

More about Seagrass

Want to know more about seagrass research, restoration, and the agencies involved in managing seagrass habitat? The links on this page connect you to the latest research findings about seagrass ecology, related fisheries and agencies charged with protecting this valuable habitat. The website list ([Websites.pdf](#)) given below is available is contained in the Links folder.



Seagrass Websites

Seagrass in Florida

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI)
http://research.myfwc.com/features/category_main.asp?id=1323

Conservation and restoration of seagrass is the primary focus of FWRI program staff in aquatic vegetation. Seagrass research helps supply resource managers with data necessary to make effective decisions about the preservation, management, and restoration of these communities.

Seagrass Ecosystems Research Lab
<http://www.fiu.edu/~seagrass/>

Information on the biology and ecology of seagrasses, current research projects, and classes taught by the Seagrass Ecosystems Research Lab staff. SERL is a component of the Southeast Environmental Research

Center at Florida International University.
<http://serc.fiu.edu/sercindex/index.htm>

Seagrass in Biscayne National Park
<http://www.nps.gov/archive/bisc/resource/bay.htm>

Biscayne Bay is a shallow estuary, a place where freshwater from the land mixes with salt water from the sea and life abounds. Biscayne National Park protects seagrass in the uppermost reaches of the Florida Keys coral reef ecosystem.

Florida Seagrass Conservation Information System
<http://research.myfwc.com/seagrass/>

The Florida Seagrass Conservation Information System is an updatable collection of projects being conducted throughout Florida. This resource is intended to enable researchers to access information from sources who have conducted similar projects.

Florida DEP Seagrass
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/habitats/seagrass/>

This site contains general information about seagrass and links to boating in shallow waters and other seagrass research projects.

Key to Seagrasses of Florida
www.fiu.edu/~seagrass/key/seagrasskey.html

This site contains a key to identifying the species of seagrass in Florida waters.

Florida Bay—Seagrass
<http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2006/5287/pdf/FloridaBay.pdf>

A 12-page document published in 2006 by US Geological Survey that summarizes the status and trends in seagrass distribution in Florida Bay, including results from field studies and historical information.

Why Are Seagrasses Important?
<http://santarosa.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/environment/marine/seagrass.pdf>

This is a two-page document that describes why seagrasses are important and provides information about how to protect them.

Seagrass in the United States

Seagrass in Chesapeake Bay

<http://www.vims.edu/bio/sav/>

A brief primer on submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) in Chesapeake Bay, relevant information on special reports or projects from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science researchers, recent and historical SAV distribution information, and more.

Seagrass in Texas

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/water/habitats/seagrass/>

The Texas Seagrass Monitoring Program was proposed at a Workshop held in Corpus Christi, Texas, in August 2000 that was attended by some eighty resource managers, estuarine scientists, and environmental representatives dedicated to seagrass conservation and protection. This site contains information about the five seagrass genera that occur in Texas waters.

Hawaii Coral Reef Initiative

<http://www.hawaii.edu/ssri/hcri/research/projects/status/index.shtml>

This site contains information about the ecology and threats facing coral reefs and seagrasses in Hawaii.

Seagrass International

Seagrass in Australia

<http://www.seagrasswatch.org/home.html>

Seagrass Watch is the largest scientific, non-destructive, seagrass assessment and monitoring program in the world. Since its genesis in 1998 in Australia, Seagrass Watch has now expanded internationally to 18 countries. Monitoring is currently occurring at over 165 sites.

Global Seagrass Monitoring Network

<http://www.seagrassnet.org/>

SeagrassNet is a global monitoring program to investigate and document both the status of seagrass resources world wide and the threats to this important and imperiled marine ecosystem.

World Seagrass Association

<http://www.worldseagrass.org/about.htm>

The association supports training and information exchange and raises global awareness of seagrass science and environmental management issues.

Seagrass in Europe

<http://www.seagrasses.org/>

This site contains information about a consortium involved in managing and monitoring seagrass habitats in Europe.