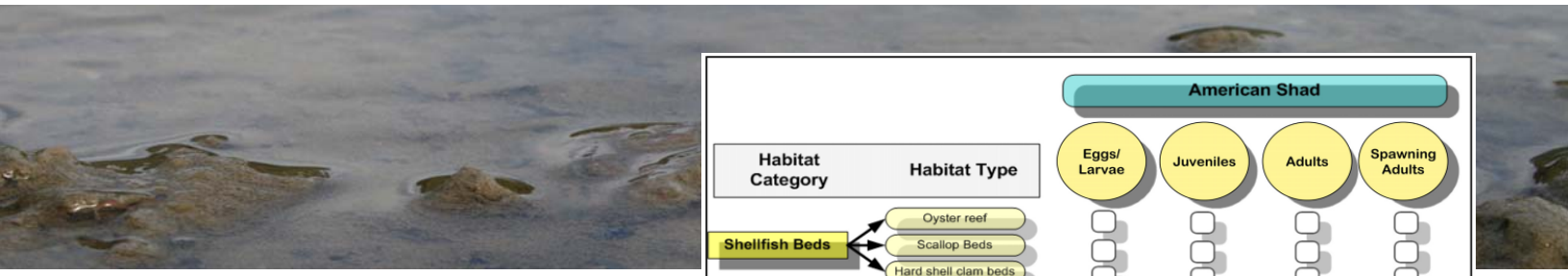
Our Goals

Support projects that protect and maintain healthy aquatic systems, prevent further degradation, or restore degraded aquatic habitats.



Where We Work

From the headwaters of coastally draining rivers to the edge of the continental shelf, from Maine to the Florida Keys, with a focus in estuarine environments.



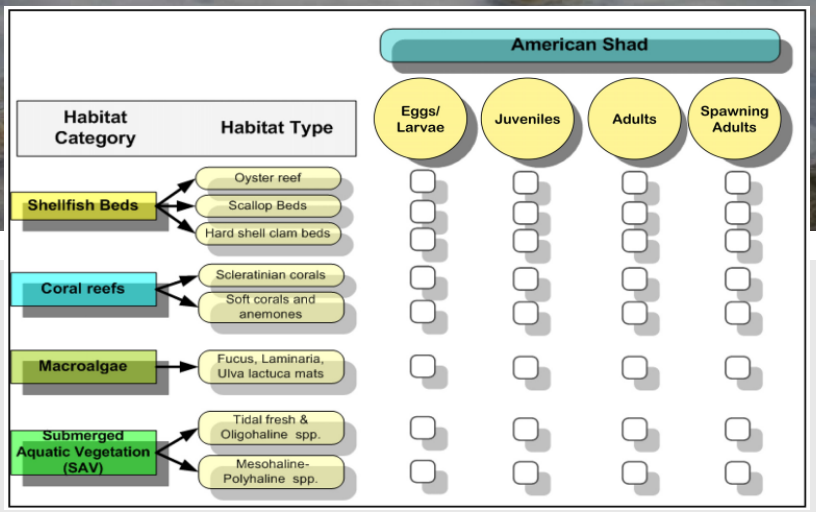
Science Projects

Our **Species-Habitat Matrix** and **Assessment of Existing Habitat Information** projects were completed to inform or verify the development of conservation objectives and priorities.

The **Species-Habitat Matrix** evaluates the relative importance of coastal, estuarine, and freshwater habitat types in terms of their value to the major life stages of over 100 fish species.

The development, review, and analysis of the Species-Habitat Matrix represents a truly coast-wide cooperative effort to which scientists from state, federal, NGO, and academic entities contributed.

The **Assessment of Existing Habitat Information** was conducted through a contract with the NOAA National Ocean Service. It is a database of documents, datasets, and information portals on Atlantic coastal fish species and habitats which were collected and analyzed for indicator, threat, and action information. The Assessment is web-based, enabling all resource managers to access this information at: http://www8.nos.noaa.gov/bhv/spatbibindex.html.



Illustrative Snap Shot of the Species-Habitat Matrix

Snap Shot of the Assessment of Existing Habitat Information

How You Can Get Involved

You can help the Partnership develop, refine, or achieve the following:

- ☑ Conservation strategies
- ☑ Long-term funding strategies
- ☑ Partners from the national, regional, and local levels

For more information on the Partnership visit us at: www.atlanticfishhabitat.org

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