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**Abstract** 

The Gulf of Mexico Large Marine Ecosystem (GoM LME) is shared by the United States,

Mexico and Cuba and requires collaborative work based on ecosystem science for integrated

management scenarios to conserve its natural assets, socioeconomic value and derived benefits

to multiple societies, as well as to foster the overall regional economic wealth. The large marine

ecosystem approach is grounded in multi-national collaboration and the creation of a strong

scientific community of practice. The United States has the most coordinated and directed ocean

policies. Mexico's marine research institutions are joined in a consortium that will enhance

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