

PUERTO RICO FY'12

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

MISSION

The Puerto Rico Coastal Management Program (PRCZMP) is a partnership between the Federal Government and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico led by the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) to promote the protection, conservation, and sustainable development of Puerto Rico's coastal zone and natural resources. The PRCZMP is the coastal element of the Puerto Rico Island-wide land use plan.



PRIORITIES

- Strengthen coastal and marine resources research. More resources are needed to better link our understanding of ocean and coastal relationships, especially about water quality, coastal hazards, and interspecific-habitat and population relationships.
- Enhance science based decision making. This includes both the delivery of science and the collection of data through research and monitoring.
- Shift the focus of restoration in the coastal zone from wetlands restoration to coastal systems restoration.
- Assist communities in all aspects of coastal zone management, especially non-point source pollution abatement and coastal hazards resiliency.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Guidance of public and private coastal development;
- Conduct active management of coastal resources;
- Foster sustainable coastal development;
- Promote scientific research, education, as well as stakeholder and resource users participation as means of promoting sustainable development.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Establishment of the Island-wide Reference System for Maritime Terrestrial Zone Delineations.
- Establishment of the Puerto Rico Climate Change Council
- Completion of the first report of the State of the Puerto Rico Climate: Assessment of Socio-ecological Vulnerabilities.
- Publication of the report: Puerto Rico State of the Coast 2009-2010.
- Establishment of the memorandum of understanding creating the Caribbean Regional Ocean Partnership.

PRCZMP Approval Date
1978

Miles of Coast - 799

Coastal Population*
2.3 millones
*US Census Bureau (2010)

Coastal Zone Terrestrial Surface
953.9 km²

Territorial Waters Surface
13,154.5 km²

Terrestrial Natural Protected Areas
755.5 km² (8.6%)

Marine Natural Protected Areas
3,545.48 km² (26.9%)

Facts of Interest

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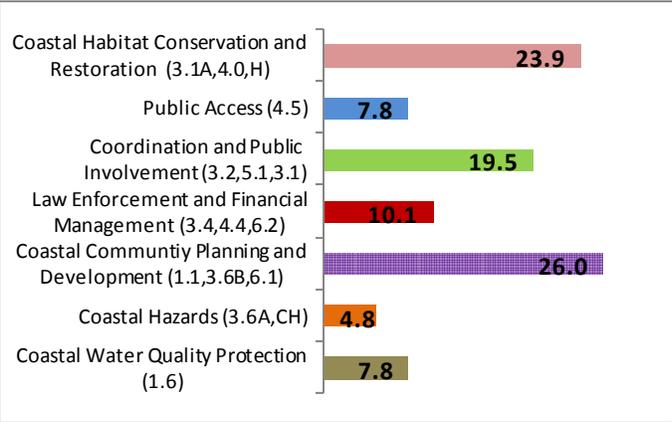


¿How was the money spent?

Total Budget: \$4,151,000

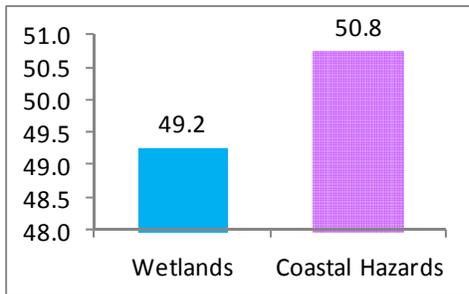
Federal: \$2,159,000

NON - Federal: \$1,992,000



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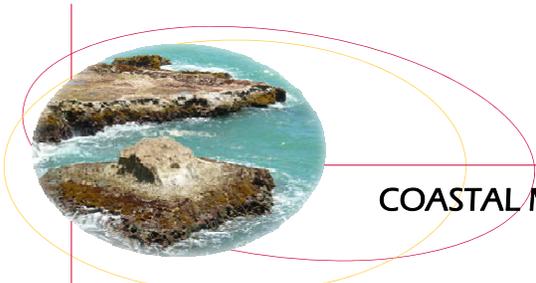
\$167,000



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\$1,992,000

SPA and NR Designation Planning and Management	6.2%	Maritime Zone Delineation	0%
Land Based Sources of Pollution	8.5%	NR Active Management	13.6%
Development Review	2.6%	Personnel for Field Staff	1.2%
GIS Support to PRCZMP	8.2%	Public Access Support	8.4%
Federal Consistency	3.8%	Public Outreach and Education	14.8%
Legal Support	3.6%	Administration and Program Monitoring	22.0%
Public Trust and MTZ Use	0.9%	Financial Management	6.1%



COASTAL MANAGEMENT PARTNERS AND FUNDING

Puerto Rico Commonwealth Partners

- Puerto Rico Planning Board
- Environmental Quality Board
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Education
- Cultural Heritage Institute
- Puerto Rico Tourism Company
- University of Puerto Rico (UPR)
- 44 Coastal Municipalities
- Puerto Rico Conservation Trust
- Sea Grant
- Litoral Studies Center
- CariCOOS

Federal Partners

- NOAA - Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management
- NOAA - National Geodetic Survey
- National Weather Service (NWS)
- US Geological Survey
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Caribbean Fisheries Management Council
- International Institute of Tropical Forestry
- Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Other Partners

- Puerto Rico Climate Change Council (PRCCC)
- University of Puerto Rico - Marine Sciences Department
- University of Puerto Rico - Medical Sciences Department
- Puerto Rico Forest Service
- International Coastal Cleanup Initiative
- Community Based Organizations
- Caribbean Coral Reef Institute
- Caribbean Fisheries Council
- CoHemis
- NGO's

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