Mapping Mangroves by Geomorphic Type and Species In the Charlotte Harbor Region



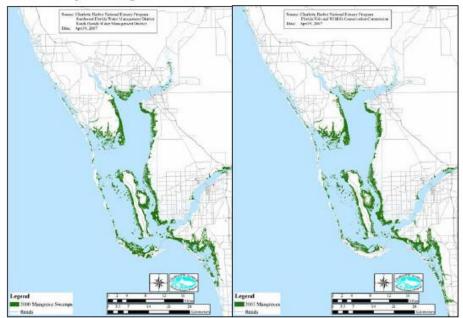
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FW-g: Mangrove acreage and location by basin.

Summary: Landuse maps are created from aerial photography every 5 years by the water management districts and landcover maps are created by the FFWCC every 5-6 years. In addition the SWFWMD is contracting annual landuse land cover maps. The CHNEP staff can use FLUCCS codes and land cover maps to classify mangrove spatial extent and compare acreage over time.



Available Products:

- 2000 WMD Mangrove Land Use Shape File, including mangrove swamps.
- 2003 FFWCC Vegetative Communities Shape File, including mangroves.

Gaps:

1) Map mangrove systems by predominate species within existing programs.

Target:

 No long-term net declines in mangrove coverage by basin from 1980 coverage except as a result of natural variation, restoration to natural hydrology (e.g. filling of mosquito ditches), or where construction impedes restoration of mangroves.

FW-h: Mangrove species composition for sample sites.

Summary: Some localized mangrove surveys are conducted on an annual basis. The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) marine laboratory conducts surveys on Sanibel and Captiva at 12 plots. Annual analyses and reporting occurs in the SCCF document State of our Coastal Environment. Sites throughout Charlotte County were surveyed in response to Hurricane Charley by Terry Tattar and David Scott, in cooperation with Seagrant and West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND). In addition other sites throughout the CHNEP study area have been surveyed in the past, and data is available for future comparison. These include sites in the mangrove forests of Cayo Costa, Gasparilla Island, and Estero Bay.

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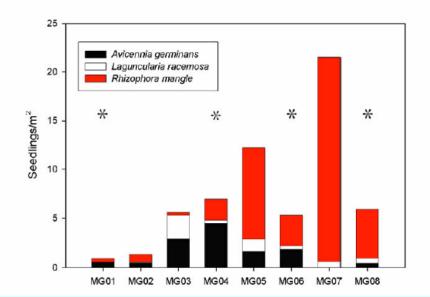
- SCCF State of our Coastal Environment annual report
- Cayo Costa Reports, 1977
- Milbrandt et al. 2006. Estuaries. 29(6A).

Gaps:

 Expand mangrove species composition monitoring throughout entire CHNEP area, monitor transects every 5-10 years to evaluate mangrove species changes.

Targets:

 No long-term change in mangrove species composition, except as a result of natural forest succession



FW-j: Intertidal and high saltwater marsh acreage and location by basin

Summary: Land use maps are created from aerial photography every 5 years by the water management districts and land cover maps are created by the FFWCC every 5-6 years. In addition the SWFWMD is contracting annual land use and land cover maps. The CHNEP staff can use FLUCCS codes and land cover maps to classify acreage over time in a general "salt marsh" category. The FFWCC map appears more reliable for salt marsh acreage. For example, note the presence of tidal salt marsh on Shell Creek on the FFWCC map. The differentiation between high marsh and tidal marsh may be estimated based on its presence behind mangrove (high marsh) versus its presence on a tidal creek or river (tidal marsh).

Available Products:

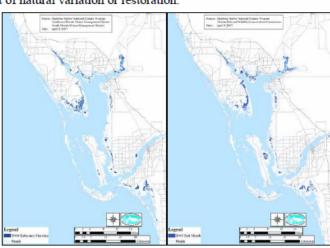
- 2000 Land Use map from Water Management Districts with Saltwater Marshes distinguished.
- 1986, 1997, 2003 Land Cover map from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with Salt Marsh distinguished.
- SFWMD Pre-Development Map south of Peace River, the SWFWMD Pre-Development Map of the Peace River basin, and the CHNEP Pre-Development Map of Sarasota County.

Gaps:

- Differentiate between tidal and high marsh within existing land cover mapping programs.
- Determine natural variation in salt water marsh habitat extent.
- 3) Predevelopment vegetation map for entire area to determine acreage changes.

Targets:

- No long-term net declines in intertidal saltwater marsh coverage by basin except as a result of natural variation or restoration.
- No long-term net declines in high saltwater marsh coverage by basin except as a result of natural variation or restoration.



FW-k: Percent exotics within saltwater marshes by basin.

Summary: Most salt marsh acreage, especially high marsh, is within Preserve State Parks. Managers are responsible for removal of exotics and probably could give information regarding exotic invasion status and other conditions related to salt marshes in their care. Charlotte County conducted melaleuca mapping on Cape Haze, which includes salt marsh.

Available Products:

- CHNEP staff requested melaleuca map for Cape Haze.
- CHNEP staff requested information related to the salt marshes within the Buffer Preserve State Parks.

Gaps:

 Create a monitoring program to determine the percent of exotic plants in saltwater marshes throughout the CHNEP area.

Targets:

 Achievement of controllable levels of Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council-defined nuisance, invasive exotic plant species on saltwater marsh habitat on public lands by 2020.

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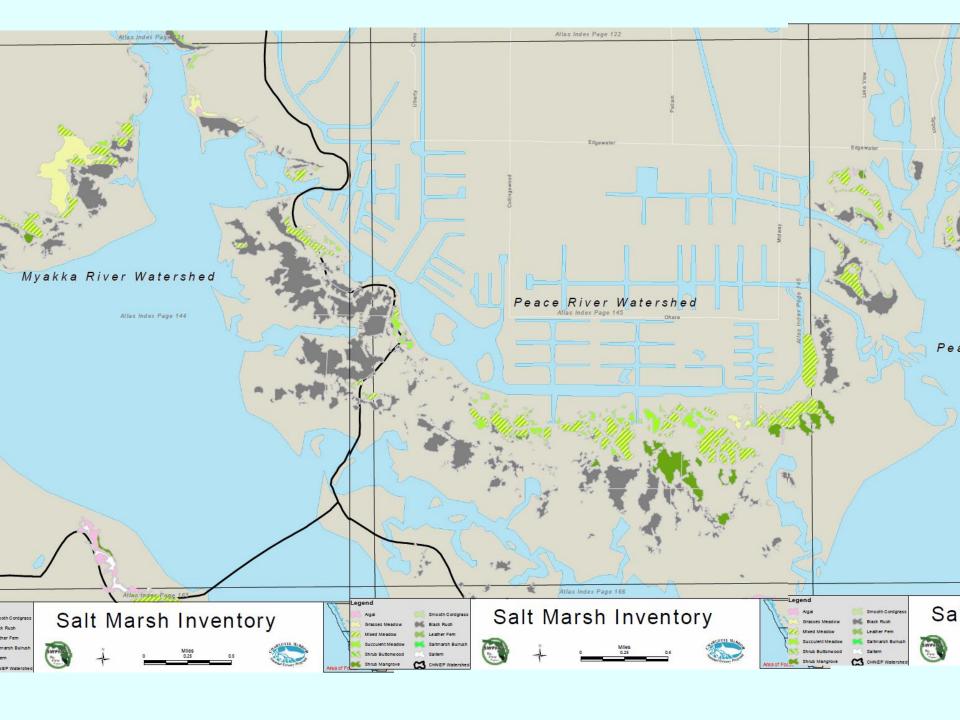
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Wetland Program Development Grants Summaries, 2006-2011

Grant summaries for past grants from 2006–2011 (PDF) (226 pp, 1.1 MB) contains summaries of Wetland Program Development Grants awarded from 2006 through 2011; includes project titles, descriptions, contact information, and links to the complete grant record in the Wetland Grants Database.

Applicants for Wetland Program Development Grants should examine the grant summaries in this PDF and consider whether there is any information from any grants similar to their current proposals that the applicant can benefit from (such as project design, deliverables, etc.). To that end, EPA has categorized the grants by topic area. Within each topic area, the grants are arranged first chronologically by year and then alphabetically by the state the grants work took place in. Along with project titles and descriptions, we have provided contact information if applicants want to talk to project implementers.

We have also provided a link for each grant to the complete grant record in the Wetland Grants Database. There, users can find additional information for these grants, including dollar figures, and project deliverables and final reports (the latter two are only available for closed-out grants).





FINAL REPORT- University of Massachusetts Grant # S23000000100000

Date: January 20, 2004

Sponsor: Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program

Grant Title: Dynamics of Tree Mortality and Mangrove Recruitment within Black Mangrove Dieoffs in Southwest Florida

Investigators:

Principal Investigator: Terry A. Tattar, Ph.D., Professor of Microbiology, Department of Microbiology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003 Professional Geologist: David C. Scott, 1220 NW43 Ave., Cape Coral, FL33993

Introduction and Background:

A. Mangrove Biology and Health

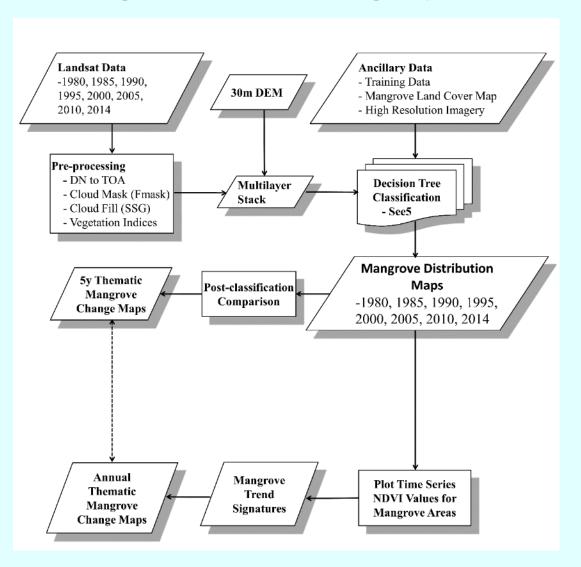
Mangrove forests are the dominant plant community in both the New and Old World tropical coastlines. Mangrove forests in the United States are found in Florida, Puerto Rico, south Texas and the Virgin Islands. Although mangrove forests are critical to stabilization of coastlines along the Atlantic coast and in the Gulf of Mexico (Odum, et al, 1982), their role in tropical fisheries has also been recognized (Hatcher, Joannes and Robertson, 1989). Numerous studies have shown that mangrove-fringed waters have much greater fish densities than communities where mangrove forests are absent (Yanez-

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- 1. Annotated Bibliography
- 2. Mangroves and die-off identified with spectral data (USGS)
- 3. Site Visits
- 4. GIS mapping by Geomorphologic Type and Species
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Mapping and Monitoring of Mangrove Forests in the United States Using Satellite Imagery

 Mapping mangrove distribution and change using 30m Landsat data

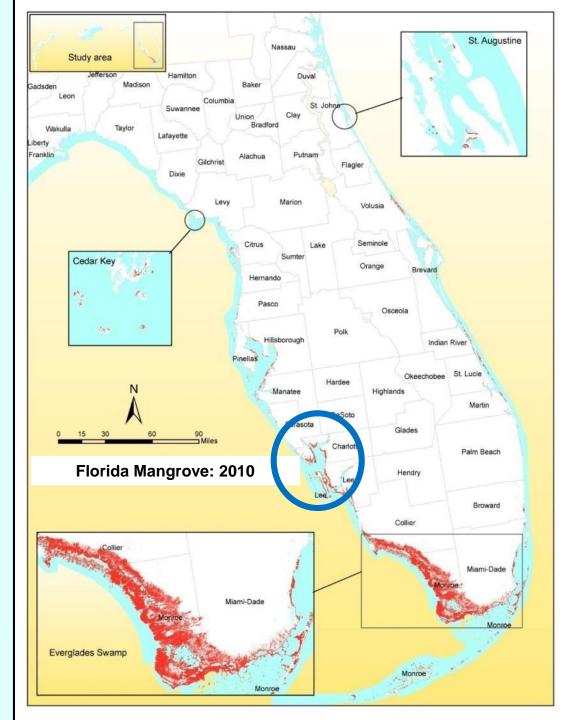


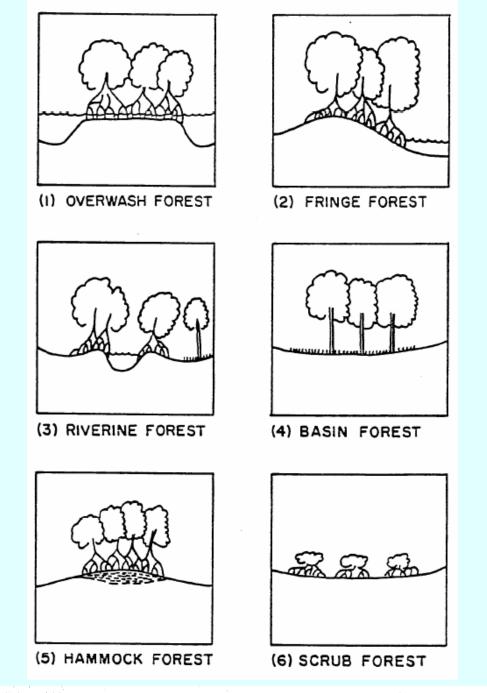


- Florida mangrove distribution (2010)
 - o 241,029 ha
 - 98% of US total mangrove



Jordan Long & Chandra Giri, December 2014





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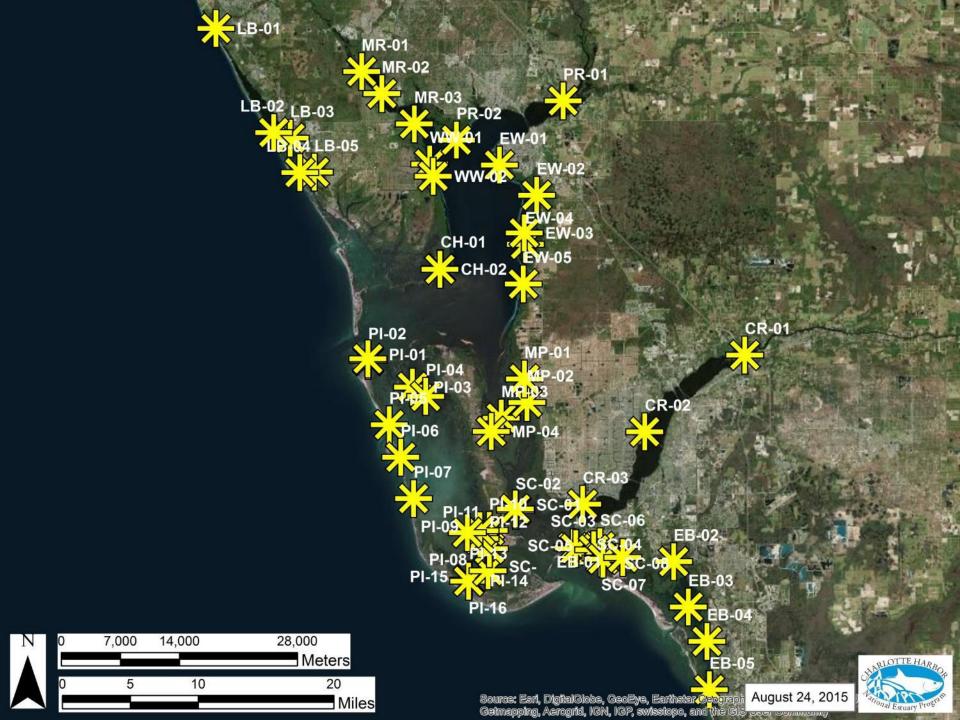
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Figure 4. The six mangrove community types (Lugo and Snedaker 1974).

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SALTWATER MARSHES	6421	64211	SUBTIDAL SALTWATER MARSH	SMOOTH CORDGRASS
SALTWATER MARSHES	6422	64221	TIDAL SALTWATER MARSH	BLACK NEEDLE RUSH
SALTWATER MARSHES	6422	64222	TIDAL SALTWATER MARSH	LEATHER FERN
SALTWATER MARSHES	6422	64223	TIDAL SALTWATER MARSH	BULRUSH
SALTWATER MARSHES	6423	64231	SUPERTIDAL SALTWATER MARSH	ALGAL SALTWATER MARSH
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SALTWATER MARSHES	6423	64233	SUPERTIDAL SALTWATER MARSH	SUCCULENT MEADOW SALTWATER MARSH
SALTWATER MARSHES	6423	61234	SUPERTIDAL SALTWATER MARSH	MIXED MEADOW SALTWATER MARSH
SALTWATER MARSHES	6123	64235	SUPERTIDAL SALTWATER MARSH	GRASS MEADOW SALTWATER MARSH
SALTWATER MARSHES	6423	64236	SUPERTIDAL SALTWATER MARSH	SHRUB BUTTONWOOD MARSH
SALTWATER MARSHES	6423	64237	SUPERTIDAL SALTWATER MARSH	SHRUB BLACK MANGROVE MARSH
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6121	61211	OVERWASH MANGROVE FOREST	OVERWASH RED MANGROVE FOREST
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6121	61219	OVERWASH MANGROVE FOREST	OVERWASH DEAD MANGROVE FOREST
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6122	61221	FRINGE MANGROVE FOREST	FRINGE RED MANGROVE FOREST
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6122	61225	FRINGE MANGROVE FOREST	FRINGE MIXED MANGROVE FOREST
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6123	61231	RIVERINE MANGROVE FOREST	RIVERINE RED MANGROVE FOREST
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6123	61233	RIVERINE MANGROVE FOREST	RIVERINE WHITE MANGROVE FOREST
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6123	61235	RIVERINE MANGROVE FOREST	RIVERINE MIXED MANGROVE FOREST
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6124	61245	BASIN MANGROVE FOREST	BASIN MIXED MANGROVE FOREST
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6124	61242	BASIN MANGROVE FOREST	BASIN BLACK MANGROVE FOREST
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6125	61251	HAMMOCK MANGROVE FOREST	HAMMOCK RED MANGROVE FOREST
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6126	61262	SCRUB MANGROVE FOREST	SCRUB BLACK MANGROVE FOREST
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6126		SCRUB MANGROVE FOREST	SCRUB BUTTONWOOD FOREST
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6126	61265	SCRUB MANGROVE FOREST	SCRUB MIXED MANGROVE FOREST
MANGROVE SWAMPS	6127	61271	ALTERED MANGROVE HEDGE	ALTERED RED MANGROVE HEDGE
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MANGROVE SWAMPS-DIEOFF	6357	63571	ALTERED MANGROVE HEDGE	ALTERED RED MANGROVE HEDGE



CHNEP Mangrove Site Review Data Sheet								Page 1 of 3		
Site ID: CH-02	Date of Insp	ection: June	12, 2015		Ownership	TIITF/STATE LANDS				
Location	Township	Range	Section	Lat.	Long.	PA Number	422125	5100001		
Cape Haze Point	42	21	25	26.786274	-82.160541	County	Cha	rlotte		
From Pre-Visit Aerials:										
CHNEP Estuary Segment	Cape Haze									
Water body	Charlotte Harbor									
Mangrove Forest Type (from photographic aerial)	Black Mangrove Basin									
Elevation (from LIDAR)	0.721574									
Elevation (from other sources)	F30E									
Tidal Position	Low									
Adjacent upland habitat type (if any)	None									
FWC mapped as	Mangrove Swamp									
WMD mapped as	Mangrove Swamps									
USGS mapped as	Mangrove									
% tree cover	85									
Human impacts in site (ditching, fill, vehicles, bait digging, etc.)	t None									
Adjacent human impacts (dikes, roads, canals, bulkheads, etc.)	None									
Note: spiders and egg cases. Canopy style (red) (white) ∩ (black)										
From Onsite Visit:						Site: CH-02	Date: June 12	Page 2 of 3		
Mangrove Species & Conditions (in a 1,000 m ² area)	Red Mangrove (Rhizophora mangle)				White Ma	-	Buttonwood (Conocarpus erectus)			

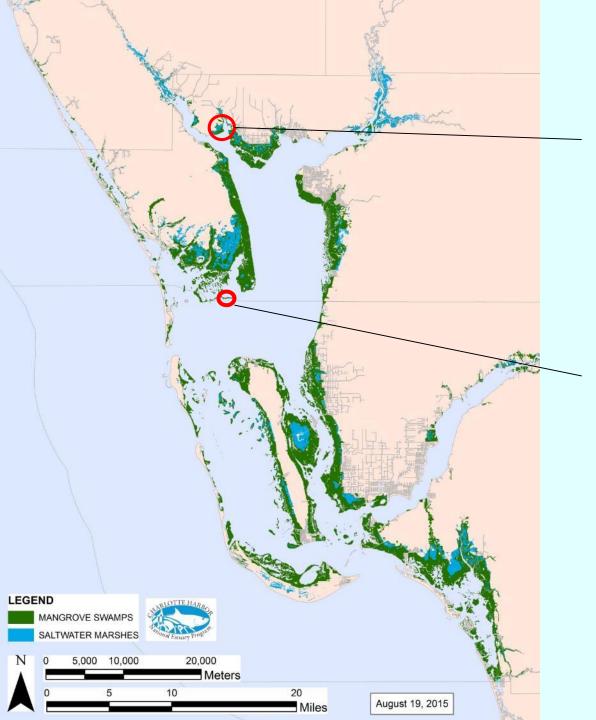
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Present (Y/N)	Y		Y		Υ		0	
% Cover	60)%	1%		40%		0	
Tallest Tree Height (m)	12	2'	12'		15'		0	
Shortest Tree Height (m)	12	2"	12'		4"		0	
Seedlings Present (Y/N)	١	Y	0		Υ		0	
Propagules on Trees (Y/N)	ı	N	N		N		0	
General Crown Form	Oval		Round		Oval		0	
Leaf Color (Munsell or Leaf Color Chart)	5GY 3/4		7.5GY 4/2		5GY 4/4		0	
Estimated % Folivory	25%		20%		10%		0	
Estimated % Dead Branches	10	0%	5%		30%		0	
Estimated % Crown Density	85%		10%		20%		0	
Tree Health (1 healthy, 2 early decline, 3 moderate decline, 4 severe decline, 5 dead)	1		1		2		0	
Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (Associated with Mangrove Community)				Invasive Exotic Vegetation (Assoicated with Mangrove Communit)				
SAV Species	Present (Y/N)	% Cover		Exotic	Species	% Cover	Tallest Tree Ht (m)	Shortest Tree Ht (m)
Manatee grass (Syringodium filiforme)				Brazilian pepper (Schinus		0		
Shoal grass (<i>Halodule wrightii</i>)				terebinthifoliu	s)			
Tape grass (Vallisneria american a)				Australian pine	e (Casuarina	0		
Turtle grass (<i>Thalassia testudinum</i>)				agustifolia)	-			
Widgeon grass (<i>Ruppia maritima</i>)					and the state of t	0		

From Onsite Visit (Continued):			Site: CH-02	Date: June 12	Page 3 of 3
Upland/Wetland Plant Species	Present (Y/N)	% Cover	Upland/Wetland Species	Present (Y/N)	% Cover
Annual glasswort (Salacornia bigelovii)			saltmarsh morning-glory (Ipomea sagittata)		
Baker's cordgrass (<i>Spartina bakerii</i>)			Saltwater falsewillow (Baccharis angustifolia)		
Big leaf marshelder (Iva frutescens)			samphire (<i>Philoxerus vermicularis</i>)		
Black rush (<i>Juncus roemerianus</i>)			scorpionstail (Heliotrope angiospermum)		
Bushy sea ox-eye daisey (Borrchia frutescens)			sea blite (Suada linearis)		
Carolina sealavender (<i>Limonium carolianum</i>)			sea purselane (Sesuvium portulacastrum)		
Chaff flower (Alternanthera ramossima)			seacoast marshelder (Iva imbricata)		
Coastal searocket (<i>Cakile lanceolata</i>)			seashore dropseed (Sporobolus virginicus)		
Giant wild pine airplant (Tillandsia utriculata)			seashore paspalum (Paspalum vaginatum)		
Groundsel (saltbush) tree (Baccharis halimifolia)			seaside goldenrod (Solidago sempervirens)		
gulf cordgrass (Spartina spartinae)			seaside jackbean (Canavalia rosea)		
heavenlyblue morning-glory (Ipomea violacea)			seaside primrosewillow (<i>Ludwigia maritima</i>)		
Juba's bush blood-leaf (<i>Iresine diffusa</i>)			smooth cordgrass (Spartina alternifolia)		
leather fern (Acrostichum aureum)			southern needleleaf airplant (Tillandsia setacea)		
leather fern (Acrostichum danaeifolium)			spider lily (Hymenocallis aloifolia)		
Medicine vine (Hippocratea volubilis)			tree sea ox-eye daisey (Borrchia arborescens)		
moonflowers (<i>Ipomea alba</i>)			twisted airplant (<i>Tillandsia</i> flexuosa)		
perrenial glasswort (Sarcocornia ambigua)			wand goldenrod (Solidago stricta)		
rubber vine (<i>Rhabdadenia biflora</i>)			water pimpernel (Samolus ebracteatus)		
salt grass (<i>Distichlis spicata</i>)			Other		
salt wort (Batis maritima)	Υ	50%	Other		



GIS Tools

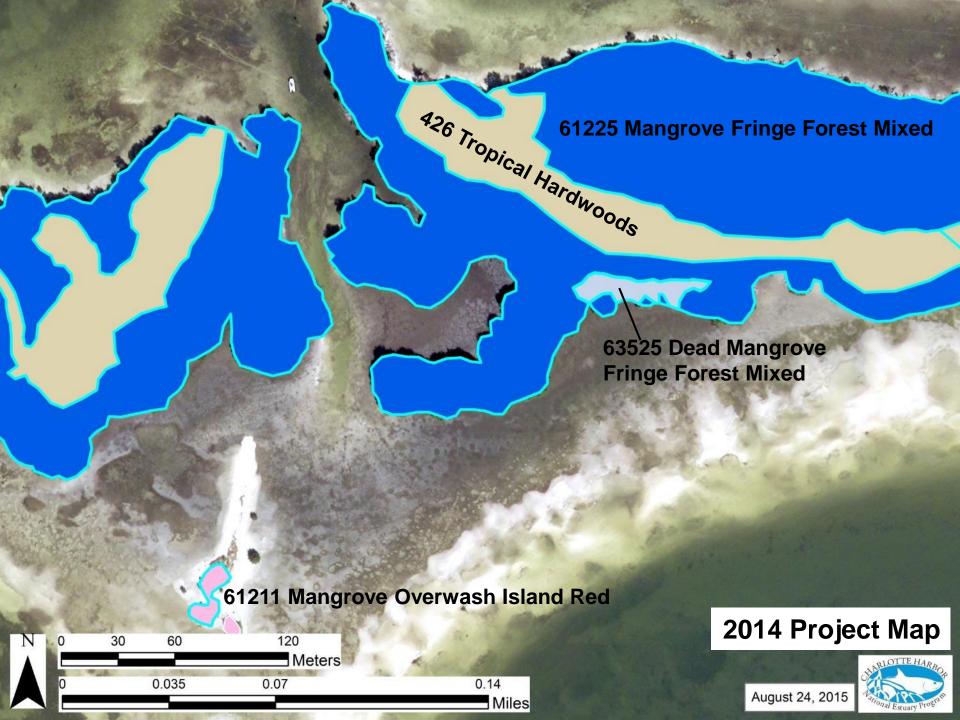
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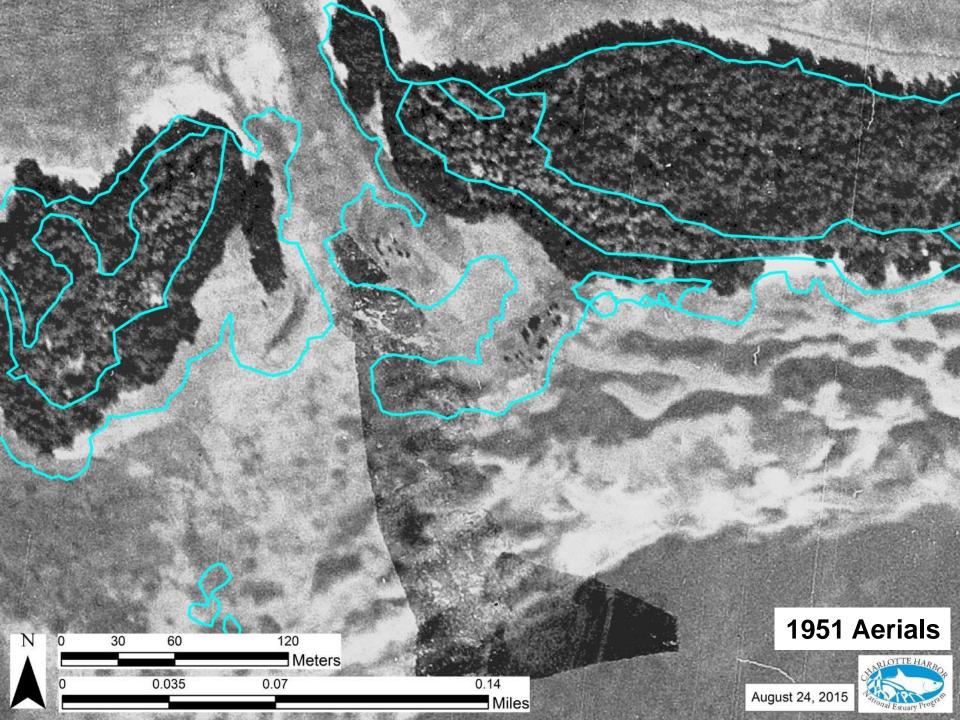
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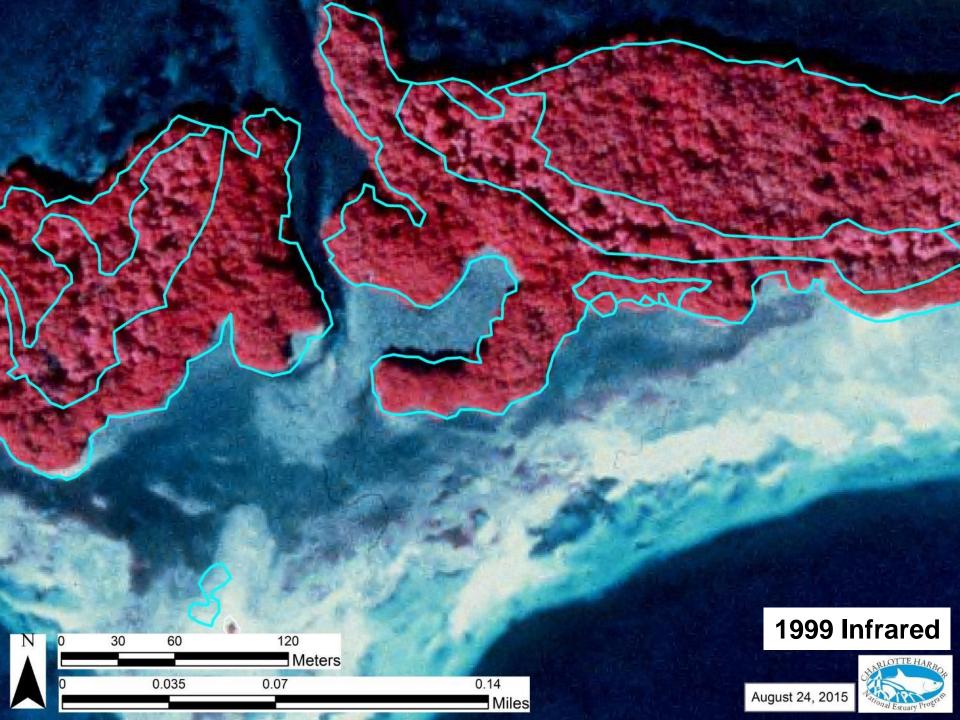


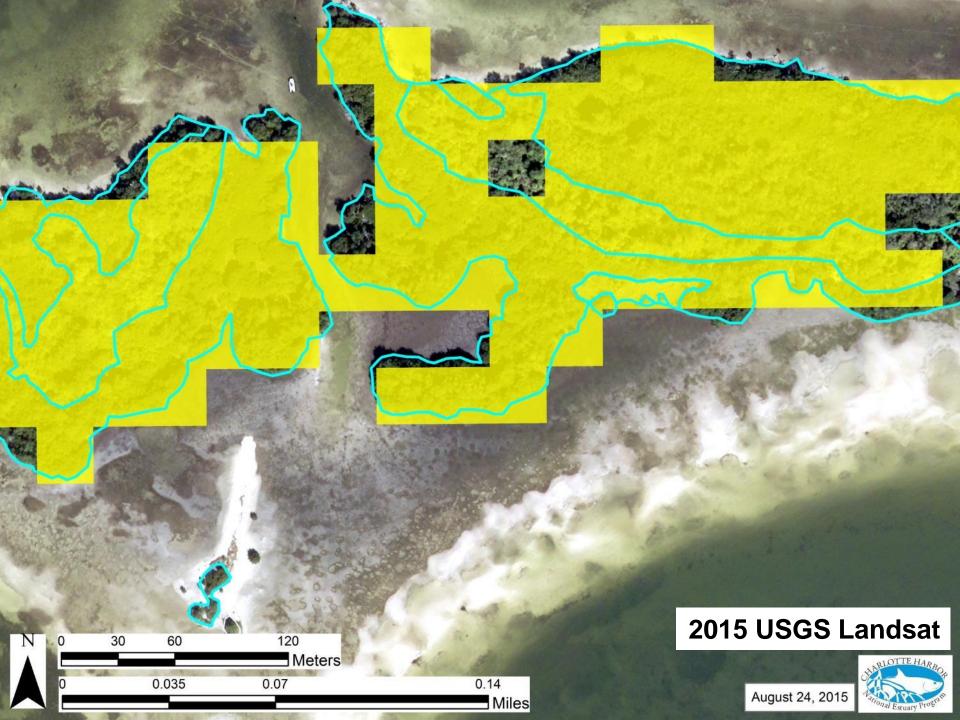


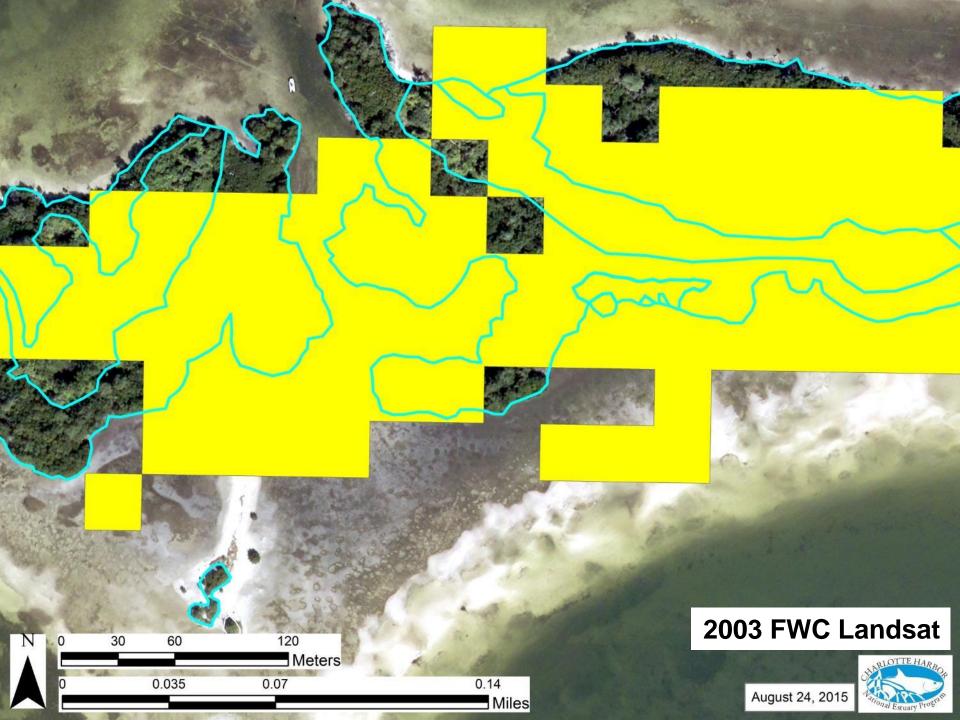


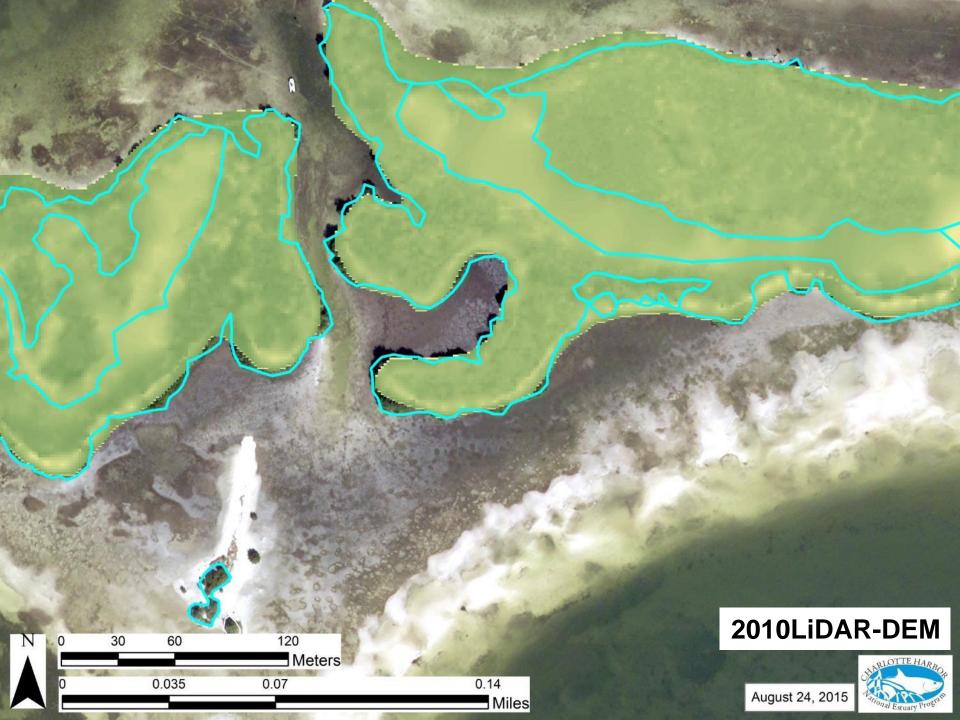


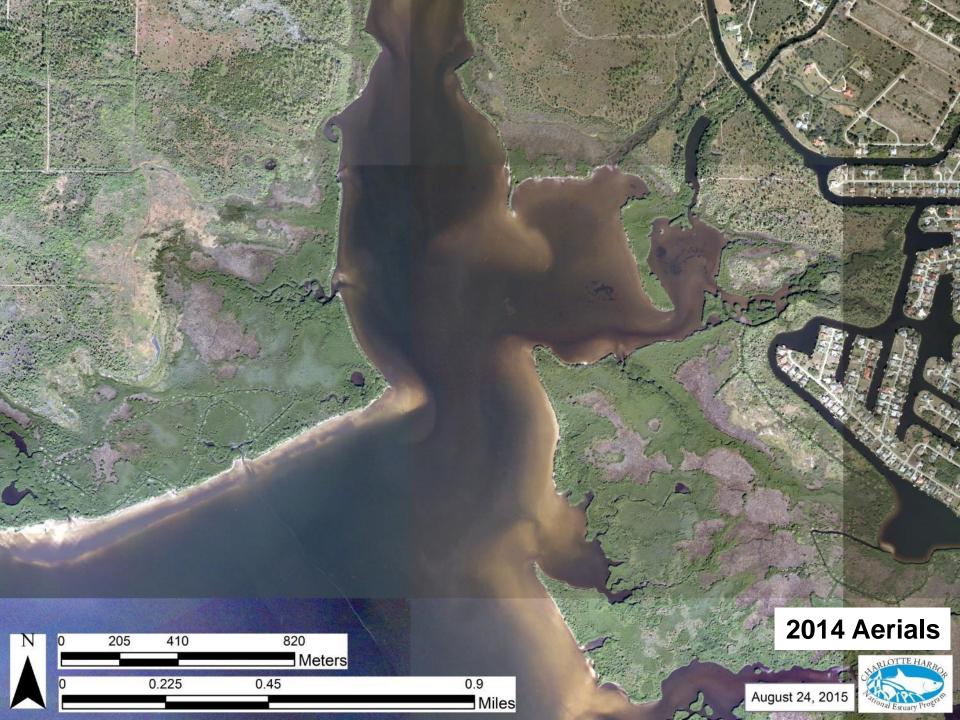


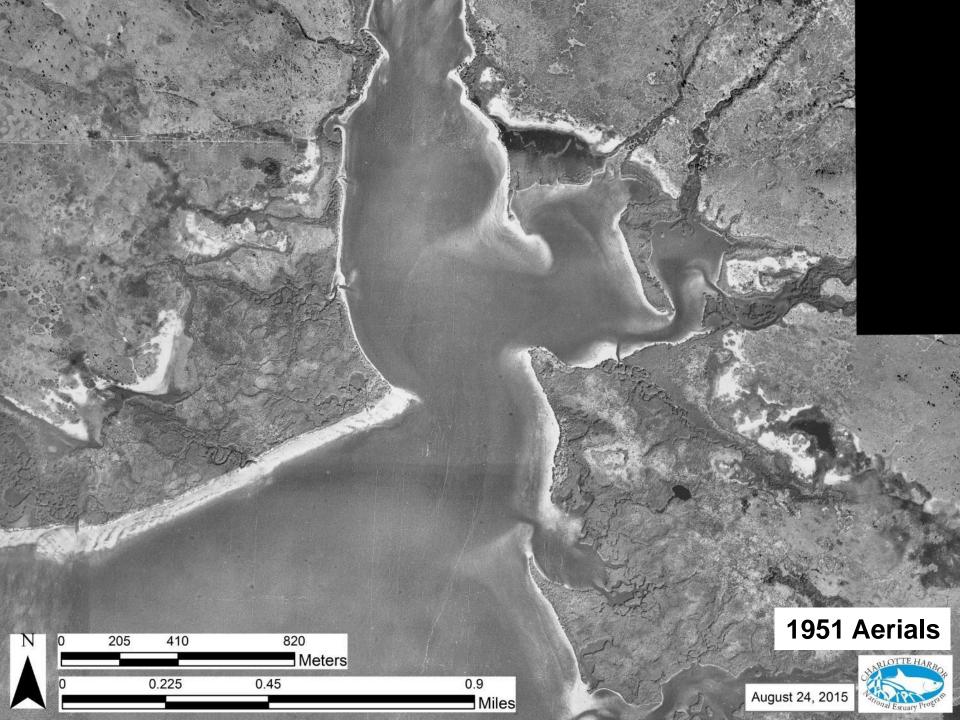


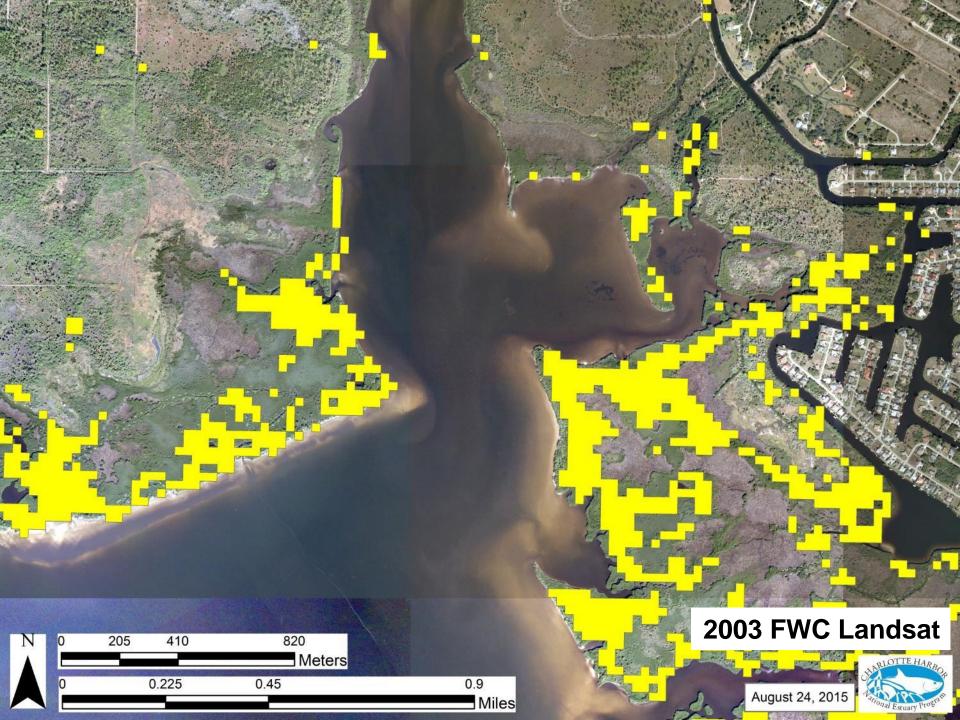


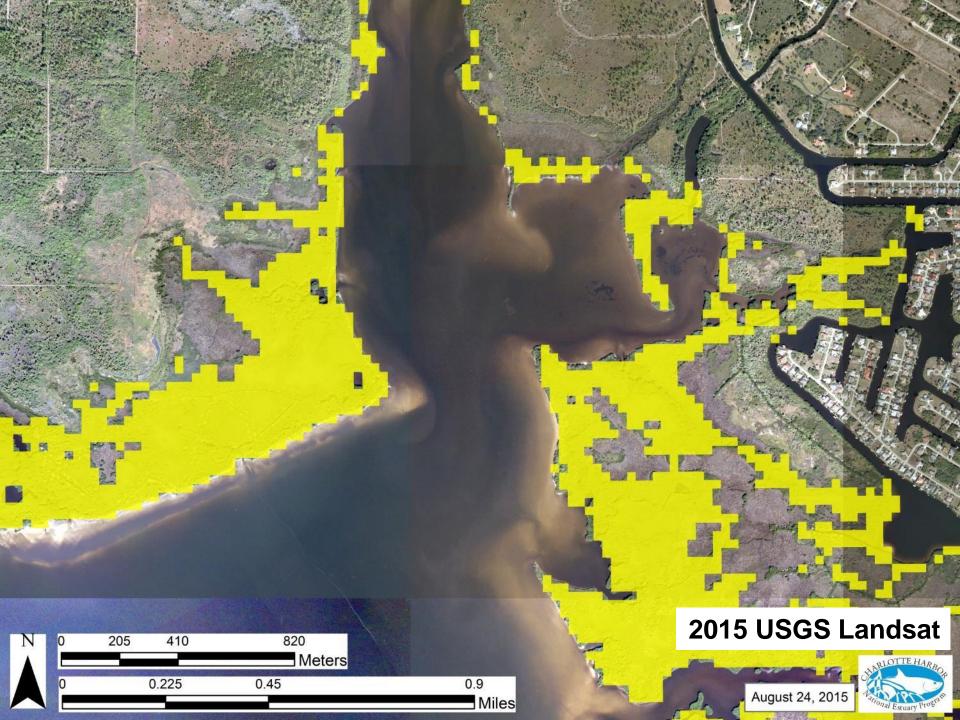


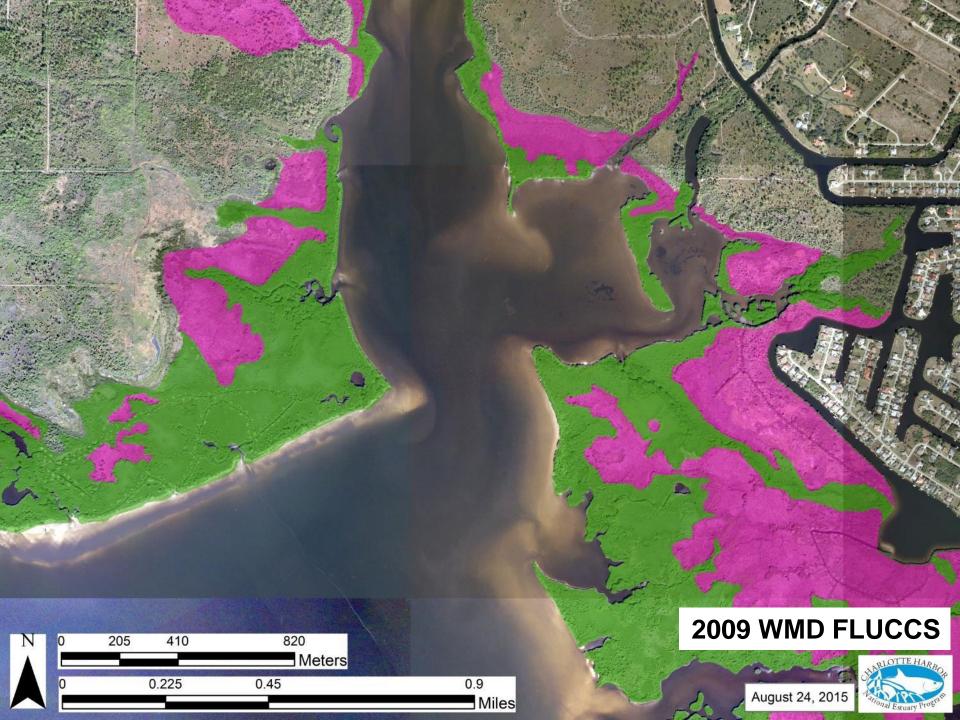


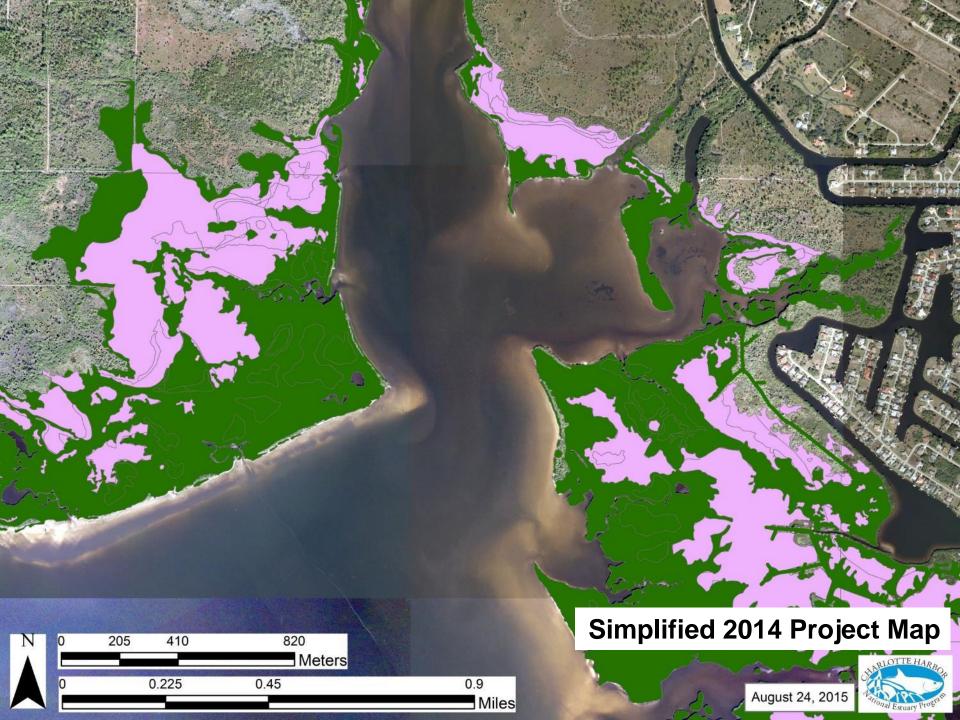


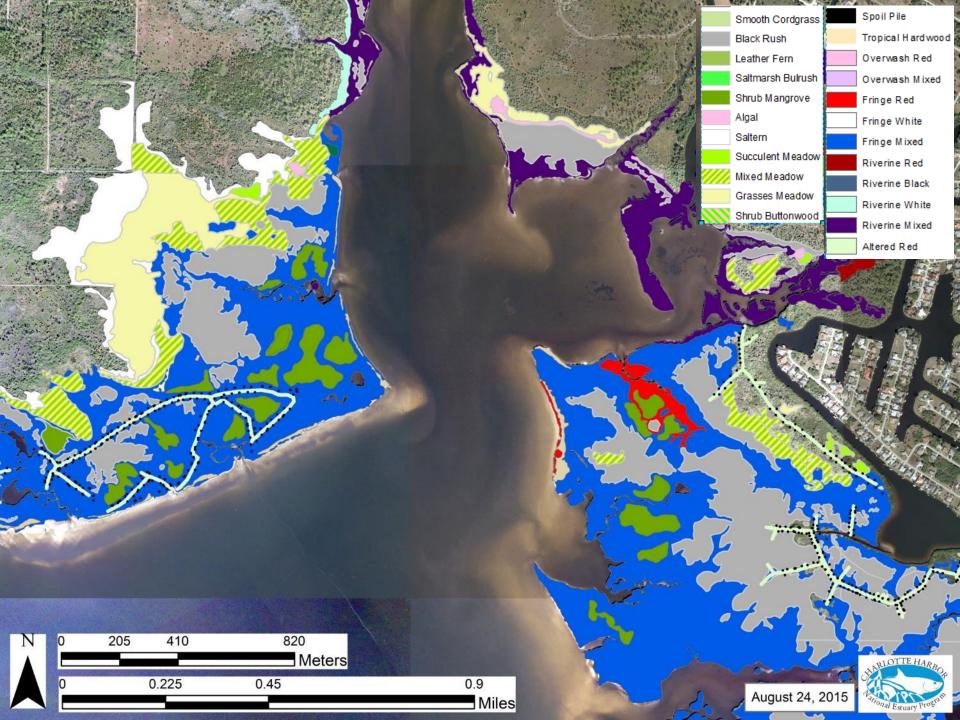




















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