



SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE



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Task Force Meeting April 25, 2024

Report on WG/SCG Activities

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WG/SCG Joint Meetings

- Member discussion opportunities, current events, project updates, and technical presentations on topical subjects.
- 2024 Meetings:
 - January 16th and March 20th
 - **Upcoming:** July, September, and December



Broward County Vice Mayor
Bream Furr

Florida's Coral Reef Coordination Team

- Principal advisory body to the WG/SCG for issues impacting Florida's Coral Reef (FCR) and associated resources.
- Continues to meet quarterly.
- 2024 Meetings:
 - March 22nd
 - **Upcoming:** July



Florida's Coral Reef Coordination Team

- Developed a Unified Monitoring Framework that represents a comprehensive and iterative approach built around 10 coordinated actions to structure data collection efforts and evaluation to answer:
 - Can we detect changes in nearshore water quality across time and space as a result of Everglades restoration?
 - Do those changes affect Florida's Coral Reef and associated resources?
 - Do ecosystem responses manifest in measurable benefits to the neighboring human communities?

Florida's Coral Reef Coordination Team

- Developed a team webpage for consolidation of materials and transparency.
- Development of an FCR program page to reflect partner agency efforts currently underway.



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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Florida's Coral Reef Coordination Team (FCRCT)

The FCRCT was established on September 1, 2022, to serve as the principal advisory body to the Working Group and Science Coordination Group for issues impacting Florida's Coral Reef and associated resources. Information about the team's meetings and operating procedures may be found here.

FEATURED



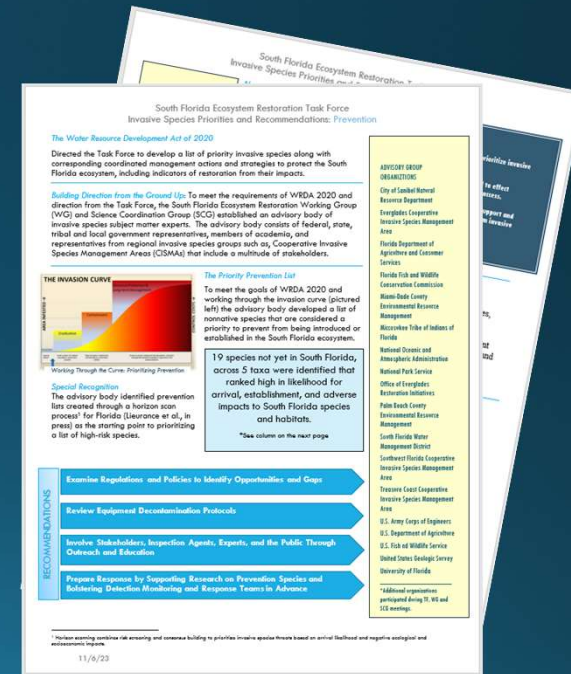
FLORIDA'S CORAL REEF COORDINATION TEAM (FCRCT) MEMBERSHIP AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

MARCH 22, 2023 - FLORIDA'S CORAL REEF COORDINATION TEAM MEETING

NOVEMBER 29, 2023 - FLORIDA'S CORAL REEF COORDINATION TEAM MEETING

Invasive Species Advisory Body

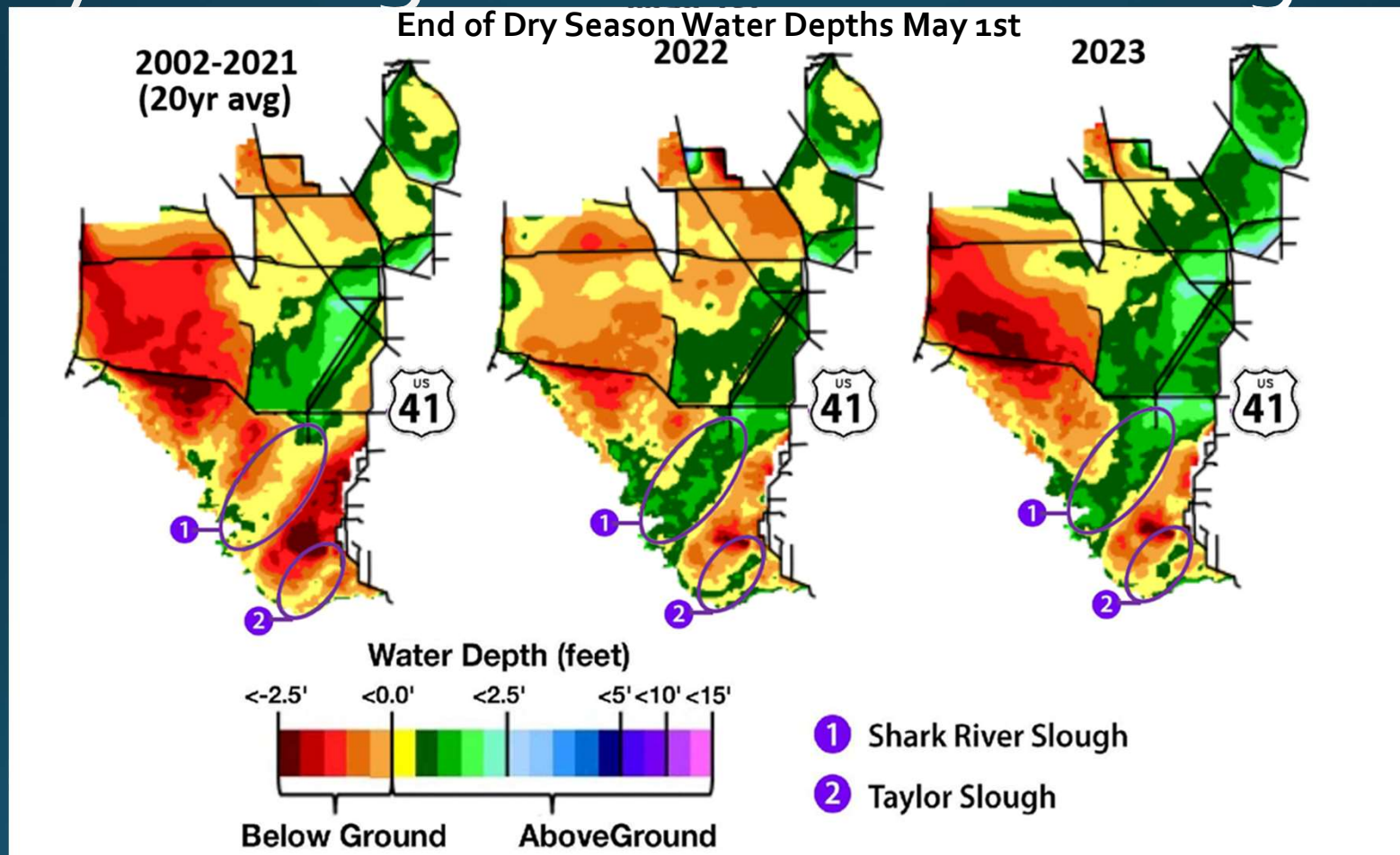
- WG/SCG Chairs are working closely with the subject matter experts to provide guidance and direction.
- Progress: The WG directed the Advisory Body to create an inventory of existing detection programs and tools as critical first step towards bolstering detection monitoring and developing response and removal strategies in the South Florida Ecosystem.



Science Coordination

- REstoration COordination and VERification (RECOVER)
 - Standing agenda item
 - Performance Measure overview and incorporating Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK)
- ITEK
- Open discussion on critical science topics influencing restoration
 - Environmental DNA (eDNA) analyses to inform the geographic range of Burmese pythons in Florida
 - Watershed restoration and juvenile fish communities in the Ten Thousand Islands
 - Florida's Coral Reef: 2023 marine heatwave impacts and response

Rehydrating the Southern Everglades



Two Key Locations: Shark River Slough and Taylor Slough

Discussion



Miccosukee WCA-3A South