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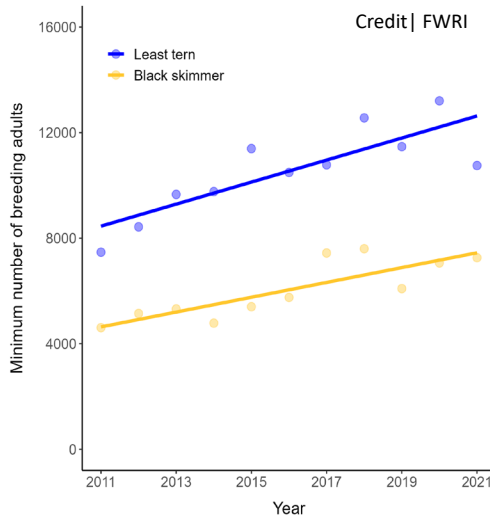
Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

FLORIDA

Restoring Florida’s Shorebird and Seabird Populations— Phase III

This third phase of Florida’s Shorebird and Seabird Program will continue and expand upon successful shorebird conservation work supported by GEBF since 2017. The overall goal is to establish a statewide program to increase the population levels of five focal beach-nesting bird species (American oystercatcher, black skimmer, least tern, Wilson’s plover, and snowy plover) by 10% by 2029. This effort supports specific goals outlined in the NFWF-funded Florida Beach-Nesting Bird Plan. As in Phases I and II, Audubon Florida, FWC and FWRI will employ five strategies to meet the project goal: 1) reducing human disturbance, 2) habitat management, 3) predation management, 4) addressing data gaps/information needs, and 5) improving regulatory coordination.

In Phase III, Audubon will continue to recruit, train, and manage up to 600 volunteers annually at priority beach- and rooftop-nesting sites in Florida. Audubon and FWC will continue to conduct regular nesting bird surveys at all historically occupied sites and more frequent surveys at active nesting sites from mid-February through the end of nesting season. This data will continue to inform focal species’ population estimates and trends. NRDA Trustees awarded \$15 million to leverage GEBF and fully fund the program through 2032. The partners will continue to identify new funding sources to extend this important work after GEBF and NRDA funds have been expended.



Least tern and black skimmer have increased by 50-60% statewide since 2010.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENTS: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

Audubon Florida

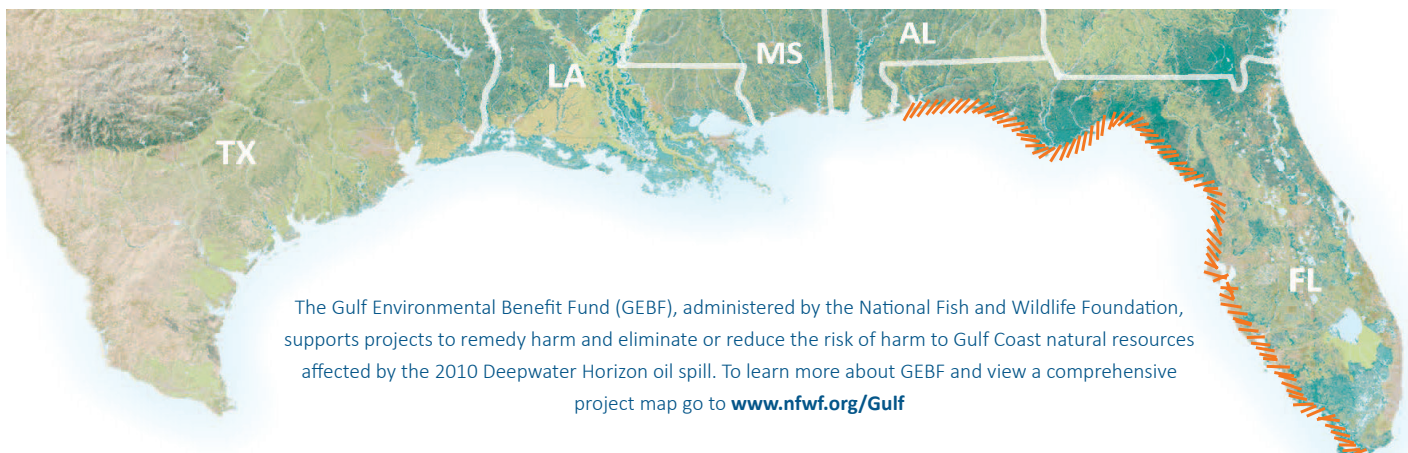
AWARD AMOUNT: \$14,944,000

LEVERAGE AMOUNT: \$15,000,000 (NRDA)

PARTNERS: FWC’s Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI)

Florida Shorebird Alliance partners

LOCATION: Florida Gulf Coast



The Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF), administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, supports projects to remedy harm and eliminate or reduce the risk of harm to Gulf Coast natural resources affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. To learn more about GEBF and view a comprehensive project map go to [www.nfwf.org/Gulf](http://www.nfwf.org/Gulf)