



REstoration, COordination, VERification (RECOVER)

Monitoring & Assessment for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

for South Florida Ecosystem Restoration
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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

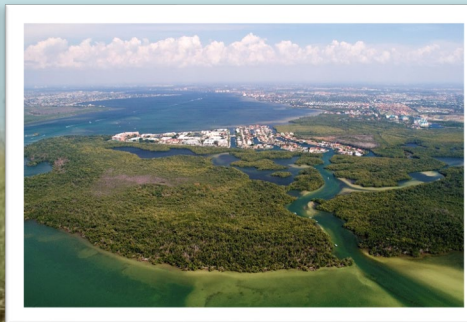
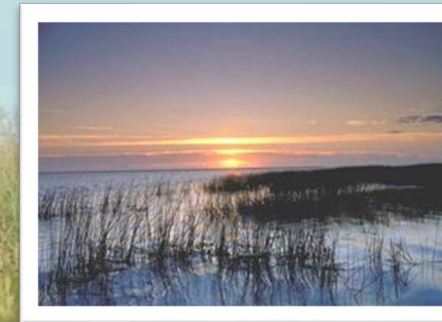
- **RECOVER Refresher**
- **Monitoring & Assessment Plan for CERP**
- **Monitoring Topic Workshop Overview and Outcomes**
- **Monitoring looking ahead**



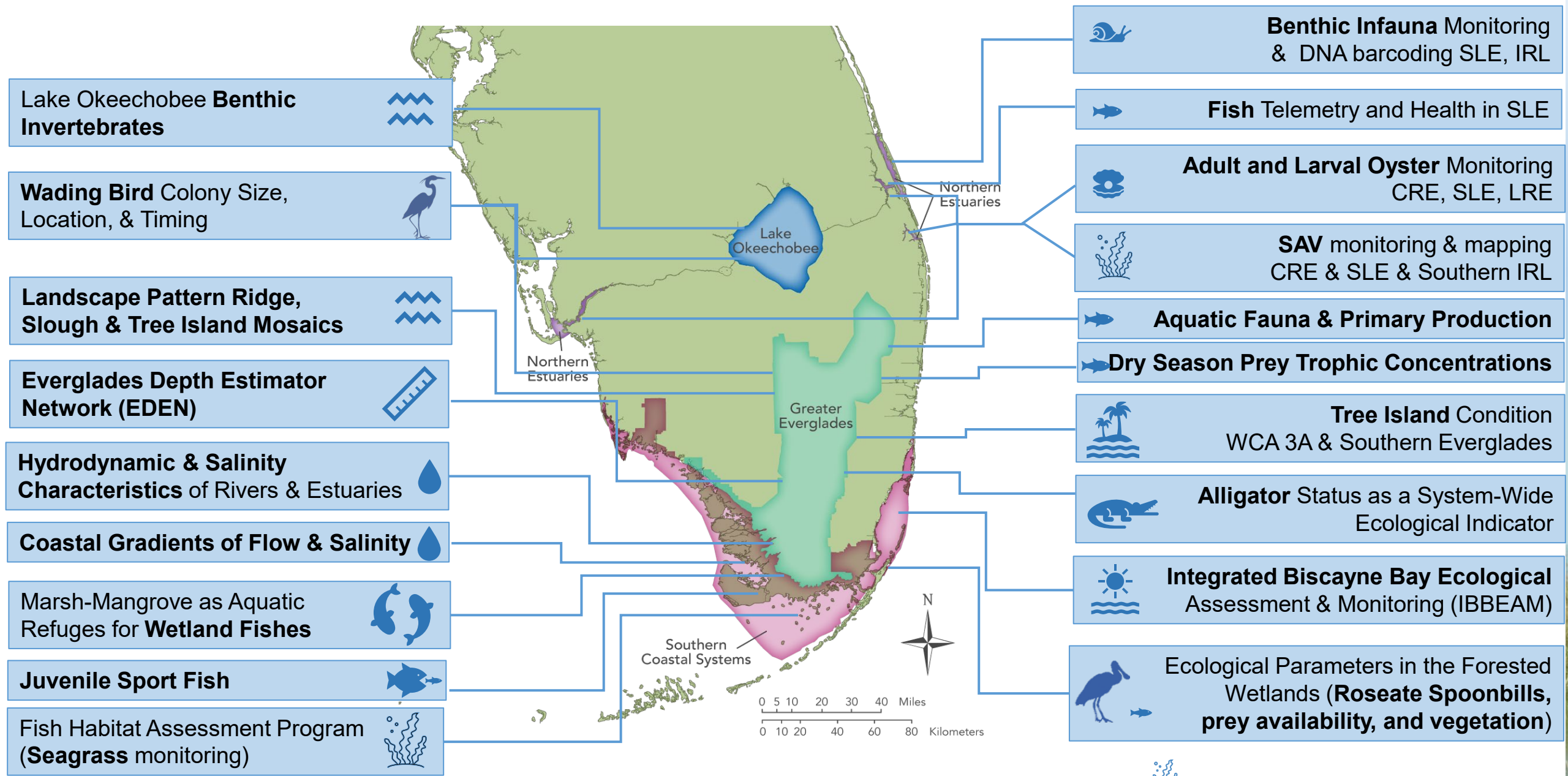
WHO IS RECOVER?

- CERP Programmatic and system-wide perspective
- Collaborative and consensus-based
- Ensures CERP implementation is guided by the best available science
- **Three Major Components**

- **Assessment** - measuring system-wide performance of projects through research and monitoring
- **Evaluation** - forecasting project performance through predictive modeling and performance measures
- **Planning** - integrating RECOVER with planning and operation of the system



MONITORING FOR CERP IS SYSTEM-WIDE



RECOVER MONITORING & ASSESSMENT PLAN

Scope

- RECOVER Monitoring and Assessment Plan (2001, 2004, 2006)
- 2009-2011: Monitoring & Assessment Plan 2009
- **CURRENT 2012-2023:** Revised MAP '09 due to budget constraints

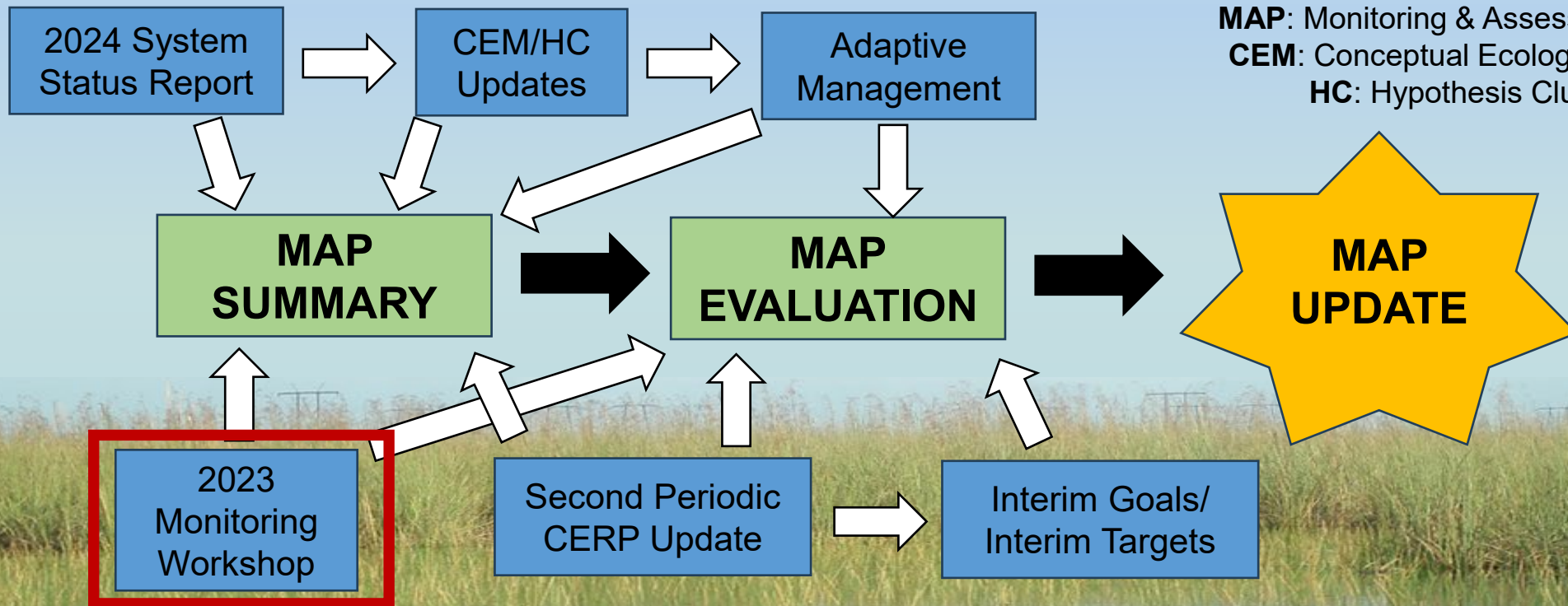
ACRONYMS

CERP: Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

MAP: Monitoring & Assessment Plan

CEM: Conceptual Ecological Model

HC: Hypothesis Cluster



MONITORING WORKSHOP JULY 19-20, 2023

Purpose

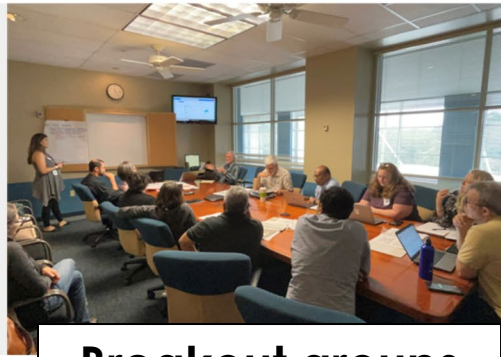
- Identify current monitoring efforts, and future science and monitoring needs across South Florida (including CERP and non-CERP related science)

Workshop Goals

- Inventory current monitoring in South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Program
- Link science/monitoring to CERP purpose, goals, and objectives



**Presentations
(hybrid)**



**Breakout groups
(in-person)**



**Out-briefs
(hybrid)**

THANK YOU!

RECOVER thanks OERI & the SCG for hosting the workshop, providing data/information, and for the overall success of the workshop



MONITORING WORKSHOP JULY 19-20, 2023

Science Coordination Group Member Survey

- **590** individual monitoring entries! (CERP + non-CERP)
- Responses from **21** State/Federal Agencies & Universities

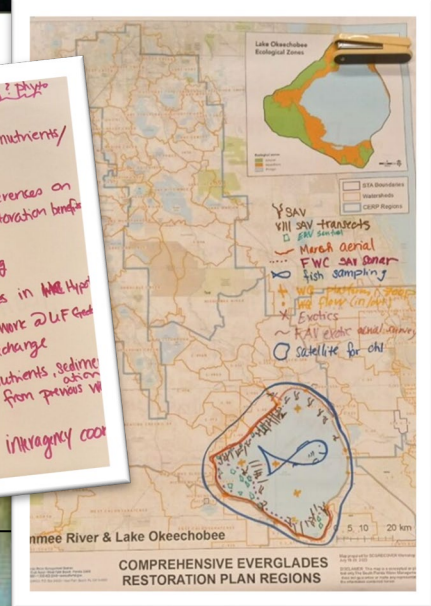
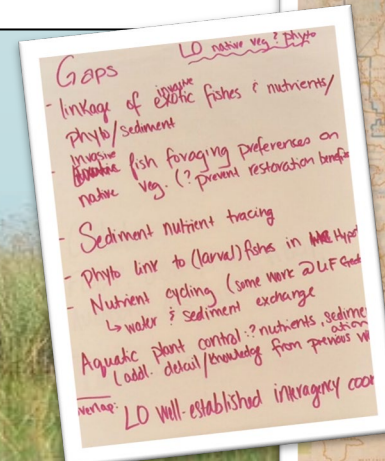
Workshop Statistics

- **Day 1:** 64 in-person attendees + 42 virtual attendees
- **Day 2:** 35 in-person attendees + 49 virtual attendees
- **Representing:** 9 State/Federal Agencies, 4 Universities, 2 NGOs, 1 County Government
- **64%** of monitoring identified as “high relevance” to CERP



Workshop Products Now Available!

- Synthesis Report
- Inventory of system-wide monitoring overlaps
- Inventory of system-wide monitoring gaps



MONITORING PLAN UPDATES

RECOVER Monitoring for CERP: Expenditures

- 2007-2011: average \$10.5M, ranging \$9-11M
- 2012-2017: average \$5.4M, ranging \$4-7M
- 2018-2023: average \$5.5M, ranging \$5-7M

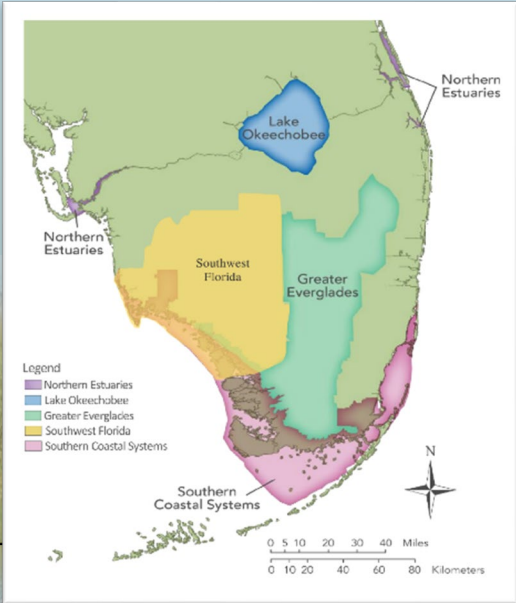
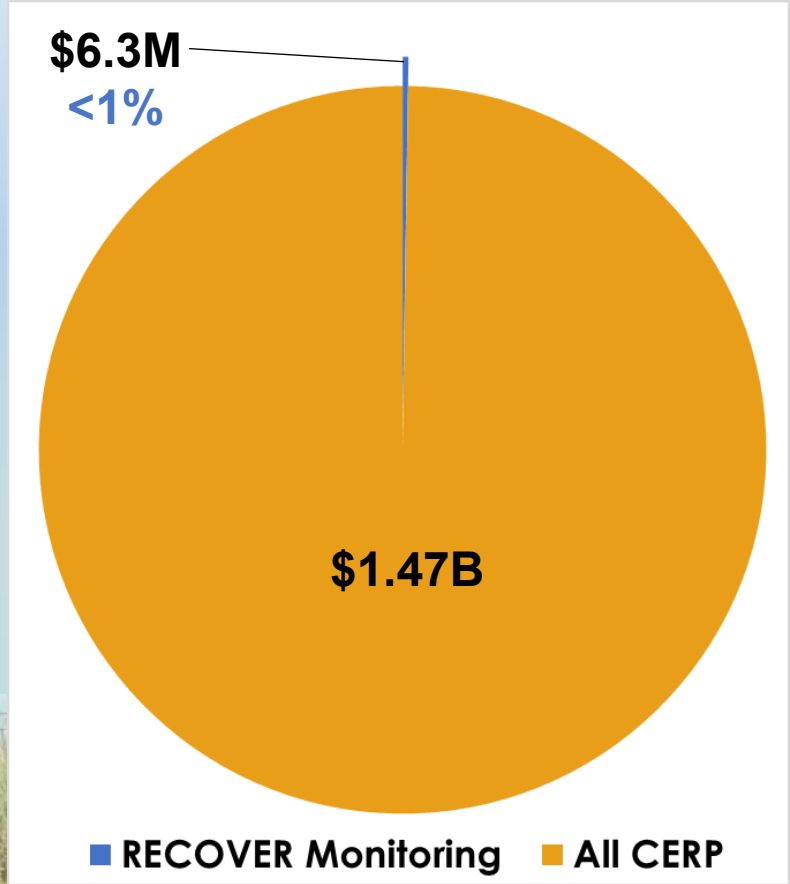
Estimated Future Budget Needs: \$10M/year

- Address monitoring gaps
- Programmatic Adaptive Management uncertainties
- New Southwest Florida Module needs

GOOD NEWS!

- FY24 funds from FDEP to SFWMD
- RECOVER is reviewing high priority needs
- More info to come!

RECOVER Monitoring Expenditures & full CERP budget in FY23



LOOKING AHEAD: COORDINATION SUPPORT

Continuation from the Workshop

- Monitoring Workshop Products have been shared
- Leveraging CERP and non-CERP data across the greater Everglades Restoration Program
- Opportunity for SFERTF engagement in assessment of CERP – *we'll need your help*
 - **Sharing information/data**
 - **Filling monitoring gaps**
 - **Staff support and coordination**



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