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# Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: HYDRO (Hydrology)

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*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

The digitization of shoreline types, biological resources, and human-use resources is a complex and highly quality-controlled process. Existing digital shoreline data are integrated into a study-wide basemap. In order to facilitate digitizing, the entire study area is split into individual quadrangles using the INDEX data layer. The first layer of information digitized is the ESI/RSI shoreline classification. The ESI/RSI habitat ranking is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a geomorphologist. The hardcopy maps are then digitized and checked using both on-screen and hardcopy reviews. The edited maps are updated and checked once again for completeness and topological and logical consistency. Any errors in the shoreline classification are updated prior to digitization of the biological and human-use layers. All layers use the shoreline as the geographic reference so that there are no slivers in the geographic coordinates. The hardcopy biological information is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a biological expert using data from regional specialists in the form of maps, tables, charts, written descriptions of wildlife distributions, and personal interviews. Concurrently, digital data sources are imported, projected, checked for quality control, and integrated into the data structure. The hardcopy data are digitized, checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, integrated with existing data, plotted, and sent out for review by the regional specialists. The edited maps are updated, checked once again, and the final product plotted (at approximately 1:55,000 scale). A team of specialists reviews the entire series of maps, checks all data, and makes final edits. The data are then merged to form the study-wide layers. The data merging includes a final quality control check where labels, chains, and polygons are checked for attribute accuracy. To finalize the data checking process, each data layer is checked using a standardized form by two GIS personnel (a technician and the GIS

manager), and each attribute database is checked using several programs that test the files for missing or duplicate data, rules for proper coding, GIS topological consistencies (such as dangles, unnecessary nodes, etc.), and ORACLE(r) to ARC/INFO(r) consistencies. A final review is made by the GIS manager, where the data are written to CD-ROM and the metadata are written. ESI data are processed into multiple formats to make them useful to a wider community of GIS/mapping users. Distribution formats include ARC export, MOSS and Shape files, and MARPLOT map folders. An ArcView ESI project and ESI\_Viewer product are also included on the CDs for ease of use of the ESI data. The database files are distributed both in the NOAA standard relational database format (see NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS ORCA 115) and in a simplified desktop flat file format. This metadata document includes information on both of these database formats. The section *Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information* refers to the source files in ARC export format only.

*Completeness\_Report:*

The intertidal shoreline habitats of Puerto Rico were previously mapped during overflights and ground surveys conducted by the Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales (DRNA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), published in 1984. For this project, the original ESI maps were re-examined and fully updated using the sources and methods described below. As a first step, infrared vertical aerial photographs were examined at the offices of DRNA in San Juan. The initial aerial photograph classification was followed by overflight surveys of the entire study area, flying at elevations of 400-600 feet and slow air speed. Overflights were conducted using U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) helicopters and fixed-wing Cessna 172s operated by the Puerto Rico Civil Air Patrol. During this work, an experienced coastal geologist delineated the intertidal shoreline habitats directly onto 1:20,000-scale USGS topographic maps (1:30,000 for Culebra and Vieques). Where appropriate, multiple habitats were described for each shoreline segment. Data from the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) for the coastal plain of Puerto Rico, published in draft form in 1989 (based on 1983 1:40,000 CIR photography), were also used as a supplementary data source, particularly for mangrove areas and tidal flats. In many cases, the depiction of mangroves was modified substantially from the original NWI data, based on the more recent aerial photography and overflights, as well as information provided by expert reviewers.

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The ESI data use USGS 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 topographic quadrangles as the basemap. It is estimated that the ESI shoreline classification has a minimum mapping unit of 50 feet.

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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

*Process\_Date:* 20010601*Process\_Contact:**Contact\_Information:**Contact\_Organization\_Primary:**Contact\_Organization:* NOAA, Office of Response and Restoration*Contact\_Person:* Jill Petersen*Contact\_Address:**Address\_Type:* Physical address*Address:* 7600 Sand Point Way N.E.*City:* Seattle*State\_or\_Province:* Washington*Postal\_Code:* 98115-6349*Contact\_Voice\_Telephone:* (206) 526-6944*Contact\_Facsimile\_Telephone:* (206) 526-6329*Contact\_Electronic\_Mail\_Address:* jill.petersen@noaa.gov

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# Puerto Rico ESI and RSI: ESI (Environmental Sensitivity Index Shoreline Types) / RSI (Reach Sensitivity Index River and Stream Types)

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The attribute accuracy is estimated to be "good" given the years of ESI experience, the data input methodology, the quality control review sessions, and the digital logical consistency checks.

*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

The digitization of shoreline types, biological resources, and human-use resources is a complex and highly quality-controlled process. Existing digital shoreline data are integrated into a study-wide basemap. In order to facilitate digitizing, the entire study area is split into individual quadrangles using the INDEX data layer. The first layer of information digitized is the ESI shoreline classification. The ESI and RSI habitat ranking is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a geomorphologist. The hardcopy maps are then digitized and checked using both on-screen and hardcopy reviews. The edited maps are updated and checked once again for completeness and topological and logical consistency. Any errors in the shoreline classification are updated prior to digitization of the biological and human-use layers. All layers use the shoreline as the geographic reference so that there are no slivers in the geographic coordinates. The hardcopy

biological information is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a biological expert using data from regional specialists in the form of maps, tables, charts, written descriptions of wildlife distributions, and personal interviews. Concurrently, digital data sources are imported, projected, checked for quality control, and integrated into the data structure. The hardcopy data are digitized, checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, integrated with existing data, plotted, and sent out for review by the regional specialists. The edited maps are updated, checked once again, and the final product plotted (at approximately 1:55,000 scale). A team of specialists reviews the entire series of maps, checks all data, and makes final edits. The data are then merged to form the study-wide layers. The data merging includes a final quality control check where labels, chains, and polygons are checked for attribute accuracy. To finalize the data checking process, each data layer is checked using a standardized form by two GIS personnel (a technician and the GIS manager), and each attribute database is checked using several programs that test the files for missing or duplicate data, rules for proper coding, GIS topological consistencies (such as dangles, unnecessary nodes, etc.), and ORACLE(r) to ARC/INFO(r) consistencies. A final review is made by the GIS manager, where the data are written to CD-ROM and the metadata are written. ESI data are processed into multiple formats to make them useful to a wider community of GIS/mapping users. Distribution formats include ARC export, MOSS and Shape files, and MARPLOT map folders. An ArcView ESI project and ESI\_Viewer product are also included on the CDs for ease of use of the ESI data. The database files are distributed both in the NOAA standard relational database format (see NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS ORCA 115) and in a simplified desktop flat file format. This metadata document includes information on both of these database formats. The section *Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information* refers to the source files in ARC export format only.

#### *Completeness\_Report:*

The intertidal shoreline habitats of Puerto Rico were previously mapped during overflights and ground surveys conducted by the Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales (DRNA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), published in 1984. For this project, the original ESI maps were re-examined and fully updated using the sources and methods described below. As a first step, infrared vertical aerial photographs were examined at the offices of DRNA in San Juan. The initial aerial photograph classification was followed by overflight surveys of the entire study area, flying at elevations of 400-600 feet and slow air speed. Overflights were conducted using U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) helicopters and fixed-wing Cessna 172s operated by the Puerto Rico Civil Air Patrol. During this work, an experienced coastal geologist delineated the intertidal shoreline habitats directly onto 1:20,000-scale USGS topographic maps (1:30,000 for Culebra and Vieques). Where appropriate, multiple habitats were described for each shoreline segment. Data from the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) for the coastal plain of Puerto Rico, published in draft form in 1989 (based on 1983 1:40,000 CIR photography), were also used as a supplementary data source, particularly for mangrove areas and tidal flats. In many cases, the depiction of mangroves were modified substantially from the original NWI data, based on the more recent aerial photography and overflights, as well as information provided by expert reviewers. As one progresses landward up the major rivers from the coast, the streams become so narrow and shallow that even small spills could potentially contaminate the whole system. Therefore, from that point upstream, it is not useful to classify the small individual components of the stream complex with regard to habitat sensitivity, as would be done for the shoreline segments of larger rivers mapped using the ESI scale. Rather, the sensitivity of the system as a whole should be considered. It has been suggested by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA, 1994) and Hayes et al. (1997) that a watershed approach emphasizing stream reaches should be used to map the sensitivity of smaller rivers and streams. All of the rivers in Puerto Rico are small enough to be mapped using the reach concept, rather than the riverine ESI used by NOAA and others to map the Mississippi (Michel et al., 1994), Apalachicola, St. Johns (Fla.), and Columbia Rivers. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches, that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. Sixteen major river systems were mapped using the Reach Sensitivity Index (RSI) for Puerto Rico (listed alphabetically): Río

Añasco, Río Camuy, Río Cibuco, Río Culebrinas, Río Espiritu Santo, Río Fajardo, Río Grande de Arecibo, Río Grande de Loiza, Río Grande de Manati, Río Guajataca, Río Guanajibo, Río Guyanilla, Río La Plata, Río Loco, Río Mameyes, and Río Yauco. Local project sponsors chose these river systems based on size, presumed spill risk, and potential environmental consequences. The river systems included numerous tributaries to each of the individual rivers listed above. The RSI classification was continued upstream as far as possible, stopping where reaches could not be observed in the air photos, flown over, or easily accessed by land. The first step in the mapping process for the Puerto Rico rivers was ground inspection in October 1998. During this preliminary examination, a ranking scale for the different reaches of the streams was devised. This scale was based partially on work previously carried out by NOAA/EPA for river systems in the piedmont and coastal plain of the southeastern U.S. (Hayes et al., 1997). However, the fact that the rivers in Puerto Rico are primarily montane streams, not piedmont or coastal plain rivers, necessitated some modification of the ranking system previously used in the southeastern U.S. Once the ranking scale was determined, infrared vertical aerial photographs of the watersheds of the rivers under study were inspected at the offices of the Puerto Rico DRNA in San Juan. The work on the aerial photographs was followed by aerial surveys of several of the rivers using USCG helicopters. Finally, a second field trip was conducted in December 1998 to ground-truth overflight observations and to examine stream reaches that could not be mapped from the air because of their small size, vegetative cover, or hazardous flying conditions. The RSI classification scale was also finalized at this time. Detailed ground observations were made at 70 field stations during the two field surveys. In addition to reach classification, some sites that would be acceptable collection points during a spill were noted and are recorded on the maps in the atlas. These sites have ready access for vehicular equipment, workable current velocities, and relatively low-sensitive banks and channel margin sediments. In many instances, these are places where the oil would be accumulated naturally by currents. Also, noted on the maps are some areas where leakage of water, and hence floating oil if present, from the main channel would occur during normal high flow conditions. For ease of use, the division or break between the ESI and RSI classifications is defined using a line segment and special icon. The sensitivity of stream and river reaches for Puerto Rico is based on the: 1) Degree of difficulty anticipated for the containment and recovery of the spilled oil from the water surface; 2) Degree of mixing of oil into the water column; 3) Potential for retention of the oil (e.g., by penetration of the oil into coarse-grained sediments on bars in the stream, or between large boulders; trapping of oil by vegetation on bars and banks); 4) Ease of cleanup; 5) Sensitivity and vulnerability of associated wetlands; 6) Human use; and 7) Sensitivity and vulnerability for native stream biota. All of these factors have been used to determine the relative sensitivity of the stream reaches in the development of the RSI. The strength of currents and the fall of the water dictates the degree of mixing of oil and its toxic aromatic fractions into the water column, and, hence, the potential for causing the mortality of fish, shrimp, crabs, aquatic insects, and other stream biota. Therefore, in general, such kills are more likely to occur in streams with rapids and waterfalls than in smooth flowing, low-gradient coastal streams. The success of attempts to contain and recover oil from the water surface is impaired where: a) currents are too strong or follow complex paths within the channel; b) channel leakage and bifurcation allow oil to spread and/or escape; c) access is limited by steep banks or other factors; d) sediment is too coarse-grained to manipulate; and e) oil is mixed into the water column. The ease of cleanup of spilled oil and the potential for biological injury are also important factors in the RSI ranking. Cleanup is impaired by many of the factors that hinder containment and recovery of surface oil, as well as by penetration of the oil into stream sediments and heavy oiling of riparian vegetation.

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The ESI data use USGS 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 topographic quadrangles as the basemap. It is estimated that the ESI shoreline classification has a minimum mapping unit of 50 feet.

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The data layer ESI contains ESI and RSI arcs (Complete Chain) features. The ESI shoreline classification is based on Environmental Sensitivity Index Guidelines, Version 2.0 (Halls, J., J. Michel, S. Zengel, J. Dahlin, and J. Petersen, 1997, Hazardous Materials Response and Assessment Division, NOAA). The ESI classification was performed in July 1998. The RSI classification was based on a modification of the Southeastern U.S. Stream Reach Sensitivities. The RSI classification was performed in October 1998 for Puerto Rico.

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Prediction of the behavior and persistence of oil in intertidal habitats is based on an understanding of the dynamics of the coastal environments, not just the substrate type and grain size. The intensity of energy expended upon a shoreline by wave action, tidal currents, and river currents directly affects the persistence of stranded oil. The need for shoreline cleanup activities is determined, in part, by the slowness of natural processes in removal of oil stranded on the shoreline. The potential for biological injury, and ease of cleanup of spilled oil are also important factors in the ESI ranking. Generally speaking, areas exposed to high levels of physical energy, such as wave action and tidal currents, and low biological activity rank low on the scale, whereas sheltered areas with associated high biological activity have the highest ranking. The list below includes the shoreline habitats delineated for Puerto Rico, presented in order of increasing sensitivity to spilled oil: 1A) Exposed Rocky Cliffs; 1B) Exposed, Solid Man-made Structures; 2A) Exposed Wave-cut Platforms in Bedrock; 2B) Scarps and Steep Slopes in Muddy Sediments; 3A) Fine- to Medium-grained Sand Beaches; 4) Coarse-grained Sand Beaches; 5) Mixed Sand and Gravel Beaches; 6A) Gravel Beaches; 6B) Riprap; 7) Exposed Tidal Flats; 8A) Sheltered Rocky Shores; 8B) Sheltered, Solid Man-made Structures; 9A) Sheltered Tidal Flats; 9B) Sheltered, Vegetated Low Banks; 10D) Mangroves. In many cases, the shorelines are ranked with multiple codes, such as 10D/6A. The first number (10D, mangroves) is the most landward shoreline type, with gravel beach (6A) being the shoreline type closest to the water.

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Where marshes, bogs, floodplain forests, swamps, and other wetlands are associated with streams, they can add measurably to the biological sensitivity of a stream reach. Many of the more extensive marsh areas of Puerto Rico are found in the coastal zone and are closely associated with the ESI classification rather than the RSI. Though many smaller, low-gradient, streams in Puerto Rico have an abundance of streamside marsh and aquatic vegetation, none of these areas were found along the inland stream reaches mapped during this project. Likewise, none of the remaining coastal Pterocarpus swamps of Puerto Rico were located directly adjacent to the streams mapped (some were mapped as rare habitats, more closely associated with the coastal ESI classification). Though once numerous, almost all of the coastal and lowland Pterocarpus swamps of Puerto Rico have been lost; only a few rare stands remain (Cintron, 1983). Though not often recognized, large portions of the inland mountain areas of Puerto Rico described as wet forest and rain forest are considered forested wetlands (Lugo and Brown, 1988). Specific wetland forest types in montane areas include Sierra palm breaks (palm slope forest), Colorado forest (titi or Cyrilla forest), and cloud forest (dwarf or elfin forest) (Lugo and Brown, 1988). The narrow floodplain forests of Sierra palm that border many montane stream reaches should also be considered wetlands, as would the rare montane Pterocarpus stands (Frangi and Lugo, 1985; Lugo and Brown, 1988). Wetland types associated with floodplain areas would be highly vulnerable and sensitive to spilled oil released into streams, especially during flood events. Unfortunately, due to data limitations, small inland and montane floodplain wetlands could not be adequately mapped during this project, though they are included as an RSI class (RSI = 10). One montane, streamside, Pterocarpus stand was mapped as a rare habitat type on a small tributary (RSI = 9) of the Río Mameyes (map 26). When floodplain forests and other wetland areas are identified, either by resource experts or during observations in the field, the adjacent stream channel should be considered an RSI = 10 reach (especially during high water or flood conditions). The list below outlines the stream reach classification for Puerto Rico, presented in order of increasing sensitivity to spilled oil: 1) Quiet Pool, Low-sensitive Banks; 2) Straight Channel with Currents, Low-sensitive Banks (Mud Dominant); 3) Meandering Channel, Sand Point Bars; 4) Meandering Channel, Vegetated Point Bars; 5) Rapids over Bedrock; 6) Meandering Channel, Sand and Gravel Point Bars; 7) Split Channels With Coarse Gravel, Some Rapids; 8) Small Falls, Boulders in Channel; 9) Large Falls, Boulders in Channel; 10) Channels with Associated Vulnerable Wetlands.

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#### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

This data set comprises the Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) and Reach Sensitivity Index (RSI) data for Puerto Rico. ESI data characterize estuarine environments and wildlife

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by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches (RSI), that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. This data set contains data for the study area Index.

*Purpose:*

The ESI and RSI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

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DO NOT USE MAPS FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES. Besides the above warning, there are no use constraints on these data. Acknowledgment of the publishers and contributing sources listed in Data\_Set\_Credit (below) would be appreciated in products derived from these data.

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This project was supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales and United States Department of the Interior.

*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

The software packages used to develop the atlas are Environmental Systems Research Institute's ARC/INFO(r) (version 8.0.2) and ORACLE(r) RDBMS (version 8.0.5.0.0). The hardware configuration is Hewlett Packard workstations (models 715/50 and 712/80i with 4 X-terminals) with UNIX operating system (HP-UX Release A.10.20). The following files are included in the data set: benthic.e00, birds.e00, bio\_lut.e00, biofile.e00, biores.e00, breed.e00, breed\_dt.e00, esi.e00, fish.e00, fishl.e00, habitats.e00, hydro.e00, index.e00, invert.e00, invertl.e00, karst.e00, mgt.e00, m\_mammal.e00, reptiles.e00, seasonal.e00, shelfbnd.e00, soc\_dat.e00, soc\_lut.e00, socecon.e00, sources.e00, species.e00, stations.e00, status.e00, t\_mammal.e00, wetlands.e00.

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The attribute accuracy is estimated to be "good" given the years of ESI experience, the data input methodology, the quality control review sessions, and the digital logical consistency checks.

*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

The digitization of shoreline types, biological resources, and human-use resources is a complex and highly quality-controlled process. Existing digital shoreline data are integrated into a study-wide basemap. In order to facilitate digitizing, the entire study area is split into individual quadrangles using the INDEX data layer. The first layer of information digitized is the ESI/RSI shoreline classification. The ESI/RSI habitat ranking is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a geomorphologist. The hardcopy maps are then digitized and checked using both on-screen and hardcopy reviews. The edited maps are updated and checked once again for completeness and topological and logical consistency. Any errors in the shoreline classification are updated prior to digitization of the biological and human-use layers. All layers use the shoreline as the geographic reference so that there are no slivers in the geographic coordinates. The hardcopy biological information is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a biological expert using data from regional specialists in the form of maps, tables, charts, written descriptions of wildlife distributions, and personal interviews. Concurrently, digital data sources are imported, projected, checked for quality control, and integrated into the data structure. The hardcopy data are digitized, checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, integrated with existing data, plotted, and sent out for review by the regional specialists. The edited maps are updated, checked once again, and the final product plotted (at approximately 1:55,000 scale). A team of specialists reviews the entire series of maps, checks all data, and makes final edits. The data are then merged to form the study-wide layers. The data merging includes a final quality control check where labels, chains, and polygons are checked for attribute accuracy. To finalize the data checking process, each data layer is checked using a standardized form by two GIS personnel (a technician and the GIS

manager), and each attribute database is checked using several programs that test the files for missing or duplicate data, rules for proper coding, GIS topological consistencies (such as dangles, unnecessary nodes, etc.), and ORACLE(r) to ARC/INFO(r) consistencies. A final review is made by the GIS manager, where the data are written to CD-ROM and the metadata are written. ESI data are processed into multiple formats to make them useful to a wider community of GIS/mapping users. Distribution formats include ARC export, MOSS and Shape files, and MARPLOT map folders. An ArcView ESI project and ESI\_Viewer product are also included on the CDs for ease of use of the ESI data. The database files are distributed both in the NOAA standard relational database format (see NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS ORCA 115) and in a simplified desktop flat file format. This metadata document includes information on both of these database formats. The section *Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information* refers to the source files in ARC export format only.

*Completeness\_Report:*

The intertidal shoreline habitats of Puerto Rico were previously mapped during overflights and ground surveys conducted by the Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales (DRNA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), published in 1984. For this project, the original ESI maps were re-examined and fully updated using the sources and methods described below. As a first step, infrared vertical aerial photographs were examined at the offices of DRNA in San Juan. The initial aerial photograph classification was followed by overflight surveys of the entire study area, flying at elevations of 400-600 feet and slow air speed. Overflights were conducted using U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) helicopters and fixed-wing Cessna 172s operated by the Puerto Rico Civil Air Patrol. During this work, an experienced coastal geologist delineated the intertidal shoreline habitats directly onto 1:20,000-scale USGS topographic maps (1:30,000 for Culebra and Vieques). Where appropriate, multiple habitats were described for each shoreline segment. Data from the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) for the coastal plain of Puerto Rico, published in draft form in 1989 (based on 1983 1:40,000 CIR photography), were also used as a supplementary data source, particularly for mangrove areas and tidal flats. In many cases, the depiction of mangroves was modified substantially from the original NWI data, based on the more recent aerial photography and overflights, as well as information provided by expert reviewers.

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The ESI data use USGS 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 topographic quadrangles as the basemap. It is estimated that the ESI shoreline classification has a minimum mapping unit of 50 feet.

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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

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*Other\_Citation\_Details:*

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#### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

This data set comprises the Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) and Reach Sensitivity Index (RSI) data for Puerto Rico. ESI data characterize estuarine environments and wildlife

by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches (RSI), that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. This data set contains sensitive biological resource data for birds.

*Purpose:*

The ESI and RSI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

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*Time\_Period\_Information:*

*Range\_of\_Dates/Times:*

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DO NOT USE MAPS FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES. Besides the above warning, there are no use constraints on these data. Acknowledgment of the publishers and contributing sources listed in *Data\_Set\_Credit* (below) would be appreciated in products derived from these data.

*Browse\_Graphic:**Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Name:* [prdatafig.jpg](#)*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Description:*

Relationships between spatial data layers and attribute data tables for the Puerto Rico data.

*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type:* JPEG*Data\_Set\_Credit:*

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*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

The software packages used to develop the atlas are Environmental Systems Research Institute's ARC/INFO(r) (version 8.0.2) and ORACLE(r) RDBMS (version 8.0.5.0.0). The hardware configuration is Hewlett Packard workstations (models 715/50 and 712/80i with 4 X-terminals) with UNIX operating system (HP-UX Release A.10.20). The following files are included in the data set: benthic.e00, birds.e00, bio\_lut.e00, biofile.e00, biores.e00, breed.e00, breed\_dt.e00, esi.e00, fish.e00, fishl.e00, habitats.e00, hydro.e00, index.e00, invert.e00, invertl.e00, karst.e00, mgt.e00, m\_mammal.e00, reptiles.e00, seasonal.e00, shelfbnd.e00, soc\_dat.e00, soc\_lut.e00, soecon.e00, sources.e00, species.e00, stations.e00, status.e00, t\_mammal.e00, wetlands.e00.

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*Data\_Quality\_Information:**Attribute\_Accuracy:**Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The attribute accuracy is estimated to be "good" given the years of ESI experience, the data input methodology, the quality control review sessions, and the digital logical consistency checks.

*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

The digitization of shoreline types, biological resources, and human-use resources is a complex and highly quality-controlled process. Existing digital shoreline and wetlands data are integrated into a study-wide basemap. In order to facilitate digitizing, the entire study area is split into individual quadrangles using the INDEX data layer. The first layer of information digitized is the ESI/RSI shoreline classification. The ESI/RSI habitat ranking is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a geomorphologist. The hardcopy maps are then digitized and checked, using both on-screen and hardcopy reviews. The edited maps are updated, and checked once again for completeness and topological and logical consistency. Any errors in the shoreline classification are updated prior to digitization of the biological reference so that there are no slivers in the geographic coordinates. The hardcopy biological information is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a biological expert using data from regional specialists in the form of maps, tables, charts, written descriptions of wildlife distributions, and personal interviews.

Concurrently, digital data sources are imported, projected, checked for quality control, and integrated into the data structure. The hardcopy data are digitized, checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, integrated with existing data, plotted, and sent out for review by the regional specialists. The edited maps are updated, checked once again, and the final product plotted (at approximately 1:55,000 scale). A team of specialists reviews the entire series of maps, checks all data, and makes final edits. The data are then merged to form the study-wide layers. The data merging includes a final quality control check where labels, chains, and polygons are checked for attribute accuracy. To finalize the data checking process, each data layer is checked using a standardized form by two GIS personnel (a technician and the GIS manager), and each attribute database is checked using several programs that test the files for missing or duplicate data, rules for proper coding, GIS topological consistencies (such as dangles, unnecessary nodes, etc.), and ORACLE (r) and ARC/INFO (r) consistencies. A final review is made by the GIS manager, where the data are written to CD-ROM and the metadata are written. After the data are delivered to NOAA, they are again subjected to a number of quality and consistency checks. In the process of checking for topological and database consistencies, new IDs and RARNUMs or HUNUMs are also generated. The new IDs are a combination of atlas number, element number, and record number. In addition, the value used to represent the element is modified to reflect the type of feature being mapped. In the case of an element that is normally represented by a point or polygon, a value of 20 is added to the standard element value for mapping of linear features. In the case where an element usually mapped as a polygon is represented by a point, a value of 30 is added to the regular element value. The RARNUMs are also modified to include the atlas number, so multiple atlases can be combined and RARNUMs remain unique. RARNUMs are redefined on an element basis, so "resource at risk" groupings will contain only a single element. HUNUMs are also modified to include the atlas number. ESI data are processed into multiple formats to make them useful to a wider community of GIS/mapping users. Distribution formats include ARC export, MOSS and Shape files, and MARPLOT map folders. An ArcView ESI project and ESI\_Viewer product are also included on the CDs for ease of use of the ESI data. The database files are distributed both in the NOAA standard relational database format (see NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS ORCA 115) and in a simplified desktop flat file format. This metadata document includes information on both of these database formats. The section, *Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information*, refers to the source files in ARC export format only.

#### *Completeness\_Report:*

Biological information presented in this atlas was collected and compiled with the assistance of biologists from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and various other agencies, organizations, and groups. Information collected and depicted on the maps denotes the key biological resources that are most likely at risk in the event of an oil spill. Seven major categories, or ELEMENTs, of biological resources were considered during data compilation: birds; fish; invertebrates; habitats; marine mammals; terrestrial mammals; and reptiles. The ELEMENTs generally correspond to the coverage or geographic data layer names. There are also six attribute, or data tables, BIORES, BREED, SEASONAL, SOURCES, SPECIES, and STATUS, that are used to store the complex biological data. The biological polygons (BIRDS) are linked to the Biological Resources table (BIORES) using the unique ID and the lookup table BIO\_LUT, or they can be linked directly using RARNUM. [The ID is a unique combination of the atlas number (for Puerto Rico this is 66), an element specific number (birds are layer 1, fish are layer 2, etc.) and a unique record number. The RARNUM represents a unique combination of species, seasonalities, concentrations, and source information. For each of these groupings, a number is generated. That number is concatenated with the atlas number to create a "resource at risk" number that is unique across atlases.] The items in BIORES include: RARNUM, SPECIES\_ID, CONC, SEASON\_ID, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, ELEMENT, EL\_SPE, and EL\_SPE\_SEA. SPECIES\_ID is the numeric identifier of each species and is unique within each ELEMENT. CONC is the concentration of the species and can be descriptive (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, etc.) or an actual count of the number of individuals or nests associated with a polygon. SEASON\_ID contains a numeric identifier for the unique monthly presence and life history characteristics of each species at a given location. There can be one seasonality record per species, or the same species can have different monthly presence or breeding activities at different sites. When this occurs, a new record with a different SEASON\_ID is referenced. G\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for geographic information, and S\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for seasonality information. Both items link to the SOURCES data table. EL\_SPE is a concatenation of ELEMENT and SPECIES\_ID and links to other data tables (primarily the SPECIES table).

EL\_SPE\_SEA is a concatenation of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID and links to the SEASONAL and BREED data tables. The SPECIES data table contains the SPECIES\_ID (described above), common name (NAME), scientific name (GEN\_SPEC), date the list of Natural Heritage Program (NHP) ranks was published (DATE\_PUB), biological element (ELEMENT), biological subelement (SUBELEMENT), and the NHP global conservation status rank. The item SUBELEMENT refers to the grouping of the species: (ELEMENT, subelement): BIRD: bird, gull\_tern, passerine, pelagic, raptor, shorebird, wading, waterfowl. The STATUS data table contains records for each species that is threatened or endangered on state or federal lists. The items include: ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, STATE (two-letter state abbreviation, populated with "PR" for Puerto Rico), S\_F (state or federal status, populated with "S" for the Commonwealth States), T\_E (threatened or endangered status), DATE\_PUB (the date the atlas was published when the given state and federal listings were in effect), and EL\_SPE. The SEASONAL data table indicates the presence of a particular species in a particular location by month (JAN-DEC). The BIORES table is linked to the SEASONAL table using the item EL\_SPE\_SEA (a concatenation of the first letter of the ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID). The BREED data table contains the life stage or life history data for each unique combination of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID (or EL\_SPE\_SEA). It contains up to 12 records corresponding to each month of the year that the species is present in that location. The items BREED1-BREED5 will reflect different life activities, depending on the ELEMENT referenced. For BIRDS, BREED1 = nesting. There are no BREED2-BREED5 activities for BIRDS, so those columns are populated with a dash (-). The SOURCES data table contains metadata for each biological and human-use source listed in the ESI atlas. The items in SOURCES include: SOURCE\_ID; ORIGINATOR (author); DATE\_PUB (date of publication); TITLE (title of the data set); DATA\_FORMAT (digital type, hardcopy maps, etc.); PUBLICATION (additional citation); SCALE (source scale denominator); and TIME\_PERIOD (beginning and ending dates of original data collection). The SOURCES data table is linked to all biological data at the feature plus species-level and human-use data at the feature-level. Due to the complexity of the relational database model, the biological data items are also post-processed into a flat file format. This file is entitled BIOFILE and it may be used in place of the relational files to ease simple data queries. The items in the flat file are ELEMENT, SUBELEMENT, NAME, GEN\_SPEC, S\_F, T\_E, NHP, DATE\_PUB, CONC, JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC, BREED1, BREED2, BREED3, BREED4, BREED5, RARNUM, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, and BREED. All of these items are the same as their counterparts in the individual files described above, except the BREED1-BREED5 items. BREED is a newly generated variable used to link to the BREED\_DT file, a modified, more compact version of the aforementioned BREED file. BREED1-BREED5 give a text summary of when each life stage occurs within that polygon. The life stages referred to are the same as those listed in the previous table. The link to the BIOFILE may be made through BIO\_LUT using ID to link to RARNUM, or it may be linked directly to the RARNUM in each of the biology cover's attribute files. As mentioned, BREED\_DT is an auxiliary support file to the flat file structure, which allows the user to do searches based on month for seasonal breeding activities. The link from the flat file to BREED\_DT is the BREED item. A second supporting data file is SOURCES. This is the same as the source file described above, and the link from the flat file is both G\_SOURCE and S\_SOURCE. It should be noted that although the flat file eases data query, it is not a normalized database structure, and actual updates performed by the states and other responsible agencies should be done using the relational files.

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*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The biological data sets are developed primarily using regional experts who estimate concentration areas. Unlike shorelines, which maintain relative spatial stability through time, the biological data by nature vary in distribution across the landscape. Therefore, the 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS quadrangles are used as a basemap in gathering the data but the data have "fuzzy" boundaries which must be understood when utilizing this information.

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Chabert, J., Ramos, D., Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources, San Jaun

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Waterfowl Areas and other Wildlife and Human-use Features for Puerto Rico

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Caribbean Field Office Contact: S, Silander, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boqueron

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Garcia, E., U.S. Forest Service, Carribbean National Forest, Palmer  
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Jobos Bay NERR Staff, Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural  
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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

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Birds in this atlas are divided into several species subgroups based on taxonomy, morphology, behavior, and oil spill vulnerability and sensitivity. The species table lists all the birds included on the maps, sorted by subgroup. These species are included either because of their likelihood of direct or indirect impact by an oil spill or similar incident, their general rarity or imperilment, or their special protection status as threatened or endangered. Marine, wetland, and aquatic species; nesting sites and colonies; and protected species are especially emphasized. Seabird concentration areas and nesting colonies in this atlas were based on information provided by USFWS. Concentration areas for wetland and aquatic birds were based mainly on information provided by DRNA waterfowl and wildlife biologists. Locations for Puerto Rican parrots were derived based on information provided by USFS biologists. The DRNA Division de Patrimonio Natural provided information for protected and other species throughout the study area. These sources were augmented by information from the DRNA reports on Critical Wildlife Areas and Critical Coastal Wildlife Areas of Puerto Rico, and other expert and published sources.

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A unique identifier that links to the BIO\_LUT table. ID is a concatenation of atlas number (66), element number (1), and record number. ID values of 9999 are holes in polygons and do not contain information. The following BIRDS species are found in the Puerto Rico ESI/RSI data set (SPECIES ID, NAME): 17, Northern pintail; 18, Green-winged teal; 23, Lesser scaup; 34, American coot; 77, Osprey; 86, Least tern; 91, Glossy ibis; 93, Cattle egret; 95, Roseate tern; 97, Green heron; 98, Laughing gull; 107, Peregrine falcon; 118, Brown pelican; 119, Magnificent frigatebird; 120, Yellow-crowned night-heron; 125, Clapper rail; 126, Brown noddy; 127, Sooty tern; 128, Masked (blue-faced) booby; 133, Black skimmer; 135, Sandwich tern; 137, Royal tern; 139, Snowy plover; 142, Black-necked stilt; 148, Ruddy duck; 152, American oystercatcher; 153, Piping plover; 169, American wigeon; 176, Short-eared owl; 179, Pied-billed grebe; 180, Ring-necked duck; 182, American kestrel; 188, Sora; 190, Blue-winged teal; 192, Common moorhen; 196, Common snipe; 212, Purple gallinule; 216, Belted kingfisher; 220, Merlin; 230, Red-tailed hawk; 252, White-tailed tropicbird; 260, Red-footed booby; 261, Brown booby; 267, Fulvous whistling-duck; 268, Masked duck; 269, Least grebe; 283, Bridled tern; 287, Audubon's shearwater; 297, White-crowned pigeon; 307, Caribbean coot; 308, Elfín woods warbler; 342, Red-billed tropicbird; 367, Greater flamingo; 404, Yellow-breasted crake; 420, Mangrove cuckoo; 438, Puerto Rican plain pigeon; 439, Puerto Rican nightjar; 440, Scaly-naped pigeon; 444, White-cheeked pintail; 446, Yellow-shouldered blackbird; 447, West Indian whistling-duck; 448, White-winged dove; 449, Zenaida dove; 450, Puerto Rican sharp-shinned hawk; 451, Puerto Rican broad-winged hawk; 452, Mourning dove; 453, Puerto Rican parrot; 454, Puerto Rican

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lizard-cuckoo; 455, Yellow-billed cuckoo; 456, Puerto Rican bullfinch; 457, Key West quail-dove; 1001, Gulls; 1002, Shorebirds; 1003, Waterfowl; 1004, Wading birds; 1008, Terns; 1012, Neotropical migrants; 1018, Passerine birds; 1021, Ducks; 1022, Seabirds

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# Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: FISH (Fish Polygons)

## Metadata:

- [Identification Information](#)
  - [Data Quality Information](#)
  - [Spatial Data Organization Information](#)
  - [Spatial Reference Information](#)
  - [Entity and Attribute Information](#)
  - [Distribution Information](#)
  - [Metadata Reference Information](#)
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### *Identification\_Information:*

#### *Citation:*

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#### *Originator:*

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington; United States Environmental Protection Agency; United States Coast Guard; Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales; and United States Department of the Interior.

#### *Publication\_Date:* 200106

*Title:* Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: FISH (Fish Polygons)

*Edition:* Second

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Atlas

#### *Series\_Information:*

*Series\_Name:* None

*Issue\_Identification:* Puerto Rico

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*Publication\_Place:* Seattle, Washington

#### *Publisher:*

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington

#### *Other\_Citation\_Details:*

Prepared by Research Planning, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales, and United States Department of the Interior.

#### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

This data set comprises the Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) and Reach Sensitivity Index (RSI) data for Puerto Rico. ESI data characterize estuarine environments and wildlife

by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches (RSI), that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. This data set contains sensitive biological resource polygonal data for fish.

*Purpose:*

The ESI and RSI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Coastal resources

*Theme\_Keyword:* Oil spill planning

*Theme\_Keyword:* Coastal Zone Management

*Theme\_Keyword:* Fish

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Estuarine

*Theme\_Keyword:* Freshwater

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Pelagic

*Place:*

*Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus:* None

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*Place\_Keyword:* Puerto Rico

*Access\_Constraints:* None

*Use\_Constraints:*

DO NOT USE MAPS FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES. Besides the above warning, there are no use constraints on these data. Acknowledgment of the publishers and contributing sources listed in Data\_Set\_Credit (below) would be appreciated in products derived from these data.

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Relationships between spatial data layers and attribute data tables for the Puerto Rico data.

*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type:* JPEG

*Data\_Set\_Credit:*

This project was supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales and United States Department of the Interior.

*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

The software packages used to develop the atlas are Environmental Systems Research Institute's ARC/INFO(r) (version 8.0.2) and ORACLE(r) RDBMS (version 8.0.5.0.0). The hardware configuration is Hewlett Packard workstations (models 715/50 and 712/80i with 4 X-terminals) with UNIX operating system (HP-UX Release A.10.20). The following files are included in the data set: benthic.e00, birds.e00, bio\_lut.e00, biofile.e00, biores.e00, breed.e00, breed\_dt.e00, esi.e00, fish.e00, fishl.e00, habitats.e00, hydro.e00, index.e00, invert.e00, invertl.e00, karst.e00, mgt.e00, m\_mammal.e00, reptiles.e00, seasonal.e00, shelfbnd.e00, soc\_dat.e00, soc\_lut.e00, socecon.e00, sources.e00, species.e00, stations.e00, status.e00, t\_mammal.e00, wetlands.e00.

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*Data\_Quality\_Information:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The attribute accuracy is estimated to be "good" given the years of ESI experience, the data input methodology, the quality control review sessions, and the digital logical consistency checks.

*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

The digitization of shoreline types, biological resources, and human-use resources is a complex and highly quality-controlled process. Existing digital shoreline and wetlands data are integrated into a study-wide basemap. In order to facilitate digitizing, the entire study area is split into individual quadrangles using the INDEX data layer. The first layer of information digitized is the ESI/RSI shoreline classification. The ESI/RSI habitat ranking is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a geomorphologist. The hardcopy maps are then digitized and checked, using both on-screen and hardcopy reviews. The edited maps are updated and checked once again for completeness and topological and logical consistency. Any errors in the shoreline classification are updated prior to digitization of the biological reference so that there are no slivers in the geographic coordinates. The hardcopy biological information is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a biological expert using data from regional specialists in the form of maps, tables, charts, written descriptions of wildlife distributions, and personal interviews. Concurrently, digital data sources are imported, projected, checked for quality control, and integrated into the data structure. The hardcopy data are digitized, checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, integrated with existing data, plotted, and sent out for review by the regional specialists.



The edited maps are updated, checked once again, and the final product plotted (at approximately 1:55,000 scale). A team of specialists reviews the entire series of maps, checks all data, and makes final edits. The data are then merged to form the study-wide layers. The data merging includes a final quality control check where labels, chains, and polygons are checked for attribute accuracy. To finalize the data checking process, each data layer is checked using a standardized form by two GIS personnel (a technician and the GIS manager), and each attribute database is checked using several programs that test the files for missing or duplicate data, rules for proper coding, GIS topological consistencies (such as dangles, unnecessary nodes, etc.), and ORACLE (r) and ARC/INFO (r) consistencies. A final review is made by the GIS manager, where the data are written to CD-ROM and the metadata are written. After the data are delivered to NOAA, they are again subjected to a number of quality and consistency checks. In the process of checking for topological and database consistencies, new IDs and RARNUMs or HUNUMs are also generated. The new IDs are a combination of atlas number, element number, and record number. In addition, the value used to represent the element is modified to reflect the type of feature being mapped. In the case of an element that is normally represented by a point or polygon, a value of 20 is added to the standard element value for mapping of linear features. In the case where an element usually mapped as a polygon is represented by a point, a value of 30 is added to the regular element value. The RARNUMs are also modified to include the atlas number, so multiple atlases can be combined and RARNUMs remain unique. RARNUMs are redefined on an element basis, so "resource at risk" groupings will contain only a single element. HUNUMs are also modified to include the atlas number. ESI data are processed into multiple formats to make them useful to a wider community of GIS/mapping users. Distribution formats include ARC export, MOSS and Shape files, and MARPLOT map folders. An ArcView ESI project and ESI\_Viewer product are also included on the CDs for ease of use of the ESI data. The database files are distributed both in the NOAA standard relational database format (see NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS ORCA 115) and in a simplified desktop flat file format. This metadata document includes information on both of these database formats. The section *Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information* refers to the source files in ARC export format only.

*Completeness\_Report:*

Biological information presented in this atlas was collected and compiled with the assistance of biologists from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and various other agencies, organizations, and groups. Information collected and depicted on the maps denotes the key biological resources that are most likely at risk in the event of an oil spill. Seven major categories, or ELEMENTs, of biological resources were considered during data compilation: birds; fish; invertebrates; habitats; marine mammals; terrestrial mammals; and reptiles. The ELEMENTs generally correspond to the coverage or geographic data layer names. There are also six attribute, or data tables, BIORES, BREED, SEASONAL, SOURCES, SPECIES, and STATUS, that are used to store the complex biological data. The biological polygons (FISH) are linked to the Biological Resources table (BIORES) using the unique ID and the lookup table BIO\_LUT, or they can be linked directly using RARNUM. [The ID is a unique combination of the atlas number (for Puerto Rico this is 66), an element specific number (birds are layer 1, fish are layer 2, etc.) and a unique record number. The RARNUM represents a unique combination of species, seasonalities, concentrations, and source information. For each of these groupings, a number is generated. That number is concatenated with the atlas number to create a "resource at risk" number that is unique across atlases.] The items in BIORES include: RARNUM, SPECIES\_ID, CONC, SEASON\_ID, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, ELEMENT, EL\_SPE, and EL\_SPE\_SEA. SPECIES\_ID is the numeric identifier of each species and is unique within each ELEMENT. CONC is the concentration of the species and can be descriptive (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, etc.) or an actual count of the number of individuals or nests associated with a polygon. SEASON\_ID contains a numeric identifier for the unique monthly presence and life history characteristics of each species at a given location. There can be one seasonality record per species, or the same species can have different monthly presence or breeding activities at different sites. When this occurs, a new record with a different SEASON\_ID is referenced. G\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for geographic information, and S\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for seasonality information. Both items link to the SOURCES data table. EL\_SPE is a concatenation of ELEMENT and SPECIES\_ID and links to other data tables (primarily the SPECIES table). EL\_SPE\_SEA is a concatenation of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID and links to the SEASONAL and BREED data tables. The SPECIES data table contains the SPECIES\_ID (described above), common name (NAME), scientific name (GEN\_SPEC), date the list of Natural Heritage

Program (NHP) ranks was published (DATE\_PUB), biological element (ELEMENT), biological subelement (SUBELEMENT), and the NHP global conservation status rank. The item SUBELEMENT refers to the grouping of the species: (ELEMENT, subelement): FISH: diadromous, e\_nursery, freshwater, m\_benthic, m\_pelagic. The STATUS data table contains records for each species that is threatened or endangered on state or federal lists. The items include: ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, STATE (two-letter state abbreviation, populated with "PR" for Puerto Rico), S\_F (state or federal status, populated with "S" for the Commonwealth States), T\_E (threatened or endangered status), DATE\_PUB (the date the atlas was published when the given state and federal listings were in effect), and EL\_SPE. The SEASONAL data table indicates the presence of a particular species in a particular location by month (JAN-DEC). The BIORES table is linked to the SEASONAL table using the item EL\_SPE\_SEA (a concatenation of the first letter of the ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID). The BREED data table contains the life stage or life history data for each unique combination of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID (or EL\_SPE\_SEA). It contains up to 12 records corresponding to each month of the year that the species is present in that location. The items BREED1-BREED5 will reflect different life activities, depending on the ELEMENT referenced. For FISH, BREED1 = spawning, BREED2 = eggs, BREED3 = larvae, BREED4 = juveniles, and BREED5 = adults. The SOURCES data table contains metadata for each biological and human-use source listed in the ESI atlas. The items in SOURCES include: SOURCE\_ID; ORIGINATOR (author); DATE\_PUB (date of publication); TITLE (title of the data set); DATA\_FORMAT (digital type, hardcopy maps, etc.); PUBLICATION (additional citation); SCALE (source scale denominator); and TIME\_PERIOD (beginning and ending dates of original data collection). The SOURCES data table is linked to all biological data at the feature plus species-level and human-use data at the feature-level. Due to the complexity of the relational database model, the biological data items are also post-processed into a flat file format. This file is entitled BIOFILE and it may be used in place of the relational files to ease simple data queries. The items in the flat file are ELEMENT, SUBELEMENT, NAME, GEN\_SPEC, S\_F, T\_E, NHP, DATE\_PUB, CONC, JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC, BREED1, BREED2, BREED3, BREED4, BREED5, RARNUM, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, and BREED. All of these items are the same as their counterparts in the individual files described above, except the BREED1-BREED5 items. BREED is a newly generated variable used to link to the BREED\_DT file, a modified, more compact version of the aforementioned BREED file. BREED1-BREED5 gives a text summary of when each life stage occurs within that polygon. The life stages referred to are the same as those listed in the previous table. The link to the BIOFILE may be made through BIO\_LUT using ID to link to RARNUM, or it may be linked directly to the RARNUM in each of the biology cover's attribute files. As mentioned, BREED\_DT is an auxiliary support file to the flat file structure, which allows the user to do searches based on month for seasonal breeding activities. The link from the flat file to BREED\_DT is the BREED item. A second supporting data file is SOURCES. This is the same as the source file described above, and the link from the flat file is both G\_SOURCE and S\_SOURCE. It should be noted that although the flat file eases data query, it is not a normalized database structure, and actual updates performed by the states and other responsible agencies should be done using the relational files.

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The biological data sets are developed primarily using regional experts who estimate concentration areas. Unlike shorelines, which maintain relative spatial stability through time, the biological data by nature vary in distribution across the landscape. Therefore, the 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS quadrangles are used as a basemap in gathering the data, but the data have "fuzzy" boundaries, which must be understood when utilizing this information.

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Native Stream Fish, Shrimp, and Crab Distribution, Seasonality, and Life-History

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council and National Marine Fishery Service Information Contact: G. Garcia-Moliner, CFMCA

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material*Title:*

Fishery Management Plans for Reef Fish, Lobster, and Conch for the U.S. Caribbean

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council and National Marine Fishery Service Contacts: G. Garcia-Moliner, CFMC, San Juan; NMFS HMS Division, Silver Springs

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*Originator:* National Marine Fishery Service

*Publication\_Date:* 1998

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Draft Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Billfish Fishery Management Plan

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National Marine Fishery Service, Highly Migratory Species

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*Originator:*

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Reproduction in an Aggregating Grouper, The Red Hind, *Epinephelus*  
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Chabert, J., Ramos, D., Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources, San Jaun, PR

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Velazco, A., Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources, San Juan

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North Carolina State University and Puerto Rico Department of  
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Habitat Dependency and Marine Gamefish Population Dynamics,  
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Final Reports to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal  
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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

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Finfish depicted in this atlas include selected marine, estuarine, diadromous, and

freshwater species. Species of commercial, recreational, ecological, and/or conservation interest are emphasized. Major finfish (and invertebrate) distributions were mapped using five major geographic divisions: nearshore and shelf waters, offshore waters, estuarine areas, RSI-classified streams, and major freshwater reservoirs.

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*Attribute\_Definition*:

A unique identifier that links to the BIO\_LUT table. ID is a concatenation of atlas number (66), element number (2), and record number. ID values of 9999 are holes in polygons and do not contain information. The following FISH species are found in the Puerto Rico ESI/RSI data set (SPECIES ID, NAME): 143, Tarpon; 179, Largemouth bass; 201, Channel catfish; 204, Redear sunfish; 504, Hog-nosed mullet; 505, Peacock bass; 506, White catfish; 507, Tilapia; 508, Snook; 509, Red hind; 511, Tiger grouper; 514, Mutton snapper; 515, Yellowtail snapper; 521, Blue marlin; 524, Sirajo goby (seti); 1002, Reef fish; 1003, Pelagic fish; 1004, Nursery fish; 1006, Native stream fish.

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*Contact\_Person:* John Kaperick  
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*Address:* 7600 Sand Point Way N.E.  
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*Contact\_Voice\_Telephone:* (206) 526-6400  
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*Resource\_Description:* ESI/RSI Atlas for Puerto Rico

*Distribution\_Liability:*

Although these data have been processed successfully on a computer system at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, no warranty, expressed or implied, is made by NOAA regarding the utility of the data on any other system, nor shall the act of distribution constitute any such warranty. NOAA warrants the delivery of this product in computer-readable format, and will offer a replacement copy of the product when the product is determined unreadable by computer input peripherals, or when the physical medium is delivered in damaged condition.

*Custom\_Order\_Process:*

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# Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: FISHL (Fish Lines)

## Metadata:

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- [Data Quality Information](#)
- [Spatial Data Organization Information](#)
- [Spatial Reference Information](#)
- [Entity and Attribute Information](#)
- [Distribution Information](#)
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### *Identification\_Information:*

#### *Citation:*

#### *Citation\_Information:*

#### *Originator:*

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington; United States Environmental Protection Agency; United States Coast Guard; Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales; and United States Department of the Interior.

*Publication\_Date:* 200106

*Title:* Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: FISHL (Fish Lines)

*Edition:* Second

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Atlas

*Series\_Information:*

*Series\_Name:* None

*Issue\_Identification:* Puerto Rico

*Publication\_Information:*

*Publication\_Place:* Seattle, Washington

*Publisher:*

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington

*Other\_Citation\_Details:*

Prepared by Research Planning, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales, and United States Department of the Interior.

#### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

This data set comprises the Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) and Reach Sensitivity Index (RSI) data for Puerto Rico. ESI data characterize estuarine environments and wildlife

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by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches (RSI), that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. This data set contains sensitive biological resource line data for fish.

*Purpose:*

The ESI and RSI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

*Time\_Period\_of\_Content:*

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*Beginning\_Date:* 199807

*Ending\_Date:* 200106

*Currentness\_Reference:* Project time span

*Status:*

*Progress:* Complete

*Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency:* None Scheduled

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Sensitivity maps

*Theme\_Keyword:* Coastal resources

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Coastal Zone Management

*Theme\_Keyword:* Fish

*Theme\_Keyword:* Diadromous

*Place:*

*Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus:* None

*Place\_Keyword:* Puerto Rico

*Access\_Constraints:* None

*Use\_Constraints:*

DO NOT USE MAPS FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES. Besides the above warning, there are

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no use constraints on these data. Acknowledgment of the publishers and contributing sources listed in Data\_Set\_Credit (below) would be appreciated in products derived from these data.

*Browse\_Graphic:*

*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Name:* [prdatafig .jpg](#)

*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Description:*

Relationships between spatial data layers and attribute data tables for the Puerto Rico data.

*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type:* JPEG

*Data\_Set\_Credit:*

This project was supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales and United States Department of the Interior.

*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

The software packages used to develop the atlas are Environmental Systems Research Institute's ARC/INFO(r) (version 8.0.2) and ORACLE(r) RDBMS (version 8.0.5.0.0). The hardware configuration is Hewlett Packard workstations (models 715/50 and 712/80i with 4 X-terminals) with UNIX operating system (HP-UX Release A.10.20). The following files are included in the data set: benthic.e00, birds.e00, bio\_lut.e00, biofile.e00, biores.e00, breed.e00, breed\_dt.e00, esi.e00, fish.e00, fishl.e00, habitats.e00, hydro.e00, index.e00, invert.e00, invertl.e00, karst.e00, mgt.e00, m\_mammal.e00, reptiles.e00, seasonal.e00, shelfbnd.e00, soc\_dat.e00, soc\_lut.e00, soecon.e00, sources.e00, species.e00, stations.e00, status.e00, t\_mammal.e00, wetlands.e00.

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*Data\_Quality\_Information:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The attribute accuracy is estimated to be "good" given the years of ESI experience, the data input methodology, the quality control review sessions, and the digital logical consistency checks.

*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

The digitization of shoreline types, biological resources, and human-use resources is a complex and highly quality-controlled process. Existing digital shoreline and wetlands data are integrated into a study-wide basemap. In order to facilitate digitizing, the entire study area is split into individual quadrangles using the INDEX data layer. The first layer of information digitized is the ESI/RSI shoreline classification. The ESI/RSI habitat ranking is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a geomorphologist. The hardcopy maps are then digitized and checked, using both on-screen and hardcopy reviews. The edited maps are updated, and checked once again for completeness and topological and logical consistency. Any errors in the shoreline classification are updated prior to digitization of the biological reference so that there are no slivers in the geographic coordinates. The hardcopy biological information is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a biological expert using data from regional specialists in the form of maps, tables, charts, written descriptions of wildlife distributions, and personal interviews. Concurrently, digital data sources are imported, projected, checked for quality control, and integrated into the data structure. The hardcopy data are digitized, checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, integrated with existing data, plotted, and sent out for review by the regional specialists. The edited maps are updated, checked once again, and the final product plotted (at approximately 1:55,000 scale). A team of specialists reviews the entire series of maps, checks all data, and makes final edits. The data are then merged to form the study-wide layers. The data merging includes a final quality control check where labels, chains, and polygons are checked for attribute accuracy. To

finalize the data checking process, each data layer is checked using a standardized form by two GIS personnel (a technician and the GIS manager), and each attribute database is checked using several programs that test the files for missing or duplicate data, rules for proper coding, GIS topological consistencies (such as dangles, unnecessary nodes, etc.), and ORACLE (r) and ARC/INFO (r) consistencies. A final review is made by the GIS manager, where the data are written to CD-ROM and the metadata are written. After the data are delivered to NOAA, they are again subjected to a number of quality and consistency checks. In the process of checking for topological and database consistencies, new IDs and RARNUMs or HUNUMs are also generated. The new IDs are a combination of atlas number, element number, and record number. In addition, the value used to represent the element is modified to reflect the type of feature being mapped. In the case of an element that is normally represented by a point or polygon, a value of 20 is added to the standard element value for mapping of linear features. In the case where an element usually mapped as a polygon is represented by a point, a value of 30 is added to the regular element value. The RARNUMs are also modified to include the atlas number, so multiple atlases can be combined and RARNUMs remain unique. RARNUMs are redefined on an element basis, so "resource at risk" groupings will contain only a single element. HUNUMs are also modified to include the atlas number. ESI data are processed into multiple formats to make them useful to a wider community of GIS/mapping users. Distribution formats include ARC export, MOSS and Shape files, and MARPLOT map folders. An ArcView ESI project and ESI\_Viewer product are also included on the CDs for ease of use of the ESI data. The database files are distributed both in the NOAA standard relational database format (see NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS ORCA 115) and in a simplified desktop flat file format. This metadata document includes information on both of these database formats. The section *Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information* refers to the source files in ARC export format only.

#### *Completeness\_Report:*

Biological information presented in this atlas was collected and compiled with the assistance of biologists from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and various other agencies, organizations, and groups. Information collected and depicted on the maps denotes the key biological resources that are most likely at risk in the event of an oil spill. Seven major categories, or ELEMENTs, of biological resources were considered during data compilation: birds; fish; invertebrates; habitats; marine mammals; terrestrial mammals and reptiles. The ELEMENTs generally correspond to the coverage or geographic data layer names. There are also six attribute, or data tables, BIORES, BREED, SEASONAL, SOURCES, SPECIES, and STATUS, that are used to store the complex biological data. The biological lines (FISHL) are linked to the Biological Resources table (BIORES) using the unique ID and the lookup table BIO\_LUT, or they can be linked directly using RARNUM. [The ID is a unique combination of the atlas number (for Puerto Rico this is 66), an element specific number (birds are layer 1, fish are layer 2, etc.) and a unique record number. The RARNUM represents a unique combination of species, seasonalities, concentrations, and source information. For each of these groupings, a number is generated. That number is concatenated with the atlas number to create a "resource at risk" number that is unique across atlases.] The items in BIORES include: RARNUM, SPECIES\_ID, CONC, SEASON\_ID, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, ELEMENT, EL\_SPE, and EL\_SPE\_SEA. SPECIES\_ID is the numeric identifier of each species and is unique within each ELEMENT. CONC is the concentration of the species and can be descriptive (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, etc.) or an actual count of the number of individuals or nests associated with a polygon. SEASON\_ID contains a numeric identifier for the unique monthly presence and life history characteristics of each species at a given location. There can be one seasonality record per species, or the same species can have different monthly presence or breeding activities at different sites. When this occurs, a new record with a different SEASON\_ID is referenced. G\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for geographic information, and S\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for seasonality information. Both items link to the SOURCES data table. EL\_SPE is a concatenation of ELEMENT and SPECIES\_ID and links to other data tables (primarily the SPECIES table). EL\_SPE\_SEA is a concatenation of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID and links to the SEASONAL and BREED data tables. The SPECIES data table contains the SPECIES\_ID (described above), common name (NAME), scientific name (GEN\_SPEC), date the list of Natural Heritage Program (NHP) ranks was published (DATE\_PUB), biological element (ELEMENT), biological subelement (SUBELEMENT), and the NHP global conservation status rank. The item SUBELEMENT refers to the grouping of the species: (ELEMENT, subelement): FISHL: diadromous. The STATUS data table contains records for each species that is threatened or



endangered on state or federal lists. The items include: ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, STATE (two-letter state abbreviation, populated with "PR" for Puerto Rico), S\_F (state or federal status, populated with "S" for the Commonwealth States), T\_E (threatened or endangered status), DATE\_PUB (the date the atlas was published when the given state and federal listings were in effect), and EL\_SPE. The SEASONAL data table indicates the presence of a particular species in a particular location by month (JAN-DEC). The BIORES table is linked to the SEASONAL table using the item EL\_SPE\_SEA (a concatenation of the first letter of the ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID). The BREED data table contains the life stage or life history data for each unique combination of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID (or EL\_SPE\_SEA). It contains up to 12 records corresponding to each month of the year that the species is present in that location. The items BREED1-BREED5 will reflect different life activities, depending on the ELEMENT referenced. For FISH, BREED1 = spawning, BREED2 = eggs, BREED3 = larvae, BREED4 = juveniles, and BREED5 = adults. The SOURCES data table contains metadata for each biological and human-use source listed in the ESI atlas. The items in SOURCES include: SOURCE\_ID; ORIGINATOR (author); DATE\_PUB (date of publication); TITLE (title of the data set); DATA\_FORMAT (digital type, hardcopy maps, etc.); PUBLICATION (additional citation); SCALE (source scale denominator); and TIME\_PERIOD (beginning and ending dates of original data collection). The SOURCES data table is linked to all biological data at the feature plus species-level and human-use data at the feature-level. Due to the complexity of the relational database model, the biological data items are also post-processed into a flat file format. This file is entitled BIOFILE and it may be used in place of the relational files to ease simple data queries. The items in the flat file are ELEMENT, SUBELEMENT, NAME, GEN\_SPEC, S\_F, T\_E, NHP, DATE\_PUB, CONC, JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC, BREED1, BREED2, BREED3, BREED4, BREED5, RARNUM, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, and BREED. All of these items are the same as their counterparts in the individual files described above, except the BREED1-BREED5 items. BREED is a newly generated variable used to link to the BREED\_DT file, a modified, more compact version of the aforementioned BREED file. BREED1-BREED5 give a text summary of when each life stage occurs within that polygon. The life stages referred to are the same as those listed in the previous table. The link to the BIOFILE may be made through BIO\_LUT using ID to link to RARNUM, or it may be linked directly to the RARNUM in each of the biology cover's attribute files. As mentioned, BREED\_DT is an auxiliary support file to the flat file structure, which allows the user to do searches based on month for seasonal breeding activities. The link from the flat file to BREED\_DT is the BREED item. A second supporting data file is SOURCES. This is the same as the source file described above, and the link from the flat file is both G\_SOURCE and S\_SOURCE. It should be noted that although the flat file eases data query, it is not a normalized database structure, and actual updates performed by the states and other responsible agencies should be done using the relational files.

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*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The biological data sets are developed primarily using regional experts who estimate concentration areas. Unlike shorelines, which maintain relative spatial stability through time, the biological data by nature vary in distribution across the landscape. Therefore, the 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS quadrangles are used as a basemap in gathering the data, but the data have "fuzzy" boundaries, which must be understood when utilizing this information.

*Lineage:*

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*Source\_Citation:*

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*Originator:* Yoshioka, B., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boqueron  
*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

*Title:*

Native Stream Fish, Shrimp, and Crab Distribution, Seasonality, and Life-History

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Expert knowledge

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PR Department of Planning Natural Resources Marine Resource Division, SJ Contact: C. Lilyestron, Chief, MRD, PR DPNR

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

*Title:*

Sportfish in inland Reservoirs and other Fisheries Resources of Puerto Rico

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Tables and Expert knowledge

*Type\_of\_Source\_Media:* Paper

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*Originator:* Erdman, D.S.

*Publication\_Date:* 1976

*Title:* Spawning Patterns of Fishes from the Northeastern Caribbean

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Document

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*Publication\_Place:* San Juan, PR

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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

*Process\_Date:* 20010601*Process\_Contact:**Contact\_Information:**Contact\_Organization\_Primary:**Contact\_Organization:* NOAA, Office of Response and Restoration*Contact\_Person:* Jill Petersen*Contact\_Address:**Address\_Type:* Physical address*Address:* 7600 Sand Point Way N.E.*City:* Seattle*State\_or\_Province:* Washington*Postal\_Code:* 98115-6349*Contact\_Voice\_Telephone:* (206) 526-6944*Contact\_Facsimile\_Telephone:* (206) 526-6329*Contact\_Electronic\_Mail\_Address:* jill.petersen@noaa.gov

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*Ellipsoid\_Name*: Geodetic Reference System 80

*Semi-major\_Axis*: 6378137

*Denominator\_of\_Flattening\_Ratio*: 298.257222

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*Detailed\_Description*:

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*Entity\_Type\_Label*: GT-polygon

*Entity\_Type\_Definition*:

Finfish depicted in this atlas include selected marine, estuarine, diadromous, and freshwater species. Species of commercial, recreational, ecological, and/or conservation interest are emphasized. Major finfish (and invertebrate) distributions were mapped using five major geographic divisions: nearshore and shelf waters, offshore waters, estuarine areas, RSI-classified streams, and major freshwater reservoirs.

*Entity\_Type\_Definition\_Source*: Research Planning, Inc.

*Attribute*:

*Attribute\_Label*: ID

*Attribute\_Definition*:

A unique identifier that links to the BIO\_LUT table. ID is a concatenation of atlas number (66), element number (2), and record number. The following fish species are found in the Puerto Rico ESI/RSI FISHL data set (SPECIES ID, NAME): 1004, Nursery fish; 1006, Native stream fish.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source*: NOAA

*Attribute\_Domain\_Values*:

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An identifier that links directly to the BIORES table or the flat format BIOFILE table.

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# Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: INVERT (Invertebrate Polygons)

## Metadata:

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#### *Originator:*

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington; United States Environmental Protection Agency; United States Coast Guard; Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales; and United States Department of the Interior.

*Publication\_Date:* 200106

*Title:* Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: INVERT (Invertebrate Polygons)

*Edition:* Second

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Atlas

*Series\_Information:*

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*Issue\_Identification:* Puerto Rico

*Publication\_Information:*

*Publication\_Place:* Seattle, Washington

*Publisher:*

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington

*Other\_Citation\_Details:*

Prepared by Research Planning, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales, and United States Department of the Interior.

#### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

This data set comprises the Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) and Reach Sensitivity Index (RSI) data for Puerto Rico. ESI data characterize estuarine environments and wildlife by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches (RSI), that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. This data set contains sensitive biological resource polygonal data for invertebrates.

*Purpose:*

The ESI and RSI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

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*Time\_Period\_Information:*

*Range\_of\_Dates/Times:*

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*Ending\_Date:* 200106

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*Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency:* None Scheduled

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Coastal resources

*Theme\_Keyword:* Oil spill planning

*Theme\_Keyword:* Coastal Zone Management

*Theme\_Keyword:* Invertebrate

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Crab

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Lobster

*Theme\_Keyword:* Shrimp



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*Theme\_Keyword:* Shellfish

*Place:*

*Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus:* None

*Place\_Keyword:* Puerto Rico

*Access\_Constraints:* None

*Use\_Constraints:*

DO NOT USE MAPS FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES. Besides the above warning, there are no use constraints on these data. Acknowledgment of the publishers and contributing sources listed in Data\_Set\_Credit (below) would be appreciated in products derived from these data.

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Relationships between spatial data layers and attribute data tables for the Puerto Rico data.

*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type:* JPEG

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*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

The software packages used to develop the atlas are Environmental Systems Research Institute's ARC/INFO(r) (version 8.0.2) and ORACLE(r) RDBMS (version 8.0.5.0.0). The hardware configuration is Hewlett Packard workstations (models 715/50 and 712/80i with 4 X-terminals) with UNIX operating system (HP-UX Release A.10.20). The following files are included in the data set: benthic.e00, birds.e00, bio\_lut.e00, biofile.e00, biores.e00, breed.e00, breed\_dt.e00, esi.e00, fish.e00, fishl.e00, habitats.e00, hydro.e00, index.e00, invert.e00, invertl.e00, karst.e00, mgt.e00, m\_mammal.e00, reptiles.e00, seasonal.e00, shelfbnd.e00, soc\_dat.e00, soc\_lut.e00, socecon.e00, sources.e00, species.e00, stations.e00, status.e00, t\_mammal.e00, wetlands.e00.

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*Data\_Quality\_Information:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The attribute accuracy is estimated to be "good" given the years of ESI experience, the data input methodology, the quality control review sessions, and the digital logical consistency checks.

*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

The digitization of shoreline types, biological resources, and human-use resources is a complex and highly quality-controlled process. Existing digital shoreline and wetlands data are integrated into a study-wide basemap. In order to facilitate digitizing, the entire study area is split into individual quadrangles using the INDEX data layer. The first layer of information digitized is the ESI/RSI shoreline classification. The ESI/RSI habitat ranking is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a geomorphologist. The hardcopy maps are then digitized and checked, using both on-screen and hardcopy reviews. The edited maps are updated and checked once again for completeness and topological and logical consistency. Any errors in the shoreline classification are updated prior to digitization of the biological reference so that there are no slivers in the geographic coordinates. The hardcopy biological information is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a biological expert using data from regional specialists in the form of

maps, tables, charts, written descriptions of wildlife distributions, and personal interviews. Concurrently, digital data sources are imported, projected, checked for quality control, and integrated into the data structure. The hardcopy data are digitized, checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, integrated with existing data, plotted, and sent out for review by the regional specialists. The edited maps are updated, checked once again, and the final product plotted (at approximately 1:55,000 scale). A team of specialists reviews the entire series of maps, checks all data, and makes final edits. The data are then merged to form the study-wide layers. The data merging includes a final quality control check where labels, chains, and polygons are checked for attribute accuracy. To finalize the data checking process, each data layer is checked using a standardized form by two GIS personnel (a technician and the GIS manager), and each attribute database is checked using several programs that test the files for missing or duplicate data, rules for proper coding, GIS topological consistencies (such as dangles, unnecessary nodes, etc.), and ORACLE (r) and ARC/INFO (r) consistencies. A final review is made by the GIS manager, where the data are written to CD-ROM and the metadata are written. After the data are delivered to NOAA, they are again subjected to a number of quality and consistency checks. In the process of checking for topological and database consistencies, new IDs and RARNUMs or HUNUMs are also generated. The new IDs are a combination of atlas number, element number, and record number. In addition, the value used to represent the element is modified to reflect the type of feature being mapped. In the case of an element that is normally represented by a point or polygon, a value of 20 is added to the standard element value for mapping of linear features. In the case where an element usually mapped as a polygon is represented by a point, a value of 30 is added to the regular element value. The RARNUMs are also modified to include the atlas number, so multiple atlases can be combined and RARNUMs remain unique. RARNUMs are redefined on an element basis, so "resource at risk" groupings will contain only a single element. HUNUMs are also modified to include the atlas number. ESI/RSI data are processed into multiple formats to make them useful to a wider community of GIS/mapping users. Distribution formats include ARC export, MOSS and Shape files, and MARPLOT map folders. An ArcView ESI project and ESI\_Viewer product are also included on the CDs for ease of use of the ESI data. The database files are distributed both in the NOAA standard relational database format (see NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS ORCA 115) and in a simplified desktop flat file format. This metadata document includes information on both of these database formats. The section *Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information* refers to the source files in ARC export format only.

#### *Completeness\_Report:*

Biological information presented in this atlas was collected and compiled with the assistance of biologists from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and various other agencies, organizations, and groups. Information collected and depicted on the maps denotes the key biological resources that are most likely at risk in the event of an oil spill. Seven major categories, or ELEMENTs, of biological resources were considered during data compilation: birds; fish; invertebrates; habitats; marine mammals; terrestrial mammals; and reptiles. The ELEMENTs generally correspond to the coverage or geographic data layer names. There are also six attribute, or data tables, BIORES, BREED, SEASONAL, SOURCES, SPECIES, and STATUS, that are used to store the complex biological data. The biological polygons (INVERT) are linked to the Biological Resources table (BIORES) using the unique ID and the lookup table BIO\_LUT, or they can be linked directly using RARNUM. [The ID is a unique combination of the atlas number (for Puerto Rico this is 66), an element specific number (birds are layer 1, fish are layer 2, etc.) and a unique record number. The RARNUM represents a unique combination of species, seasonalities, concentrations, and source information. For each of these groupings, a number is generated. That number is concatenated with the atlas number to create a "resource at risk" number that is unique across atlases.] The items in BIORES include: RARNUM, SPECIES\_ID, CONC, SEASON\_ID, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, ELEMENT, EL\_SPE, and EL\_SPE\_SEA. SPECIES\_ID is the numeric identifier of each species and is unique within each ELEMENT. CONC is the concentration of the species and can be descriptive (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, etc.) or an actual count of the number of individuals or nests associated with a polygon. SEASON\_ID contains a numeric identifier for the unique monthly presence and life history characteristics of each species at a given location. There can be one seasonality record per species, or the same species can have different monthly presence or breeding activities at different sites. When this occurs, a new record with a different SEASON\_ID is referenced. G\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for geographic information, and S\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for seasonality information. Both items link to the SOURCES data table. EL\_SPE is a concatenation of

ELEMENT and SPECIES\_ID and links to other data tables (primarily the SPECIES table). EL\_SPE\_SEA is a concatenation of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID and links to the SEASONAL and BREED data tables. The SPECIES data table contains the SPECIES\_ID (described above), common name (NAME), scientific name (GEN\_SPEC), date the list of Natural Heritage Program (NHP) ranks was published (DATE\_PUB), biological element (ELEMENT), biological subelement (SUBELEMENT), and the NHP global conservation status rank. The item SUBELEMENT refers to the grouping of the species: (ELEMENT, subelement): INVERT: bivalve, cephalopod, crab, gastropod, lobster, and shrimp. The STATUS data table contains records for each species that is threatened or endangered on state or federal lists. The items include: ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, STATE (two-letter state abbreviation, populated with "PR" for Puerto Rico), S\_F (state or federal status, populated with "S" for the Commonwealth States), T\_E (threatened or endangered status), DATE\_PUB (the date the atlas was published when the given state and federal listings were in effect), and EL\_SPE. The SEASONAL data table indicates the presence of a particular species in a particular location by month (JAN-DEC). The BIORES table is linked to the SEASONAL table using the item EL\_SPE\_SEA (a concatenation of the first letter of the ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID). The BREED data table contains the life stage or life history data for each unique combination of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID (or EL\_SPE\_SEA). It contains up to 12 records corresponding to each month of the year that the species is present in that location. The items BREED1-BREED5 will reflect different life activities, depending on the ELEMENT referenced. For INVERT, BREED1 = spawning, BREED2 = eggs, BREED3 = larvae, BREED4 = juveniles, and BREED5 = adults. The SOURCES data table contains metadata for each biological and human-use source listed in the ESI atlas. The items in SOURCES include: SOURCE\_ID; ORIGINATOR (author); DATE\_PUB (date of publication); TITLE (title of the data set); DATA\_FORMAT (digital type, hardcopy maps, etc.); PUBLICATION (additional citation); SCALE (source scale denominator); and TIME\_PERIOD (beginning and ending dates of original data collection). The SOURCES data table is linked to all biological data at the feature plus species-level and human-use data at the feature-level. Due to the complexity of the relational database model, the biological data items are also post-processed into a flat file format. This file is entitled BIOFILE and it may be used in place of the relational files to ease simple data queries. The items in the flat file are ELEMENT, SUBELEMENT, NAME, GEN\_SPEC, S\_F, T\_E, NHP, DATE\_PUB, CONC, JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC, BREED1, BREED2, BREED3, BREED4, BREED5, RARNUM, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, and BREED. All of these items are the same as their counterparts in the individual files described above, except the BREED1-BREED5 items. BREED is a newly generated variable used to link to the BREED\_DT file, a modified, more compact version of the aforementioned BREED file. BREED1-BREED5 give a text summary of when each life stage occurs within that polygon. The life stages referred to are the same as those listed in the previous table. The link to the BIOFILE may be made through BIO\_LUT using ID to link to RARNUM, or it may be linked directly to the RARNUM in each of the biology cover's attribute files. As mentioned, BREED\_DT is an auxiliary support file to the flat file structure, which allows the user to do searches based on month for seasonal breeding activities. The link from the flat file to BREED\_DT is the BREED item. A second supporting data file is SOURCES. This is the same as the source file described above, and the link from the flat file is both G\_SOURCE and S\_SOURCE. It should be noted that although the flat file eases data query, it is not a normalized database structure, and actual updates performed by the states and other responsible agencies should be done using the relational files.

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*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The biological data sets are developed primarily using regional experts who estimate concentration areas. Unlike shorelines, which maintain relative spatial stability through time, the biological data by nature vary in distribution across the landscape. Therefore, the 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS quadrangles are used as a basemap in gathering the data, but the data have "fuzzy" boundaries, which must be understood when utilizing this information.

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*Source\_Citation:*

*Citation\_Information:*

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*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

*Title:*

Native Stream Fish, Shrimp, and Crab Distribution, Seasonality, and Life-History

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council and National Marine Fishery Service Information Contact: G. Garcia-Moliner, CFMC

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

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Fishery Management Plans for Reef Fish, Lobster, and Conch for the

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Appledorn, R., University of Puerto Rico - Marine Science Mayaguez

*Publication\_Date*: Unpublished Material

*Title*:

Queen Conch Life-History, Fishing Areas, and other Resources for Puerto Rico

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Rosario, A., Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources, Mayaguez

*Publication\_Date*: Unpublished Material

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Spawning Aggregations, Benthic Habitat, and other Resource Features of Puerto Rico

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Chabert, J., Ramos, D., Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources, San Jaun

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 Benthic Habitats, Sea Turtles, and Various other Marine Resources for  
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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

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Invertebrates depicted in this atlas include selected marine, estuarine, amphidromous, and freshwater species. Species of commercial, recreational, ecological, and/or conservation interest are emphasized. Major invertebrate distributions were mapped using four major geographic divisions: nearshore and shelf waters, offshore waters, estuarine areas, and RSI-classified streams.

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*Attribute\_Definition:*

A unique identifier that links to the BIO\_LUT table. ID is a concatenation of atlas number (66), element number (7), and record number. ID values of 9999 are holes in polygons and do not contain information. The following INVERT species are found in the Puerto Rico ESI/RSI data set (SPECIES ID, NAME): 30, Octopus; 72, Caribbean spiny lobster; 92, Penaeid shrimp; 100, Quahog (hard clam); 101, Queen conch; 126, Blue crabs; 127, Blackback land crab; 309, Freshwater crab; 310, Mona Island shrimp; 311, West Indian topsnail (whelk); 313, Swamp ghost crab (zambuco); 314, Blue land crab; 324, Purple land crab; 1011, Native stream shrimp.

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*Distribution\_Liability:*

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# Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: INVERTL (Invertebrate Lines)

## Metadata:

- [Identification Information](#)
- [Data Quality Information](#)
- [Spatial Data Organization Information](#)
- [Spatial Reference Information](#)
- [Entity and Attribute Information](#)
- [Distribution Information](#)
- [Metadata Reference Information](#)

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#### *Publication\_Date:* 200106

*Title:* Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: INVERT (Invertebrate Lines)

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#### *Abstract:*

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#### *Completeness\_Report:*

Biological information presented in this atlas was collected and compiled with the assistance of biologists from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and various other agencies, organizations, and groups. Information collected and depicted on the maps denotes the key biological resources that are most likely at risk in the event of an oil spill. Seven major categories, or ELEMENTs, of biological resources were considered during data compilation: birds; fish; invertebrates; habitats; marine mammals; terrestrial mammals; and reptiles. The ELEMENTs generally correspond to the coverage or geographic data layer names. There are also six attribute, or data tables, BIORES, BREED, SEASONAL, SOURCES, SPECIES, and STATUS, that are used to store the complex biological data. The biological lines (INVERTL) are linked to the Biological Resources table (BIORES) using the unique ID and the lookup table BIO\_LUT, or they can be linked directly using RARNUM. [The ID is a unique combination of the atlas number (for Puerto Rico this is 66), an element specific number (birds are layer 1, fish are layer 2, etc.) and a unique record number. The RARNUM represents a unique combination of species, seasonalities, concentrations, and source information. For each of these groupings, a number is generated. That number is concatenated with the atlas number to create a "resource at risk" number that is unique across atlases.] The items in BIORES include: RARNUM, SPECIES\_ID, CONC, SEASON\_ID, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, ELEMENT, EL\_SPE, and EL\_SPE\_SEA. SPECIES\_ID is the numeric identifier of each species and is unique within each ELEMENT. CONC is the concentration of the species and can be descriptive (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, etc.) or an actual count of the number of individuals or nests associated with a polygon. SEASON\_ID contains a numeric identifier for the unique monthly presence and life history characteristics of each species at a given location. There can be one seasonality record per species, or the same species can have different monthly presence or breeding activities at different sites. When this occurs, a new record with a different SEASON\_ID is referenced. G\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for geographic information, and S\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for seasonality information. Both items link to the SOURCES data table. EL\_SPE is a concatenation of ELEMENT and SPECIES\_ID and links to other data tables (primarily the SPECIES table). EL\_SPE\_SEA is a concatenation of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID and links to the SEASONAL and BREED data tables. The SPECIES data table contains the SPECIES\_ID (described above), common name (NAME), scientific name (GEN\_SPEC), date the list of Natural Heritage

Program (NHP) ranks was published (DATE\_PUB), biological element (ELEMENT), biological subelement (SUBELEMENT), and the NHP global conservation status rank. The item SUBELEMENT refers to the grouping of the species: (ELEMENT, subelement): INVERTL: crab, shrimp. The STATUS data table contains records for each species that is threatened or endangered on state or federal lists. The items include: ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, STATE (two-letter state abbreviation, populated with "PR" for Puerto Rico), S\_F (state or federal status, populated with "S" for the Commonwealth States), T\_E (threatened or endangered status), DATE\_PUB (the date the atlas was published when the given state and federal listings were in effect), and EL\_SPE. The SEASONAL data table indicates the presence of a particular species in a particular location by month (JAN-DEC). The BIORES table is linked to the SEASONAL table using the item EL\_SPE\_SEA (a concatenation of the first letter of the ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID). The BREED data table contains the life stage or life history data for each unique combination of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID (or EL\_SPE\_SEA). It contains up to 12 records corresponding to each month of the year that the species is present in that location. The items BREED1-BREED5 will reflect different life activities, depending on the ELEMENT referenced. For INVERTL, BREED1 = spawning, BREED2 = eggs, BREED3 = larvae, BREED4 = juveniles and BREED5 = adults. The SOURCES data table contains metadata for each biological and human-use source listed in the ESI atlas. The items in SOURCES include: SOURCE\_ID; ORIGINATOR (author); DATE\_PUB (date of publication); TITLE (title of the data set); DATA\_FORMAT (digital type, hardcopy maps, etc.); PUBLICATION (additional citation); SCALE (source scale denominator); and TIME\_PERIOD (beginning and ending dates of original data collection). The SOURCES data table is linked to all biological data at the feature plus species-level and human-use data at the feature-level. Due to the complexity of the relational database model, the biological data items are also post-processed into a flat file format. This file is entitled BIOFILE and it may be used in place of the relational files to ease simple data queries. The items in the flat file are ELEMENT, SUBELEMENT, NAME, GEN\_SPEC, S\_F, T\_E, NHP, DATE\_PUB, CONC, JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC, BREED1, BREED2, BREED3, BREED4, BREED5, RARNUM, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, and BREED. All of these items are the same as their counterparts in the individual files described above, except the BREED1-BREED5 items. BREED is a newly generated variable used to link to the BREED\_DT file, a modified, more compact version of the aforementioned BREED file. BREED1-BREED5 give a text summary of when each life stage occurs within that polygon. The life stages referred to are the same as those listed in the previous table. The link to the BIOFILE may be made through BIO\_LUT using ID to link to RARNUM, or it may be linked directly to the RARNUM in each of the biology cover's attribute files. As mentioned, BREED\_DT is an auxiliary support file to the flat file structure, which allows the user to do searches based on month for seasonal breeding activities. The link from the flat file to BREED\_DT is the BREED item. A second supporting data file is SOURCES. This is the same as the source file described above, and the link from the flat file is both G\_SOURCE and S\_SOURCE. It should be noted that although the flat file eases data query, it is not a normalized database structure, and actual updates performed by the states and other responsible agencies should be done using the relational files.

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The biological data sets are developed primarily using regional experts who estimate concentration areas. Unlike shorelines, which maintain relative spatial stability through time, the biological data by nature vary in distribution across the landscape. Therefore, the 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS quadrangles are used as a basemap in gathering the data but the data have "fuzzy" boundaries, which must be understood when utilizing this information.

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*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

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PR Department of Planning Natural Resources Marine Resource Division, SJ Contact: C. Lilyestron, Chief, MRD, PR DPNR

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Freshwater crab; 314, Blue land crab; 1011, Native stream shrimp.

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# Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: M\_MAMMAL (Marine Mammal Polygons)

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*Completeness\_Report:*

Biological information presented in this atlas was collected and compiled with the assistance of biologists from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and various other agencies, organizations, and groups. Information collected and depicted on the maps denotes the key biological resources that are most likely at risk in the event of an oil spill. Seven major categories, or ELEMENTs, of biological resources were considered during data compilation: birds; fish; invertebrates; habitats; marine mammals; terrestrial mammals; and reptiles. The ELEMENTs generally correspond to the coverage or geographic data layer names. There are also six attribute, or data tables, BIORES, BREED, SEASONAL, SOURCES, SPECIES, and STATUS, that are used to store the complex biological data. The biological polygons (M\_MAMMAL) are linked to the Biological Resources table (BIORES) using the unique ID and the lookup table BIO\_LUT, or they can be linked directly using RARNUM. [The ID is a unique combination of the atlas number (for Puerto Rico this is 66), an element specific number (birds are layer 1, fish are layer 2, etc.) and a unique record number. The RARNUM represents a unique combination of species, seasonalities, concentrations, and source information. For each of these groupings, a number is generated. That number is concatenated with the atlas number to create a "resource at risk" number that is unique across atlases.] The items in BIORES include: RARNUM, SPECIES\_ID, CONC, SEASON\_ID, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, ELEMENT, EL\_SPE, and EL\_SPE\_SEA. SPECIES\_ID is the numeric identifier of each species and is unique within each ELEMENT. CONC is the concentration of the species and can be descriptive (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, etc.) or an actual count of the number of individuals or nests associated with a polygon. SEASON\_ID contains a numeric identifier for the unique monthly presence and life history characteristics of each species at a given location. There can be one seasonality record per species, or the same species can have different monthly presence or breeding activities at different sites. When this occurs, a new record with a different SEASON\_ID is referenced. G\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for geographic information, and S\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for seasonality information. Both items link to the SOURCES data table. EL\_SPE is a concatenation of ELEMENT and SPECIES\_ID and links to other data tables (primarily the SPECIES table). EL\_SPE\_SEA is a concatenation of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID and links to the SEASONAL and BREED data tables. The SPECIES data table contains the SPECIES\_ID (described above), common name (NAME), scientific name (GEN\_SPEC), date the list of Natural Heritage

Program (NHP) ranks was published (DATE\_PUB), biological element (ELEMENT), biological subelement (SUBELEMENT), and the NHP global conservation status rank. The item SUBELEMENT refers to the grouping of the species: (ELEMENT, subelement): M\_MAMMAL: dolphin, manatee, and whale. The STATUS data table contains records for each species that is threatened or endangered on state or federal lists. The items include: ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, STATE (two-letter state abbreviation, populated with "PR" for Puerto Rico), S\_F (state or federal status, populated with "S" for the Commonwealth States), T\_E (threatened or endangered status), DATE\_PUB (the date the atlas was published when the given state and federal listings were in effect), and EL\_SPE. The SEASONAL data table indicates the presence of a particular species in a particular location by month (JAN-DEC). The BIORES table is linked to the SEASONAL table using the item EL\_SPE\_SEA (a concatenation of the first letter of the ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID). The BREED data table contains the life stage or life history data for each unique combination of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID (or EL\_SPE\_SEA). It contains up to 12 records corresponding to each month of the year that the species is present in that location. The items BREED1-BREED5 will reflect different life activities, depending on the ELEMENT referenced. For M\_MAMMAL, BREED1 = mating and BREED2 = calving. There are no BREED3-BREED5 activities for M\_MAMMAL, so those columns are populated with a dash (-). The SOURCES data table contains metadata for each biological and human-use source listed in the ESI atlas. The items in SOURCES include: SOURCE\_ID; ORIGINATOR (author); DATE\_PUB (date of publication); TITLE (title of the data set); DATA\_FORMAT (digital type, hardcopy maps, etc.); PUBLICATION (additional citation); SCALE (source scale denominator); and TIME\_PERIOD (beginning and ending dates of original data collection). The SOURCES data table is linked to all biological data at the feature plus species-level and human-use data at the feature-level. Due to the complexity of the relational database model, the biological data items are also post-processed into a flat file format. This file is entitled BIOFILE and it may be used in place of the relational files to ease simple data queries. The items in the flat file are ELEMENT, SUBELEMENT, NAME, GEN\_SPEC, S\_F, T\_E, NHP, DATE\_PUB, CONC, JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC, BREED1, BREED2, BREED3, BREED4, BREED5, RARNUM, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, and BREED. All of these items are the same as their counterparts in the individual files described above, except the BREED1-BREED5 items. BREED is a newly generated variable used to link to the BREED\_DT file, a modified, more compact version of the aforementioned BREED file. BREED1-BREED5 give a text summary of when each life stage occurs within that polygon. The life stages referred to are the same as those listed in the previous table. The link to the BIOFILE may be made through BIO\_LUT using ID to link to RARNUM, or it may be linked directly to the RARNUM in each of the biology cover's attribute files. As mentioned, BREED\_DT is an auxiliary support file to the flat file structure, which allows the user to do searches based on month for seasonal breeding activities. The link from the flat file to BREED\_DT is the BREED item. A second supporting data file is SOURCES. This is the same as the source file described above, and the link from the flat file is both G\_SOURCE and S\_SOURCE. It should be noted that although the flat file eases data query, it is not a normalized database structure, and actual updates performed by the states and other responsible agencies should be done using the relational files.

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*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The biological data sets are developed primarily using regional experts who estimate concentration areas. Unlike shorelines, which maintain relative spatial stability through time, the biological data by nature vary in distribution across the landscape. Therefore, the 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS quadrangles are used as a basemap in gathering the data but the data have "fuzzy" boundaries, which must be understood when utilizing this information.

*Lineage:*

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Seabird Colonies, Manatee Aggregations, and other Coastal Resources of Puerto Rico

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Zoogeography of Cetaceans off Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

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Jobos Bay NERR Staff, Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources/NOAA Contact: C. Gonzalez, Reserve Manager

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

*Title:*

Resources of Jobos Bay, Including Field Verification of Shoreline and Benthic Habitats

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Expert knowledge

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*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

*Title:*

Marine Mammals Distribution, Life-History, and Seasonality Edits

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*Originator:* Laguer, Y.T., U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, San Juan  
*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material  
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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

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*Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Information:**Detailed\_Description:**Entity\_Type:**Entity\_Type\_Label:* GT-polygon*Entity\_Type\_Definition:*

Marine mammals depicted in the Puerto Rico atlas include whales, dolphins, and manatees. Concentration areas and highly sensitive areas for humpback whales, sperm whales, and manatees are specifically indicated on the maps. These areas include nearshore humpback migration routes along the northern coast of Puerto Rico, humpback and sperm whale breeding and calving areas, and known concentration areas or aggregation sites for manatees (based mainly on USFWS manatee surveys). It should be recognized that humpback and sperm whales, and other whales and dolphins, can occur throughout nearly all marine waters of Puerto Rico. Likewise, manatees commonly occur throughout all coastal waters of Puerto Rico, not just in the concentration areas depicted.

*Entity\_Type\_Definition\_Source:* Research Planning, Inc.*Attribute:**Attribute\_Label:* ID*Attribute\_Definition:*

A unique identifier that links to the BIO\_LUT table. ID is a concatenation of atlas number (66), element number (4), and record number. ID values of 9999 are holes in polygons and do not contain information. The following M\_MAMMAL species are found in the Puerto Rico ESI/RSI data set (SPECIES ID, NAME): 10, West Indian manatee; 13, Humpback whale; 48, Sperm whale; 1000, Whales; 1001, Dolphins.

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*Resource\_Description:* ESI/RSI Atlas for Puerto Rico

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*Metadata\_Review\_Date:* 200106

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# Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: REPTILES (Reptiles and Amphibians)

## Metadata:

- [Identification Information](#)
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- [Entity and Attribute Information](#)
- [Distribution Information](#)
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### *Identification\_Information:*

#### *Citation:*

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington; United States Environmental Protection Agency; United States Coast Guard; Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales; and United States Department of the Interior.

#### *Publication\_Date:* 200106

*Title:* Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: REPTILES (Reptiles and Amphibians)

*Edition:* Second

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Atlas

#### *Series\_Information:*

*Series\_Name:* None

*Issue\_Identification:* Puerto Rico

#### *Publication\_Information:*

*Publication\_Place:* Seattle, Washington

#### *Publisher:*

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington

#### *Other\_Citation\_Details:*

Prepared by Research Planning, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales, and United States Department of the Interior.

#### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

This data set comprises the Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) and Reach Sensitivity Index (RSI) data for Puerto Rico. ESI data characterize estuarine environments and wildlife by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches (RSI), that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. This data set contains sensitive biological resource data for reptiles and amphibians.

*Purpose:*

The ESI and RSI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

*Time\_Period\_of\_Content:*

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*Beginning\_Date:* 199807

*Ending\_Date:* 200106

*Currentness\_Reference:* Project time span

*Status:*

*Progress:* Complete

*Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency:* None Scheduled

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*Keywords:*

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Coastal resources

*Theme\_Keyword:* Oil spill planning

*Theme\_Keyword:* Coastal Zone Management

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*Place:*

*Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus:* None

*Place\_Keyword:* Puerto Rico

*Access\_Constraints:* None

*Use\_Constraints:*

DO NOT USE MAPS FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES. Besides the above warning, there are no use constraints on these data. Acknowledgment of the publishers and contributing sources listed in *Data\_Set\_Credit* (below) would be appreciated in products derived from these data.

*Browse\_Graphic:*

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*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Description:*

Relationships between spatial data layers and attribute data tables for the Puerto Rico data.

*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type:* JPEG

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This project was supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales and United States Department of the Interior.

*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

The software packages used to develop the atlas are Environmental Systems Research Institute's ARC/INFO(r) (version 8.0.2) and ORACLE(r) RDBMS (version 8.0.5.0.0). The hardware configuration is Hewlett Packard workstations (models 715/50 and 712/80i with 4 X-terminals) with UNIX operating system (HP-UX Release A.10.20). The following files are included in the data set: benthic.e00, birds.e00, bio\_lut.e00, biofile.e00, biores.e00, breed.e00, breed\_dt.e00, esi.e00, fish.e00, fishl.e00, habitats.e00, hydro.e00, index.e00, invert.e00, invertl.e00, karst.e00, mgt.e00, m\_mammal.e00, reptiles.e00, seasonal.e00, shelfbnd.e00, soc\_dat.e00, soc\_lut.e00, soecon.e00, sources.e00, species.e00, stations.e00, status.e00, t\_mammal.e00, wetlands.e00.

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*Data\_Quality\_Information:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The attribute accuracy is estimated to be "good" given the years of ESI experience, the data input methodology, the quality control review sessions, and the digital logical consistency checks.

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procedures, integrated with existing data, plotted, and sent out for review by the regional specialists. The edited maps are updated, checked once again, and the final product plotted (at approximately 1:55,000 scale). A team of specialists reviews the entire series of maps, checks all data, and makes final edits. The data are then merged to form the study-wide layers. The data merging includes a final quality control check where labels, chains, and polygons are checked for attribute accuracy. To finalize the data checking process, each data layer is checked using a standardized form by two GIS personnel (a technician and the GIS manager), and each attribute database is checked using several programs that test the files for missing or duplicate data, rules for proper coding, GIS topological consistencies (such as dangles, unnecessary nodes, etc.), and ORACLE (r) and ARC/INFO (r) consistencies. A final review is made by the GIS manager, where the data are written to CD-ROM and the metadata are written. After the data are delivered to NOAA, they are again subjected to a number of quality and consistency checks. In the process of checking for topological and database consistencies, new IDs and RARNUMs or HUNUMs are also generated. The new IDs are a combination of atlas number, element number, and record number. In addition, the value used to represent the element is modified to reflect the type of feature being mapped. In the case of an element that is normally represented by a point or polygon, a value of 20 is added to the standard element value for mapping of linear features. In the case where an element usually mapped as a polygon is represented by a point, a value of 30 is added to the regular element value. The RARNUMs are also modified to include the atlas number, so multiple atlases can be combined and RARNUMs remain unique. RARNUMs are redefined on an element basis, so "resource at risk" groupings will contain only a single element. HUNUMs are also modified to include the atlas number. ESI data are processed into multiple formats to make them useful to a wider community of GIS/mapping users. Distribution formats include ARC export, MOSS and Shape files, and MARPLOT map folders. An ArcView ESI project and ESI\_Viewer product are also included on the CDs for ease of use of the ESI data. The database files are distributed both in the NOAA standard relational database format (see NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS ORCA 115) and in a simplified desktop flat file format. This metadata document includes information on both of these database formats. The section *Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information* refers to the source files in ARC export format only.

#### *Completeness\_Report:*

Biological information presented in this atlas was collected and compiled with the assistance of biologists from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and various other agencies, organizations, and groups. Information collected and depicted on the maps denotes the key biological resources that are most likely at risk in the event of an oil spill. Seven major categories, or ELEMENTs, of biological resources were considered during data compilation: birds; fish; invertebrates; habitats; marine mammals; terrestrial mammals; and reptiles. The ELEMENTs generally correspond to the coverage or geographic data layer names. There are also six attribute, or data tables, BIORES, BREED, SEASONAL, SOURCES, SPECIES, and STATUS, that are used to store the complex biological data. The biological polygons (REPTILES) are linked to the Biological Resources table (BIORES) using the unique ID and the lookup table BIO\_LUT, or they can be linked directly using RARNUM. [The ID is a unique combination of the atlas number (for Puerto Rico this is 66), an element specific number (birds are layer 1, fish are layer 2, etc.) and a unique record number. The RARNUM represents a unique combination of species, seasonalities, concentrations, and source information. For each of these groupings, a number is generated. That number is concatenated with the atlas number to create a "resource at risk" number that is unique across atlases.] The items in BIORES include: RARNUM, SPECIES\_ID, CONC, SEASON\_ID, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, ELEMENT, EL\_SPE, and EL\_SPE\_SEA. SPECIES\_ID is the numeric identifier of each species and is unique within each ELEMENT. CONC is the concentration of the species and can be descriptive (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, etc.) or an actual count of the number of individuals or nests associated with a polygon. SEASON\_ID contains a numeric identifier for the unique monthly presence and life history characteristics of each species at a given location. There can be one seasonality record per species, or the same species can have different monthly presence or breeding activities at different sites. When this occurs, a new record with a different SEASON\_ID is referenced. G\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for geographic information, and S\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for seasonality information. Both items link to the SOURCES data table. EL\_SPE is a concatenation of ELEMENT and SPECIES\_ID and links to other data tables (primarily the SPECIES table). EL\_SPE\_SEA is a concatenation of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID and links to the SEASONAL and BREED data tables. The SPECIES data table contains the SPECIES\_ID (described

above), common name (NAME), scientific name (GEN\_SPEC), date the list of Natural Heritage Program (NHP) ranks was published (DATE\_PUB), biological element (ELEMENT), biological subelement (SUBELEMENT), and the NHP global conservation status rank. The item SUBELEMENT refers to the grouping of the species: (ELEMENT, subelement): REPTILES: amphibian, lizard, snake, and turtle. The STATUS data table contains records for each species that is threatened or endangered on state or federal lists. The items include: ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, STATE (two-letter state abbreviation, populated with "PR" for Puerto Rico), S\_F (state or federal status, populated with "S" for the Commonwealth States), T\_E (threatened or endangered status), DATE\_PUB (the date the atlas was published when the given state and federal listings were in effect), and EL\_SPE. The SEASONAL data table indicates the presence of a particular species in a particular location by month (JAN-DEC). The BIORES table is linked to the SEASONAL table using the item EL\_SPE\_SEA (a concatenation of the first letter of the ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID). The BREED data table contains the life stage or life history data for each unique combination of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID (or EL\_SPE\_SEA). It contains up to 12 records corresponding to each month of the year that the species is present in that location. The items BREED1-BREED5 will reflect different life activities, depending on the ELEMENT referenced. For REPTILES, BREED1 = nesting, BREED2 = hatching, BREED3 = internesting, BREED4 = juveniles, and BREED5 = adults. The SOURCES data table contains metadata for each biological and human-use source listed in the ESI atlas. The items in SOURCES include: SOURCE\_ID; ORIGINATOR (author); DATE\_PUB (date of publication); TITLE (title of the data set); DATA\_FORMAT (digital type, hardcopy maps, etc.); PUBLICATION (additional citation); SCALE (source scale denominator); and TIME\_PERIOD (beginning and ending dates of original data collection). The SOURCES data table is linked to all biological data at the feature plus species-level and human-use data at the feature-level. Due to the complexity of the relational database model, the biological data items are also post-processed into a flat file format. This file is entitled BIOFILE and it may be used in place of the relational files to ease simple data queries. The items in the flat file are ELEMENT, SUBELEMENT, NAME, GEN\_SPEC, S\_F, T\_E, NHP, DATE\_PUB, CONC, JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC, BREED1, BREED2, BREED3, BREED4, BREED5, RARNUM, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, and BREED. All of these items are the same as their counterparts in the individual files described above, except the BREED1-BREED5 items. BREED is a newly generated variable used to link to the BREED\_DT file, a modified, more compact version of the aforementioned BREED file. BREED1-BREED5 give a text summary of when each life stage occurs within that polygon. The life stages referred to are the same as those listed in the previous table. The link to the BIOFILE may be made through BIO\_LUT using ID to link to RARNUM, or it may be linked directly to the RARNUM in each of the biology cover's attribute files. As mentioned, BREED\_DT is an auxiliary support file to the flat file structure, which allows the user to do searches based on month for seasonal breeding activities. The link from the flat file to BREED\_DT is the BREED item. A second supporting data file is SOURCES. This is the same as the source file described above, and the link from the flat file is both G\_SOURCE and S\_SOURCE. It should be noted that although the flat file eases data query, it is not a normalized database structure, and actual updates performed by the states and other responsible agencies should be done using the relational files.

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*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The biological data sets are developed primarily using regional experts who estimate concentration areas. Unlike shorelines, which maintain relative spatial stability through time, the biological data by nature vary in distribution across the landscape. Therefore, the 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS quadrangles are used as a basemap in gathering the data but the data have "fuzzy" boundaries, which must be understood when utilizing this information.

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Seabird Colonies, Manatee Aggregations, and other Coastal Resources of Puerto Rico

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Natural Resources*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material*Title:* Element Occurrence Record Maps and Files for Puerto Rico

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Los Anfibios y Reptiles de Puerto Rico, Segunda Edicion Revisada

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Diez, C., Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources, San Juan

*Publication\_Date*: Unpublished Material

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Sea Turtle, Ground Iguana, and Other Reptile Data for Mona Island

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Sea Turtle Nesting Beaches, Seasonality, and Life-History in Puerto Rico

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Critical Habitat Designations for Threatened and Endangered Fish and Wildlife

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Silander, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boqueron*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material*Title:* Threatened and Endangered Species Site Records*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Maps*Source\_Scale\_Denominator:* 20000-30000*Type\_of\_Source\_Media:* Paper*Source\_Time\_Period\_of\_Content:**Time\_Period\_Information:**Single\_Date/Time:**Calendar\_Date:* 1999*Source\_Currentness\_Reference:* Date of study*Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation:* None*Source\_Contribution:* Reptile data*Source\_Information:**Source\_Citation:**Citation\_Information:**Originator:* Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources*Publication\_Date:* 1979*Title:* Critical Wildlife Areas of Puerto Rico*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Maps and Document*Publication\_Information:*

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*Publisher:* PR DNR, Division of Coastal Resources and Wildlife  
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Garcia, E., U.S. Forest Service, Carribbean National Forest, Palmer

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

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Sensitive Natural Resource Locations for the Caribbean National  
Forest

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Jobos Bay NERR Staff, Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources/NOAA Contact: C. Gonzalez, Reserve Manager

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

*Title:*

Resources of Jobos Bay, Including Field Verification of Shoreline and Benthic Habitats

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Sustache, J., Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources

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Division of Reserves and Refuges, Puerto Rico Department of  
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*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

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For the coastal and marine portions of this atlas, mapping of sea turtle nesting beaches

was emphasized. A few known sea turtle in-water concentrations were also mapped. Using information provided by the USFWS (US Fish and Wildlife Service), it was determined that nearly every coastal USGS (US Geological Survey) topographic map with sand beach habitats (or mixed sand and gravel beach) had records for sea turtle nesting on at least one beach. It is likely that all such beaches have the potential for sea turtle nesting in Puerto Rico. Accordingly, nesting sea turtles have been indicated on nearly every sand beach (ESI = 3A or 4) and mixed sand and gravel beach (ESI = 5) in this atlas. Known sea turtle in-water areas were mapped mainly using expert knowledge, although DRNA (Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales) DPN (Division de Patrimonio Natural) and NMFS (National Marine Fishery Service) records were consulted as well. Note that designated critical habitats for nesting and in-water sea turtles are also mapped as special natural resource management areas. Locations for rare and protected amphibians and reptiles in coastal and inland areas (coquíes, toads, lizards, snakes, and freshwater turtles) were based mainly on information provided by the DRNA DPN, augmented with information from DRNA wildlife biologists and resource managers, USFS (U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service) biologists [coquíes in CNF (Caribbean National Forest)], USFWS, and the DRNA reports on Critical Wildlife Areas. Seasonality and life-history information for rare and protected amphibians and reptiles was mainly derived from Rivero (1998), supplemented by expert information.

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A unique identifier that links to the BIO\_LUT table. ID is a concatenation of atlas number (66), element number (6), and record number. ID values of 9999 are holes in polygons and do not contain information. The following REPTILES species are found in the Puerto Rico ESI/RSI data set (SPECIES ID, NAME): 2, Green sea turtle; 5, Leatherback sea turtle; 9, Hawksbill sea turtle; 67, Cook's anole; 68, Culebra Island giant; 69, Mona ground iguana; 70, Guajon; 71, Mottled coqui; 72, Golden coqui; 73, Web-footed coqui; 74, Puerto Rican boa; 75, Mona boa; 76, Mabuya; 77, Puerto Rican crested; 78, Monito gecko; 79, Virgin Islands tree; 80, Mona coqui; 81, Pygmy anole; 82, Burrow coqui; 83, Warty coqui; 84, Ground coqui; 88, Jicotea.

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*Resource\_Description:* ESI/RSI Atlas for Puerto Rico

*Distribution\_Liability:*

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# Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: T\_MAMMAL (Terrestrial Mammals)

## Metadata:

- [Identification Information](#)
- [Data Quality Information](#)
- [Spatial Data Organization Information](#)
- [Spatial Reference Information](#)
- [Entity and Attribute Information](#)
- [Distribution Information](#)
- [Metadata Reference Information](#)

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### *Identification\_Information:*

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington; United States Environmental Protection Agency; United States Coast Guard; Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales; and United States Department of the Interior.

#### *Publication\_Date:* 200106

*Title:* Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: T\_MAMMAL (Terrestrial Mammals)

*Edition:* Second

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Atlas

#### *Series\_Information:*

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*Issue\_Identification:* Puerto Rico

#### *Publication\_Information:*

*Publication\_Place:* Seattle, Washington

#### *Publisher:*

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington

#### *Other\_Citation\_Details:*

Prepared by Research Planning, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales, and United States Department of the Interior.

#### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

This data set comprises the Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) and Reach Sensitivity Index (RSI) data for Puerto Rico. ESI data characterize estuarine environments and wildlife by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches (RSI), that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. This data set contains sensitive biological resource data for terrestrial mammals.

*Purpose:*

The ESI and RSI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

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Biological information presented in this atlas was collected and compiled with the assistance of biologists from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and various other agencies, organizations, and groups. Information collected and depicted on the maps denotes the key biological resources that are most likely at risk in the event of an oil spill. Seven major categories, or ELEMENTs, of biological resources were considered during data compilation: birds; fish; invertebrates; habitats; marine mammals; terrestrial mammals; and reptiles. The ELEMENTs generally correspond to the coverage or geographic data layer names. There are also six attribute, or data tables, BIORES, BREED, SEASONAL, SOURCES, SPECIES, and STATUS, that are used to store the complex biological data. The biological polygons (T\_MAMMAL) are linked to the Biological Resources table (BIORES) using the unique ID and the lookup table BIO\_LUT, or they can be linked directly using RARNUM. [The ID is a unique combination of the atlas number (for Puerto Rico this is 66), an element specific number (birds are layer 1, fish are layer 2, etc.) and a unique record number. The RARNUM represents a unique combination of species, seasonalities, concentrations, and source information. For each of these groupings, a number is generated. That number is concatenated with the atlas number to create a "resource at risk" number that is unique across atlases.] The items in BIORES include: RARNUM, SPECIES\_ID, CONC, SEASON\_ID, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, ELEMENT, EL\_SPE, and EL\_SPE\_SEA. SPECIES\_ID is the numeric identifier of each species and is unique within each ELEMENT. CONC is the concentration of the species and can be descriptive (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, etc.) or an actual count of the number of individuals or nests associated with a polygon. SEASON\_ID contains a numeric identifier for the unique monthly presence and life history characteristics of each species at a given location. There can be one seasonality record per species, or the same species can have different monthly presence or breeding activities at different sites. When this occurs, a new record with a different SEASON\_ID is referenced. G\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for geographic information, and S\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for seasonality information. Both items link to the SOURCES data table. EL\_SPE is a concatenation of ELEMENT and SPECIES\_ID and links to other data tables (primarily the SPECIES table). EL\_SPE\_SEA is a concatenation of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID and links to the SEASONAL and BREED data tables. The SPECIES data table contains the SPECIES\_ID (described above), common name (NAME), scientific name (GEN\_SPEC), date the list of Natural Heritage Program (NHP) ranks was published (DATE\_PUB), biological element (ELEMENT), biological subelement (SUBELEMENT), and the NHP global conservation status rank. The item

SUBELEMENT refers to the grouping of the species: (ELEMENT, subelement): T\_MAMMAL: bat. The STATUS data table contains records for each species that is threatened or endangered on state or federal lists. The items include: ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, STATE (two-letter state abbreviation, populated with "PR" for Puerto Rico), S\_F (state or federal status, populated with "S" for the Commonwealth States), T\_E (threatened or endangered status), DATE\_PUB (the date the atlas was published when the given state and federal listings were in effect), and EL\_SPE. The SEASONAL data table indicates the presence of a particular species in a particular location by month (JAN-DEC). The BIORES table is linked to the SEASONAL table using the item EL\_SPE\_SEA (a concatenation of the first letter of the ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID). The BREED data table contains the life stage or life history data for each unique combination of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID (or EL\_SPE\_SEA). It contains up to 12 records corresponding to each month of the year that the species is present in that location. The items BREED1-BREED5 will reflect different life activities, depending on the ELEMENT referenced. There are no BREED activities for T\_MAMMAL. The SOURCES data table contains metadata for each biological and human-use source listed in the ESI atlas. The items in SOURCES include: SOURCE\_ID; ORIGINATOR (author); DATE\_PUB (date of publication); TITLE (title of the data set); DATA\_FORMAT (digital type, hardcopy maps, etc.); PUBLICATION (additional citation); SCALE (source scale denominator); and TIME\_PERIOD (beginning and ending dates of original data collection). The SOURCES data table is linked to all biological data at the feature plus species-level and human-use data at the feature-level. Due to the complexity of the relational database model, the biological data items are also post-processed into a flat file format. This file is entitled BIOFILE and it may be used in place of the relational files to ease simple data queries. The items in the flat file are ELEMENT, SUBELEMENT, NAME, GEN\_SPEC, S\_F, T\_E, NHP, DATE\_PUB, CONC, JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC, BREED1, BREED2, BREED3, BREED4, BREED5, RARNUM, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, and BREED. All of these items are the same as their counterparts in the individual files described above, except the BREED1-BREED5 items. BREED is a newly generated variable used to link to the BREED\_DT file, a modified, more compact version of the aforementioned BREED file. BREED1-BREED5 give a text summary of when each life stage occurs within that polygon. The life stages referred to are the same as those listed in the previous table. The link to the BIOFILE may be made through BIO\_LUT using ID to link to RARNUM, or it may be linked directly to the RARNUM in each of the biology cover's attribute files. As mentioned, BREED\_DT is an auxiliary support file to the flat file structure, which allows the user to do searches based on month for seasonal breeding activities. The link from the flat file to BREED\_DT is the BREED item. A second supporting data file is SOURCES. This is the same as the source file described above, and the link from the flat file is both G\_SOURCE and S\_SOURCE. It should be noted that although the flat file eases data query, it is not a normalized database structure, and actual updates performed by the states and other responsible agencies should be done using the relational files.

*Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The biological data sets are developed primarily using regional experts who estimate concentration areas. Unlike shorelines, which maintain relative spatial stability through time, the biological data by nature vary in distribution across the landscape. Therefore, the 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS quadrangles are used as a basemap in gathering the data but the data have "fuzzy" boundaries, which must be understood when utilizing this information.

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Division de Patrimonio Natural, Puerto Rico Department of Planning  
Natural Resources

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

*Title:* Element Occurrence Record Maps and Files for Puerto Rico

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*Originator:* Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources

*Publication\_Date:* 1979

*Title:* Critical Wildlife Areas of Puerto Rico

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*Publication\_Place:* San Juan, PR

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PR Department of Natural Resources, Division of Coastal  
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Terrestrial mammals depicted in this atlas are limited to bats. Bats were generally indicated where large continuous tracks of forested karst areas were considered critical wildlife habitat by resource experts. In addition, red fruit bats (a U.S. Forest Service (USFS) "sensitive species") were specifically mapped in the Caribbean National Forest (CNF), based on information provided by DRNA Division de Patrimonio Natural. It should be recognized that important bat habitats and occurrence sites are present in other locations throughout Puerto Rico.

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A unique identifier that links to the BIO\_LUT table. ID is a concatenation of atlas number (66), element number (9), and record number. ID values of 9999 are holes in polygons and do not contain information. The following T\_MAMMAL species are found in the Puerto Rico ESI/RSI data set (SPECIES ID, NAME): 9, Red fruit bat; 1001, Bats.

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# Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: HABITATS

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- [Data Quality Information](#)
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#### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

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*Purpose:*

The ESI and RSI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Coastal resources

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*Completeness\_Report:*

Biological information presented in this atlas was collected and compiled with the assistance of biologists from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and various other agencies, organizations, and groups. Information collected and depicted on the maps denotes the key biological resources that are most likely at risk in the event of an oil spill. Seven major categories, or ELEMENTs, of biological resources were considered during data compilation: birds; fish; invertebrates; habitats; marine mammals; terrestrial mammals; and reptiles. The ELEMENTs generally correspond to the coverage or geographic data layer names. There are also six attribute, or data tables, BIORES, BREED, SEASONAL, SOURCES, SPECIES, and STATUS, that are used to store the complex biological data. The biological polygons (HABITATS) are linked to the Biological Resources table (BIORES) using the unique ID and the lookup table BIO\_LUT, or they can be linked directly using RARNUM. [The ID is a unique combination of the atlas number (for Puerto Rico this is 66), an element specific number (birds are layer 1, fish are layer 2, etc.) and a unique record number. The RARNUM represents a unique combination of species, seasonalities, concentrations, and source information. For each of these groupings, a number is generated. That number is concatenated with the atlas number to create a "resource at risk" number that is unique across atlases]. The items in BIORES include: RARNUM, SPECIES\_ID, CONC, SEASON\_ID, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, ELEMENT, EL\_SPE, and EL\_SPE\_SEA. SPECIES\_ID is the numeric identifier of each species and is unique within each ELEMENT. CONC is the concentration of the species and can be descriptive (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, etc.) or an actual count of the number of individuals or nests associated with a polygon. SEASON\_ID contains a numeric identifier for the unique monthly presence and life history characteristics of each species at a given location. There can be one seasonality record per species, or the same species can have different monthly presence or breeding activities at different sites. When this occurs, a new record with a different SEASON\_ID is referenced. G\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for geographic information, and S\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for seasonality information. Both items link to the SOURCES data table. EL\_SPE is a concatenation of ELEMENT and SPECIES\_ID and links to other data tables (primarily the SPECIES table). EL\_SPE\_SEA is a concatenation of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID and links to the SEASONAL and BREED data tables. The SPECIES data table contains the SPECIES\_ID (described above), common name (NAME), scientific name (GEN\_SPEC), date the list of Natural Heritage Program (NHP) ranks was published (DATE\_PUB), biological element (ELEMENT), biological subelement (SUBELEMENT), and the NHP global conservation status rank. The item

SUBELEMENT refers to the grouping of the species: (ELEMENT, subelement): HABITATS: floating aquatic vegetation (FAV), submersed aquatic vegetation (SAV), upland, and wetland. The STATUS data table contains records for each species that is threatened or endangered on state or federal lists. The items include: ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, STATE (two-letter state abbreviation, populated with "PR" for Puerto Rico), S\_F (state or federal status, populated with "S" for the Commonwealth States), T\_E (threatened or endangered status), DATE\_PUB (the date the atlas was published when the given state and federal listings were in effect), and EL\_SPE. The SEASONAL data table indicates the presence of a particular species in a particular location by month (JAN-DEC). The BIORES table is linked to the SEASONAL table using the item EL\_SPE\_SEA (a concatenation of the first letter of the ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID). The BREED data table contains the life stage or life history data for each unique combination of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID (or EL\_SPE\_SEA). It contains up to 12 records corresponding to each month of the year that the species is present in that location. The items BREED1-BREED5 will reflect different life activities, depending on the ELEMENT referenced. There are no BREED activities for HABITATS. The SOURCES data table contains metadata for each biological and human-use source listed in the ESI atlas. The items in SOURCES include: SOURCE\_ID; ORIGINATOR (author); DATE\_PUB (date of publication); TITLE (title of the data set); DATA\_FORMAT (digital type, hardcopy maps, etc.); PUBLICATION (additional citation); SCALE (source scale denominator); and TIME\_PERIOD (beginning and ending dates of original data collection). The SOURCES data table is linked to all biological data at the feature plus species-level and human-use data at the feature-level. Due to the complexity of the relational database model, the biological data items are also post-processed into a flat file format. This file is entitled BIOFILE and it may be used in place of the relational files to ease simple data queries. The items in the flat file are ELEMENT, SUBELEMENT, NAME, GEN\_SPEC, S\_F, T\_E, NHP, DATE\_PUB, CONC, JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC, BREED1, BREED2, BREED3, BREED4, BREED5, RARNUM, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, and BREED. All of these items are the same as their counterparts in the individual files described above, except the BREED1-BREED5 items. BREED is a newly generated variable used to link to the BREED\_DT file, a modified, more compact version of the aforementioned BREED file. BREED1-BREED5 give a text summary of when each life stage occurs within that polygon. The life stages referred to are the same as those listed in the previous table. The link to the BIOFILE may be made through BIO\_LUT using ID to link to RARNUM, or it may be linked directly to the RARNUM in each of the biology cover's attribute files. As mentioned, BREED\_DT is an auxiliary support file to the flat file structure, which allows the user to do searches based on month for seasonal breeding activities. The link from the flat file to BREED\_DT is the BREED item. A second supporting data file is SOURCES. This is the same as the source file described above, and the link from the flat file is both G\_SOURCE and S\_SOURCE. It should be noted that although the flat file eases data query, it is not a normalized database structure, and actual updates performed by the states and other responsible agencies should be done using the relational files.

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*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The biological data sets are developed primarily using regional experts who estimate concentration areas. Unlike shorelines, which maintain relative spatial stability through time, the biological data by nature vary in distribution across the landscape. Therefore, the 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS quadrangles are used as a basemap in gathering the data but the data have "fuzzy" boundaries, which must be understood when utilizing this information.

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Division de Patrimonio Natural, Puerto Rico Department of Planning  
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Division of Reserves and Refuges, Puerto Rico Department of  
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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

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Threatened and endangered (T&amp;E) plants for both coastal and inland areas are emphasized in this atlas. Pterocarpus swamps are also shown. T&amp;E plants and

Pterocarpus swamps were mapped based on information provided by DRNA (Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales), Division de Patrimonio Natural, and USFWS (US Fish and Wildlife Service). Floating and submersed aquatic vegetation (FAV, SAV), mainly freshwater or low salinity species, were mapped in the lower sections of rivers and coastal lagoons, based on NWI (National Wetlands Inventory) data and information provided by DRNA, Division de Patrimonio Natural, and expert sources. Note that marine and estuarine seagrass beds were not mapped with this group of resources. Seagrasses were mapped as benthic marine habitats.

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A unique identifier that links to the BIO\_LUT table. ID is a concatenation of atlas number (66), element number (3), and record number. ID values of 9999 are holes in polygons and do not contain information. The following HABITATS species are found in the Puerto Rico ESI/RSI data set (SPECIES ID, NAME): 213, Submersed aquatic vegetation; 215, Water lettuce; 217, Water hyacinth; 221, Floating aquatic vegetation; 304, Polystichum calderonense; 414, Banara vanderbiltii; 415, Callicarpa ampla; 416, Calyptronoma rivalis; 417, Crescentia portoricensis; 418, Eugenia woodburyana; 419, Gesneria pauciflora; 420, Goetzea elegans; 421, Harrisia portoricensis; 422, Lyonia truncata proctorii; 423, Myrcia paganii; 424, Ottoschulzia rhodoxylon; 425, Pterocarpus swamp; 426, Schoepfia arenaria; 427, Solanum drymophilum; 428, Stahlia monosperma; 429, Vernonia proctorii; 430, Zanthoxylum thomasianum; 431, Adiantum vivesii; 432, Aristida chaseae; 433, Aristida portoricensis; 434, Aueroedron pauciflorum; 435, Buxus vahlii; 436, Calyptanthes thomasiana; 437, Cornutia obovata; 438, Cyathea dryopteroides; 439, Daphnopsis hellerana; 440, Elaphoglossum serpens; 441, Eugenia haematocarpa; 442, Ilex cookii; 443, Ilex sintenisii; 444, Juglans jamaicensis; 445, Lepanthes eltoroensis; 446, Leptocereus grantianus; 448, Mitracarpus maxwelliae; 449, Mitracarpus polycladus; 450, Peperomia wheeleri; 452, Styrax portoricensis; 453, Ternstroemia luquillensis; 454, Ternstroemia sessilis; 455, Trichilia triacantha; 456, Spiny naiad; 457, Chamaecrista glandulosa mirabilis; 458, Thelypteris verecunda; 459, Pleodendron macranthum; 460, Thelypteris inabonensis; 461, Thelypteris yaucoensis; 499, Cranichis ricartii; 500, Tectaria estremerana.

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*Resource\_Description:* ESI/RSI Atlas for Puerto Rico

*Distribution\_Liability:*

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# Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: BENTHIC (Benthic Marine Habitats)

## Metadata:

- [Identification Information](#)
- [Data Quality Information](#)
- [Spatial Data Organization Information](#)
- [Spatial Reference Information](#)
- [Entity and Attribute Information](#)
- [Distribution Information](#)
- [Metadata Reference Information](#)

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### *Identification\_Information:*

#### *Citation:*

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington; United States Environmental Protection Agency; United States Coast Guard; Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales; and United States Department of the Interior.

#### *Publication\_Date:* 200106

*Title:* Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: BENTHIC (Benthic Marine Habitats)

*Edition:* Second

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Atlas

#### *Series\_Information:*

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*Issue\_Identification:* Puerto Rico

#### *Publication\_Information:*

*Publication\_Place:* Seattle, Washington

#### *Publisher:*

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington

#### *Other\_Citation\_Details:*

Prepared by Research Planning, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales, and United States Department of the Interior.

#### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

This data set comprises the Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) and Reach Sensitivity Index (RSI) data for Puerto Rico. ESI data characterize estuarine environments and wildlife by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches (RSI), that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. This data set contains sensitive biological resource data for benthic marine habitats.

*Purpose:*

The ESI and RSI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

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*Currentness\_Reference:* Project time span

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*Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency:* None Scheduled

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Submersed aquatic vegetation (SAV)

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*Access\_Constraints:* None

*Use\_Constraints:*

DO NOT USE MAPS FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES. Besides the above warning, there are no use constraints on these data. Acknowledgment of the publishers and contributing sources listed in *Data\_Set\_Credit* (below) would be appreciated in products derived from these data.

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Relationships between spatial data layers and attribute data tables for the Puerto Rico data.

*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type:* JPEG

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This project was supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales and United States Department of the Interior.

*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

The software packages used to develop the atlas are Environmental Systems Research Institute's ARC/INFO(r) (version 8.0.2) and ORACLE(r) RDBMS (version 8.0.5.0.0). The hardware configuration is Hewlett Packard workstations (models 715/50 and 712/80i with 4 X-terminals) with UNIX operating system (HP-UX Release A.10.20). The following files are included in the data set: benthic.e00, birds.e00, bio\_lut.e00, biofile.e00, biores.e00, breed.e00, breed\_dt.e00, esi.e00, fish.e00, fishl.e00, habitats.e00, hydro.e00, index.e00, invert.e00, invertl.e00, karst.e00, mgt.e00, m\_mammal.e00, reptiles.e00, seasonal.e00, shelfbnd.e00, soc\_dat.e00, soc\_lut.e00, soecon.e00, sources.e00, species.e00, stations.e00, status.e00, t\_mammal.e00, wetlands.e00.

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*Data\_Quality\_Information:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The attribute accuracy is estimated to be "good" given the years of ESI experience, the data input methodology, the quality control review sessions, and the digital logical consistency checks.

*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

The digitization of shoreline types, biological resources, and human-use resources is a complex and highly quality-controlled process. Existing digital shoreline and wetlands data are integrated into a study-wide basemap. In order to facilitate digitizing, the entire study area is split into individual quadrangles using the INDEX data layer. The first layer of information digitized is the ESI/RSI shoreline classification. The ESI/RSI habitat ranking is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a geomorphologist. The hardcopy maps are then digitized and checked using both on-screen and hardcopy reviews. The edited maps are updated and checked once again for completeness and topological and logical consistency. Any errors in the shoreline classification are updated prior to digitization of the biological reference so that there are no slivers in the geographic coordinates. The hardcopy biological information is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a biological expert using data from regional specialists in the form of maps, tables, charts, written descriptions of wildlife distributions, and personal interviews. Concurrently, digital data sources are imported, projected, checked for quality control, and integrated into the data structure. The hardcopy data are digitized, checked using both digital and on-screen

procedures, integrated with existing data, plotted, and sent out for review by the regional specialists. The edited maps are updated, checked once again, and the final product plotted (at approximately 1:55,000 scale). A team of specialists reviews the entire series of maps, checks all data, and makes final edits. The data are then merged to form the study-wide layers. The data merging includes a final quality control check where labels, chains, and polygons are checked for attribute accuracy. To finalize the data checking process, each data layer is checked using a standardized form by two GIS personnel (a technician and the GIS manager), and each attribute database is checked using several programs that test the files for missing or duplicate data, rules for proper coding, GIS topological consistencies (such as dangles, unnecessary nodes, etc.), and ORACLE (r) and ARC/INFO (r) consistencies. A final review is made by the GIS manager, where the data are written to CD-ROM and the metadata are written. After the data are delivered to NOAA, they are again subjected to a number of quality and consistency checks. In the process of checking for topological and database consistencies, new IDs and RARNUMs or HUNUMs are also generated. The new IDs are a combination of atlas number, element number, and record number. In addition, the value used to represent the element is modified to reflect the type of feature being mapped. In the case of an element that is normally represented by a point or polygon, a value of 20 is added to the standard element value for mapping of linear features. In the case where an element usually mapped as a polygon is represented by a point, a value of 30 is added to the regular element value. The RARNUMs are also modified to include the atlas number, so multiple atlases can be combined and RARNUMs remain unique. RARNUMs are redefined on an element basis, so "resource at risk" groupings will contain only a single element. HUNUMs are also modified to include the atlas number. ESI data are processed into multiple formats to make them useful to a wider community of GIS/mapping users. Distribution formats include ARC export, MOSS and Shape files, and MARPLOT map folders. An ArcView ESI project and ESI\_Viewer product are also included on the CDs for ease of use of the ESI data. The database files are distributed both in the NOAA standard relational database format (see NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS ORCA 115) and in a simplified desktop flat file format. This metadata document includes information on both of these database formats. The section *Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information* refers to the source files in ARC export format only.

#### *Completeness\_Report:*

Biological information presented in this atlas was collected and compiled with the assistance of biologists from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and various other agencies, organizations, and groups. Information collected and depicted on the maps denotes the key biological resources that are most likely at risk in the event of an oil spill. Seven major categories, or ELEMENTs, of biological resources were considered during data compilation: birds; fish; invertebrates; habitats; marine mammals; terrestrial mammals; and reptiles. The ELEMENTs generally correspond to the coverage or geographic data layer names. There are also six attribute, or data tables, BIORES, BREED, SEASONAL, SOURCES, SPECIES, and STATUS, that are used to store the complex biological data. The biological polygons (BENTHIC) are linked to the Biological Resources table (BIORES) using the unique ID and the lookup table BIO\_LUT, or they can be linked directly using RARNUM [The ID is a unique combination of the atlas number (for Puerto Rico this is 66), an element specific number (birds are layer 1, fish are layer 2, etc.) and a unique record number. The RARNUM represents a unique combination of species, seasonalities, concentrations, and source information. For each of these groupings, a number is generated. That number is concatenated with the atlas number to create a "resource at risk" number that is unique across atlases.]. The items in BIORES include: RARNUM, SPECIES\_ID, CONC, SEASON\_ID, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, ELEMENT, EL\_SPE, and EL\_SPE\_SEA. SPECIES\_ID is the numeric identifier of each species and is unique within each ELEMENT. CONC is the concentration of the species and can be descriptive (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, etc.) or an actual count of the number of individuals or nests associated with a polygon. SEASON\_ID contains a numeric identifier for the unique monthly presence and life history characteristics of each species at a given location. There can be one seasonality record per species, or the same species can have different monthly presence or breeding activities at different sites. When this occurs, a new record with a different SEASON\_ID is referenced. G\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for geographic information, and S\_SOURCE contains the SOURCE\_ID for seasonality information. Both items link to the SOURCES data table. EL\_SPE is a concatenation of ELEMENT and SPECIES\_ID and links to other data tables (primarily the SPECIES table). EL\_SPE\_SEA is a concatenation of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID and links to the SEASONAL and BREED data tables. The SPECIES data table contains the SPECIES\_ID (described

above), common name (NAME), scientific name (GEN\_SPEC), date the list of Natural Heritage Program (NHP) ranks was published (DATE\_PUB), biological element (ELEMENT), biological subelement (SUBELEMENT), and the NHP global conservation status rank. The item SUBELEMENT refers to the grouping of the species: (ELEMENT, subelement): BENTHIC: coral, hardbottom, reef, sav (submersed aquatic vegetation). The STATUS data table contains records for each species that is threatened or endangered on state or federal lists. The items include: ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, STATE (two-letter state abbreviation, populated with "PR" for Puerto Rico), S\_F (state or federal status, populated with "S" for the Commonwealth States), T\_E (threatened or endangered status), DATE\_PUB (the date the atlas was published when the given state and federal listings were in effect), and EL\_SPE. The SEASONAL data table indicates the presence of a particular species in a particular location by month (JAN-DEC). The BIORES table is linked to the SEASONAL table using the item EL\_SPE\_SEA (a concatenation of the first letter of the ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID). The BREED data table contains the life stage or life history data for each unique combination of ELEMENT, SPECIES\_ID, and SEASON\_ID (or EL\_SPE\_SEA). It contains up to 12 records corresponding to each month of the year that the species is present in that location. The items BREED1-BREED5 will reflect different life activities, depending on the ELEMENT referenced. There are no BREED activities for BENTHIC. The SOURCES data table contains metadata for each biological and human-use source listed in the ESI atlas. The items in SOURCES include: SOURCE\_ID; ORIGINATOR (author); DATE\_PUB (date of publication); TITLE (title of the data set); DATA\_FORMAT (digital type, hardcopy maps, etc.); PUBLICATION (additional citation); SCALE (source scale denominator); and TIME\_PERIOD (beginning and ending dates of original data collection). The SOURCES data table is linked to all biological data at the feature plus species-level and human-use data at the feature-level. Due to the complexity of the relational database model, the biological data items are also post-processed into a flat file format. This file is entitled BIOFILE and it may be used in place of the relational files to ease simple data queries. The items in the flat file are ELEMENT, SUBELEMENT, NAME, GEN\_SPEC, S\_F, T\_E, NHP, DATE\_PUB, CONC, JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC, BREED1, BREED2, BREED3, BREED4, BREED5, RARNUM, G\_SOURCE, S\_SOURCE, and BREED. All of these items are the same as their counterparts in the individual files described above, except the BREED1-BREED5 items. BREED is a newly generated variable used to link to the BREED\_DT file, a modified, more compact version of the aforementioned BREED file. BREED1-BREED5 give a text summary of when each life stage occurs within that polygon. The life stages referred to are the same as those listed in the previous table. The link to the BIOFILE may be made through BIO\_LUT using ID to link to RARNUM, or it may be linked directly to the RARNUM in each of the biology cover's attribute files. As mentioned, BREED\_DT is an auxiliary support file to the flat file structure, which allows the user to do searches based on month for seasonal breeding activities. The link from the flat file to BREED\_DT is the BREED item. A second supporting data file is SOURCES. This is the same as the source file described above, and the link from the flat file is both G\_SOURCE and S\_SOURCE. It should be noted that although the flat file eases data query, it is not a normalized database structure, and actual updates performed by the states and other responsible agencies should be done using the relational files.

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*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The biological data sets are developed primarily using regional experts who estimate concentration areas. Unlike shorelines, which maintain relative spatial stability through time, the biological data by nature vary in distribution across the landscape. Therefore, the 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS quadrangles are used as a basemap in gathering the data but the data have "fuzzy" boundaries, which must be understood when utilizing this information.

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 Univ. Nac. Pedro Henriquez Urena Contact: C.E. Diez, Puerto Rico  
 Department of Planning Natural Resources, San Juan

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Florida Caribbean Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey Biological  
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NWI Program Contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Inventory Center, (See also <http://www.nwi.fws.gov/>)

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Caribbean Field Office Contact: S, Silander, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boqueron

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Florida, Caribbean Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey Biological  
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Jobos Bay NERR Staff, Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources/NOAA Contact: C. Gonzalez, Reserve Manager

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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

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Three types of benthic marine habitats were mapped for Puerto Rico: 1) coral reefs, 2) hardbottoms, and 3) seagrass beds. These resources were mapped using a variety of data sources and methods. Geographic sources included NWI (National Wetlands Inventory) data, the USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) Marine Geologic Map series for the Insular Shelf of Puerto Rico, USGS-BRD (Biological Resources Division) benthic habitat maps for Roosevelt Roads and Isla de Vieques, DRNA (Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales) benthic habitat maps for Isla Mona, USGS topographic quadrangles, and other sources. Where previous data or maps did not exist, biologists from DRNA and other groups used bathymetric features shown on USGS topographic maps and NOAA nautical charts to estimate the distribution of reef and seagrass areas. The type of a benthic habitat feature was often described by experts and resource managers and then applied to geographic boundaries from an existing source (e.g., a polygon derived from NWI data was given a new and different classification based on information provided by a resource manager familiar with the area). Classifications were also based on various reports and publications, including Goenega and Cintron (1979), Goenega and Boulon (1992), Garcia et al. (2000), various materials provided by the CFMC (Caribbean Fishery Management Council), and other documents and reports. The reef classification and definitions used by Garcia et al. (2000) were followed as closely as possible. Garcia et al. (2000) also provided a map graphic showing the general distribution of reef types and reef survey areas for Puerto Rico. Hardbottom categories used during this project included: Hardground and Rock Reef. Coral Reef categories included: Coral Patch Reef, Coral Reef, Shelf-edge Reef, and Reef (unclassified). "Hardground" refers to areas of relatively low relief, such as hard calcareous banks or eolianite platforms dominated by encrusting species, turf algae, soft corals, sponges, etc. The "Rock Reef" classification was used mostly for nearshore and emergent reefs found along the northern and northwestern coast of Puerto Rico. These are typically submerged bedrock features of moderate to high relief, mostly colonized by turf algae, encrusting biota, and low coral cover. "Coral Reef" was used for areas containing high cover of living, structure-building, hard-coral species, where an outline of the major reef structure could be approximated (mainly along the southern, southwestern, and eastern coasts of Puerto Rico). Many of the areas mapped would be considered fringing coral reefs. In this project, "Coral Patch Reef" was used for large areas containing numerous coral patch reefs that could not be individually depicted due to lack of information and/or small patch size relative to the mapping scale (roughly 1:20,



000 at best; 1:100,000 at worst). In areas where individual patches were differentiated, the "Coral Reef" classification was used. "Shelf-edge Reef" was used for the "drowned" or submerged coral reefs occurring along the southern and southwestern shelf-edge of Puerto Rico, and parts of Vieques and Culebra. Well-developed shelf-edge reef also occurs off the south side of Isla Mona (but was not mapped). Shelf-edge reefs are a major spawning habitat for aggregating reef fish such as red hind, mutton snapper, and tiger grouper. Finally, the "Reef" category was a default category used when reef type could not be differentiated.

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# Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: MGT (Management Areas)

## Metadata:

- [Identification Information](#)
- [Data Quality Information](#)
- [Spatial Data Organization Information](#)
- [Spatial Reference Information](#)
- [Entity and Attribute Information](#)
- [Distribution Information](#)
- [Metadata Reference Information](#)

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#### *Citation:*

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#### *Publication\_Date:* 200106

*Title:* Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: MGT (Management Areas)

*Edition:* Second

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Atlas

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*Publication\_Place:* Seattle, Washington

#### *Publisher:*

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington

#### *Other\_Citation\_Details:*

Prepared by Research Planning, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales, and United States Department of the Interior.

#### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

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This data set comprises the Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) and Reach Sensitivity Index (RSI) data for Puerto Rico. ESI data characterize estuarine environments and wildlife by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches (RSI), that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. This data set contains polygonal data for human-use resources.

*Purpose:*

The ESI and RSI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

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*Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus:* None

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*Use\_Constraints:*

DO NOT USE MAPS FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES. Besides the above warning, there are no use constraints on these data. Acknowledgment of the publishers and contributing sources listed in Data\_Set\_Credit (below) would be appreciated in products derived from these data.

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Relationships between spatial data layers and attribute data tables for the Puerto Rico data.

*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type:* JPEG

*Data\_Set\_Credit:*

This project was supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales and United States Department of the Interior.

*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

The software packages used to develop the atlas are Environmental Systems Research Institute's ARC/INFO(r) (version 8.0.2) and ORACLE(r) RDBMS (version 8.0.5.0.0). The hardware configuration is Hewlett Packard workstations (models 715/50 and 712/80i with 4 X-terminals) with UNIX operating system (HP-UX Release A.10.20). The following files are included in the data set: benthic.e00, birds.e00, bio\_lut.e00, biofile.e00, biores.e00, breed.e00, breed\_dt.e00, esi.e00, fish.e00, fishl.e00, habitats.e00, hydro.e00, index.e00, invert.e00, invertl.e00, karst.e00, mgt.e00, m\_mammal.e00, reptiles.e00, seasonal.e00, shelfbnd.e00, soc\_dat.e00, soc\_lut.e00, socecon.e00, sources.e00, species.e00, stations.e00, status.e00, t\_mammal.e00, wetlands.e00.

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*Data\_Quality\_Information:**Attribute\_Accuracy:**Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The attribute accuracy is estimated to be "good" given the years of ESI experience, the data input methodology, the quality control review sessions, and the digital logical consistency checks.

*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

The human-use resources were obtained in either digital format or in hardcopy format on 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 scale topographic quadrangles. Under this project, new digital data sources are imported, projected, checked for quality control, and integrated into the spatial data structure (for selected resources). The data are checked using both digital and on-screen procedures. To finalize the data checking process, each data layer is checked using a standardized form by two GIS personnel (a technician and the GIS manager), and each attribute database is checked using several programs that test the files for missing or duplicate data, rules for proper coding, GIS topological consistencies (such as dangles, unnecessary nodes, etc.), and ORACLE(r) to ARC/INFO(r) consistencies. A final review is made by the GIS manager, where the data are written to CD-ROM and the metadata are written. ESI data are processed into multiple formats to make them useful to a wider community of GIS/mapping users. Distribution formats include ARC export, MOSS and Shape files, and MARPLOT map folders. An ArcView ESI project and ESI\_Viewer product are also included on the CDs for ease of use of the ESI data. The database files are distributed both in the NOAA standard relational database format (see NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS ORCA 115) and in a simplified desktop flat file format. This metadata document includes information on both of these database formats. The section Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information refers to the source files in ARC export format only.

*Completeness\_Report:*

Human-Use Resources: Several human-use, or socioeconomic, features are included in ESI/RSI atlases. Entity points and complete chains (arcs) are digitized into the data layer SOCECON and managed area polygonal data (GT-polygons) are stored in the MGT data layer. Both data sets are linked to the data table SOC\_DAT using the SOC\_LUT lookup table and the items HUNUM and ID. HUNUM is a unique reference number concatenated with the atlas number (for Puerto Rico this is 66). ID is a unique combination of the atlas number (66), an element specific number (MGT = 11) and a unique record number. The TYPE item for polygons may contain the following values: Designated Critical Habitat, CH; Forest, FO; National Park, NP; Marine Sanctuary, MS; Wildlife Refuge, WR. The table SOC\_DAT contains the human-use number (HUNUM), feature type (TYPE), name of the facility (NAME), owner/manager or contact person (CONTACT), telephone number (PHONE), geographic source (G\_SOURCE), and attribute source (A\_SOURCE). Detailed contact information is only included for select management features, where available. Source information is included for all features.

*Positional\_Accuracy:**Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:**Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The majority of management area data came from existing digital sources. See the Lineage section (below) for specific information on each source. For the few management areas not covered by existing sources, hard copy boundary information was transferred to USGS 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 topographic quadrangles and digitized.

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*Originator:* U.S. Geological Survey

*Publication\_Date:* 1944-1982

*Title:* USGS Topographic Quadrangles

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Maps

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*Citation\_Information:**Originator:* Lopez, F., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boqueron*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material*Title:* Various Natural Resource and Human-use Features for Puerto Rico*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Expert knowledge*Type\_of\_Source\_Media:* Personal communication*Source\_Time\_Period\_of\_Content:**Time\_Period\_Information:**Single\_Date/Time:**Calendar\_Date:* 1999*Source\_Currentness\_Reference:* Date of study*Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation:* None*Source\_Contribution:* Wildlife refuge data*Source\_Information:**Source\_Citation:**Citation\_Information:**Originator:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Real Estate Division*Publication\_Date:* Varies*Title:* Maps of National Wildlife Refuge Boundaries*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Maps*Publication\_Information:**Publication\_Place:* Atlanta, GA*Publisher:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Real Estate division*Source\_Scale\_Denominator:* Varies*Type\_of\_Source\_Media:* Poa*Source\_Time\_Period\_of\_Content:**Time\_Period\_Information:**Single\_Date/Time:**Calendar\_Date:* Varies*Source\_Currentness\_Reference:* Date of study*Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation:* None*Source\_Contribution:* Wildlife refuge data*Source\_Information:**Source\_Citation:**Citation\_Information:**Originator:* U.S. Forest Service*Publication\_Date:* 1981*Title:* Caribbean National Forest, Puerto Rico (Boundary Map)*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Maps*Publication\_Information:**Publication\_Place:* Atlanta, GA*Publisher:* U.S. Forest Service, Southern Region

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*Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation:* None

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Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources, San Juan

Contacts: E. Diaz, R. Matos, E. Gonzalez, PR DPNR, San Juan

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Natural Reserves, Wildlife Refuges, and Commonwealth Forests of  
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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

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The management features depicted on the maps are those that could be impacted by an oil spill or could provide access for response operations. Archaeological/Historical Site: Location of archaeological and historic sites for coastal and inland areas. These resources include known archaeological sites documented in the master site file for Puerto Rico, and most National Register listed and potentially eligible historic sites. The exact location and extent of these sites are not represented on the maps due to their sensitivity to disturbance and vandalism. Instead, sites are depicted on the maps with an icon placed in the general vicinity of the site (or group of sites). This information was provided by the Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office. For more specific site information and guidance during planning and response operations, please contact the State Historic Preservation Officer at 787/721-3737. NOTE: For these data, the Archaeological/Historical sites have been deleted from the digital data at the request of the data providers. Designated Critical Habitat: Areas managed or regulated by the USFWS (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) or NMFS (National Marine Fishery Service) as critical habitat for federally listed threatened and endangered species, under authority of the U.S. Endangered Species Act, as amended. The species involved, responsible agency, and contact information are provided on the data tables for each map. Forest: Areas managed by the DRNA (Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales) Division de Manejo Bosques Estatales as Commonwealth Forests, or the USFS (U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service) as National Forests. Forest names, the managing authority, and contact information are provided on the data tables for each map. National Estuarine Research Reserve: Areas jointly managed by NOAA and DRNA as National Estuarine Research Reserves. Site names and contact information are provided on the data tables for each map. National Park: Areas managed by the National Park Service, including national parks, national historic sites, national monuments, etc. Site names and contact information are provided on the data tables for each map. Wildlife Refuge/Natural Reserve: Areas managed by the USFWS as National Wildlife Refuges or the DRNA Division de Reservas Naturales y Refugios de Vida Silvestre as Natural Reserves and Wildlife Refuges. Most Natural Reserves that extend into marine waters continue to 9 nautical miles offshore. Site names and contact information are provided on the data tables for each map.

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# Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: SOCECON (Socioeconomic Lines and Points)

## Metadata:

- [Identification Information](#)
- [Data Quality Information](#)
- [Spatial Data Organization Information](#)
- [Spatial Reference Information](#)
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### *Identification\_Information:*

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#### *Originator:*

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington; United States Environmental Protection Agency; United States Coast Guard; Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales; and United States Department of the Interior.

#### *Publication\_Date:* 200106

*Title:* Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: SOCECON (Socioeconomic Lines and Points)

*Edition:* Second

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Atlas

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington

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Prepared by Research Planning, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales, and United States Department of the Interior.

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This data set comprises the Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) and Reach Sensitivity Index (RSI) data for Puerto Rico. ESI data characterize estuarine environments and wildlife by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches (RSI), that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. This data set contains point and line data for human-use resources.

*Purpose:*

The ESI and RSI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

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*Currentness\_Reference:* Project time span

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This project was supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales and United States Department of the Interior.

*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

The software packages used to develop the atlas are Environmental Systems Research Institute's ARC/INFO(r) (version 8.0.2) and ORACLE(r) RDBMS (version 8.0.5.0.0). The hardware configuration is Hewlett Packard workstations (models 715/50 and 712/80i with 4 X-terminals) with UNIX operating system (HP-UX Release A.10.20). The following files are included in the data set: benthic.e00, birds.e00, bio\_lut.e00, biofile.e00, biores.e00, breed.e00, breed\_dt.e00, esi.e00, fish.e00, fishl.e00, habitats.e00, hydro.e00, index.e00, invert.e00, invertl.e00, karst.e00, mgt.e00, m\_mammal.e00, reptiles.e00, seasonal.e00, shelfbnd.e00, soc\_dat.e00, soc\_lut.e00, socecon.e00, sources.e00, species.e00, stations.e00, status.e00, t\_mammal.e00, wetlands.e00.

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*Data\_Quality\_Information:**Attribute\_Accuracy:**Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The attribute accuracy is estimated to be "good" given the years of ESI experience, the data input methodology, the quality control review sessions, and the digital logical consistency checks.

*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

The human-use resources were obtained in either digital format or in hardcopy format on 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 scale topographic quadrangles. Under this project, new digital data sources are imported, projected, checked for quality control, and integrated into the spatial data structure (for selected resources). The data are checked using both digital and on-screen procedures. To finalize the data checking process, each data layer is checked using a standardized form by two GIS personnel (a technician and the GIS manager), and each attribute database is checked using several programs that test the files for missing or duplicate data, rules for proper coding, GIS topological consistencies (such as dangles, unnecessary nodes, etc.), and ORACLE(r) to ARC/INFO(r) consistencies. A final review is made by the GIS manager, where the data are written to CD-ROM and the metadata are written. ESI data are processed into multiple formats to make them useful to a wider community of GIS/mapping users. Distribution formats include ARC export, MOSS and Shape files, and MARPLOT map folders. An ArcView ESI project and ESI\_Viewer product are also included on the CDs for ease of use of the ESI data. The database files are distributed both in the NOAA standard relational database format (see NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS ORCA 115) and in a simplified desktop flat file format. This metadata document includes information on both of these database formats. The section Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information refers to the source files in ARC export format only.



*Completeness\_Report:*

Human-Use Resources: Several human-use, or socioeconomic, features are included in ESI/RSI atlases. Entity points and complete chains (arcs) are digitized into the data layer SOCECON and managed area polygonal data (GT-polygons) are stored in the MGT data layer. Both data sets are linked to the data table SOC\_DAT using the SOC\_LUT lookup table and the items HUNUM and ID. HUNUM is a unique reference number concatenated with the atlas number (for the Puerto Rico this is 66). ID is a unique combination of the atlas number (66), an element specific number (SOCECON = 10) and a unique record number. The TYPE item for entity points may contain the following values: Airport, A; Aquaculture, AQ; Artisanal/Commercial Fishing, CF; Boat Ramp, BR; Coast Guard, CG; Collection Point, CP; Dam, LD; Dive Site, DV; RSI High-Water Leakage Point; Marina, M; Recreational Beach, B; Recreational Fishing, RF; Subsistence, S; Water Intake, WI. The TYPE item for complete chains may contain the following values: ESI/RSI Break, ER; Roads/Bridges, R. The table SOC\_DAT contains the human-use number (HUNUM), feature type (TYPE), name of the facility (NAME), owner/manager or contact person (CONTACT), telephone number (PHONE), geographic source (G\_SOURCE), and attribute source (A\_SOURCE). Detailed contact information is only included for select management features, where available. Source information is included for all features.

*Positional\_Accuracy:**Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:**Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The ESI data use USGS 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 topographic quadrangles as the basemap. It is estimated that the ESI shoreline classification has a minimum mapping unit of 50 feet.

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*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished material

*Title:*

Boat Ramps, Marinas, and other Features From Overflights and Air Photos

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*Source\_Currentness\_Reference:* Date of overflight

*Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation:* None

*Source\_Contribution:*

Boat ramp, marina, water intake, collection point, and leakage point information

*Source\_Information:**Source\_Citation:**Citation\_Information:*

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*Citation\_Information:*

*Originator:* Rivera, M., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boqueron

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

*Title:*

Sea Turtle Nesting Beaches, Seasonality, and Life-History in Puerto Rico

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Expert knowledge

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*Source\_Currentness\_Reference:* Date of communication

*Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation:* None

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*Source\_Citation:*

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*Publication\_Date:* 1995

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Critical Habitat Designations for Threatened and Endangered Fish and Wildlife

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Life-History*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Expert knowledge*Type\_of\_Source\_Media:* Personal communication

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*Originator:* Lopez, F., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boqueron

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

*Title:* Various Natural Resource and Human-use Features for Puerto Rico

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Airport, aquaculture, beach, boat ramp, Coast Guard station, commercial fishing, diving, marina, recreational fishing, water intake, and subsistence information

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Appledorn, R., University of Puerto Rico - Marine Science Mayaguez

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

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Rosario, A., Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources, Mayaguez

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

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Spawning Aggregations, Benthic Habitat, and other Resource Features of Puerto Rico

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*Source\_Citation:*

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*Publication\_Date:* 1996

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Chabert, J., Ramos, D., Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources, San Juan, PR

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

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Waterfowl Areas and other Wildlife and Human-use Features for Puerto Rico

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Velazco, A., Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources, San Juan

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Beach, boat ramp, commercial fishing, diving, recreational fishing, and subsistence information

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*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

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Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources Fisheries  
 Division Contact: C. Lilyestrom, Chief, Marine Resources division,  
 PR DPNR, San Juan, PR

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

*Title:* Locations of Fishing Associations and Cooperatives

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Sensitive Areas and Protection Strategies for the U.S. Caribbean

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Division, SJ Contact: C. Lilyestron, Chief, MRD, PR DPNR*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material*Title:*Sportfishing in inland Reservoirs and other Fisheries Resources of Puerto  
Rico*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Tables and Expert knowledge*Type\_of\_Source\_Media:* Paper*Source\_Time\_Period\_of\_Content:**Time\_Period\_Information:**Single\_Date/Time:**Calendar\_Date:* 1999*Source\_Currentness\_Reference:* Date of study*Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation:* None*Source\_Contribution:*Boat ramp, commercial fishing, diving, marina, recreational fishing, and subsistence  
information*Source\_Information:**Source\_Citation:**Citation\_Information:**Originator:*Garcia, M., Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural Resources,  
San Juan*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material*Title:* Various Human-use Features for Coastal Puerto Rico*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Expert knowledge*Type\_of\_Source\_Media:* Personal communication*Source\_Time\_Period\_of\_Content:**Time\_Period\_Information:**Single\_Date/Time:**Calendar\_Date:* 1999*Source\_Currentness\_Reference:* Date of communication*Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation:* None



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*Originator:* Cepeda, E., University of Puerto Rico CIDACPR, Mayaguez  
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Jobos Bay NERR Staff, Puerto Rico Department of Planning Natural

Resources/NOAA Contact: C. Gonzalez, Reserve Manager

*Publication\_Date*: Unpublished Material

*Title*:

Resources of Jobos Bay, Including Field Verification of Shoreline and Benthic Habitats

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*Publication\_Date*: Unpublished Material

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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

*Process\_Date*: 20010601

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*Contact\_Organization:* NOAA, Office of Response and Restoration  
*Contact\_Person:* Jill Petersen  
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*Address:* 7600 Sand Point Way N.E.  
*City:* Seattle  
*State\_or\_Province:* Washington  
*Postal\_Code:* 98115-6349  
*Contact\_Voice\_Telephone:* (206) 526-6944  
*Contact\_Facsimile\_Telephone:* (206) 526-6329  
*Contact\_Electronic\_Mail\_Address:* jill.petersen@noaa.gov

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Airport: Location of airports, airfields, landing strips, helipads, etc., whether they are manned or unmanned. Aquaculture: Location of aquaculture sites and facilities. When known, the site name, owner/manager, and contact information are provided on the data tables for each map. Artisanal/Commercial Fishing: General areas where artisanal and commercial fishing take place. Queen conch harvest areas contributed to the largest number of sites, although other types of fishing areas are depicted as well. Fishing activities, especially harvest of lobsters, octopus, reef fish, etc. may take place throughout the study area. This information was provided by the UPR

(University of Puerto Rico) Department of Marine Sciences (queen conch areas) and expert sources. Boat Ramp: Location of boat ramps. This information was gathered from overflight observations, aerial photographs, DRNA (Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales) information and expert sources. Coast Guard: Location of Coast Guard facilities. Dam: Locations of dams, especially major high dams on RSI-classified streams. Dams were mainly mapped based on information provided by the Puerto Rico Electric and Power Authority (PREPA). Designated Critical Habitat: Areas managed or regulated by the USFWS (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) or NMFS (National Marine Fishery Service) as critical habitat for federally-listed threatened and endangered species, under authority of the U.S. Endangered Species Act, as amended. The species involved, responsible agency, and contact information are provided on the data tables for each map. Dive Site: Location of recreational diving sites. This information was derived mainly from published guidebooks and expert sources. Fishing Association: Locations of fishing associations and fisheries cooperatives in coastal areas. These sites indicate areas with significant artisanal and commercial fishing interests. This information was provided by DRNA. Marina: Location of marinas. This information was gathered from overflight observations, aerial photographs, DRNA information, and expert sources. Recreational Beach: Location of recreational beaches used for activities such as swimming, sun-bathing, fishing, etc. This information was provided by expert sources. Recreational Fishing: Location of recreational fishing sites. This information was provided by DRNA and expert sources. Water Intake: Location of surface water intakes. For inland areas, intakes associated with Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) facilities are emphasized (mapped locations for most other intakes were not available). When known, the site name, owner/manager, and telephone number are provided on the data tables for each map. For PRASA intakes, highway addresses provided by USEPA staff are also included in the data tables.

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# Puerto Rico ESI and RSI: WETLANDS

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#### *Citation:*

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#### *Originator:*

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#### *Publication\_Date:* 200106

*Title:* Puerto Rico ESI and RSI: WETLANDS

*Edition:* Second

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Atlas

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington

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#### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

This data set comprises the Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) and Reach Sensitivity Index (RSI) data for Puerto Rico. ESI data characterize estuarine environments and wildlife

by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches (RSI), that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. This data set contains wetlands data.

*Purpose:*

The ESI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

*Time\_Period\_of\_Content:*

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*Beginning\_Date:* 199807

*Ending\_Date:* 200106

*Currentness\_Reference:* Project time span

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Oil spill planning

*Theme\_Keyword:* Coastal Zone Management

*Theme\_Keyword:* Wetland

*Theme\_Keyword:* RSI

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*Place\_Keyword:* Puerto Rico

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*Use\_Constraints:*

DO NOT USE MAPS FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES. Besides the above warning, there are no use constraints on these data. Acknowledgment of the publishers and contributing sources listed in Data\_Set\_Credit (below) would be appreciated in products derived from these data.

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Relationships between spatial data layers and attribute data tables for the Puerto Rico data.

*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type:* JPEG

*Data\_Set\_Credit:*

This project was supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales and United States Department of the Interior.

*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

The software packages used to develop the atlas are Environmental Systems Research Institute's ARC/INFO(r) (version 8.0.2) and ORACLE(r) RDBMS (version 8.0.5.0.0). The hardware configuration is Hewlett Packard workstations (models 715/50 and 712/80i with 4 X-terminals) with UNIX operating system (HP-UX Release A.10.20). The following files are included in the data set: benthic.e00, birds.e00, bio\_lut.e00, biofile.e00, biores.e00, breed.e00, breed\_dt.e00, esi.e00, fish.e00, fishl.e00, habitats.e00, hydro.e00, index.e00, invert.e00, invertl.e00, karst.e00, mgt.e00, m\_mammal.e00, reptiles.e00, seasonal.e00, shelfbnd.e00, soc\_dat.e00, soc\_lut.e00, socecon.e00, sources.e00, species.e00, stations.e00, status.e00, t\_mammal.e00, wetlands.e00.

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*Data\_Quality\_Information:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The attribute accuracy is estimated to be "good" given the years of ESI experience, the data input methodology, the quality control review sessions, and the digital logical consistency checks.

*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

The digitization of shoreline types, biological resources, and human-use resources is a complex and highly quality-controlled process. Existing digital shoreline data are integrated into a study-wide basemap. In order to facilitate digitizing, the entire study area is split into individual quadrangles using the INDEX data layer. The first layer of information digitized is the ESI/RSI shoreline classification. The ESI/RSI habitat ranking is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a geomorphologist. The wetlands data were generated from existing digital National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) data. These data were reclassified based on the NWI codes to match the ESI coding definitions. These data were used "as is" after reclassification. No field checks were performed on the original NWI data where the reclassified data were salt- and brackish-water marshes, freshwater marshes, freshwater swamps, and freshwater scrub/shrub. However, extensive overflight and field verification was performed on NWI data where the reclassified data were mangroves. After reclassification, the data were checked using both on-screen and hardcopy reviews. Next, the edited maps are updated and checked once again for completeness and topological and logical consistency. Any errors in the shoreline classification are updated prior to digitization of the biological and human-use layers. All layers use the shoreline as the geographic reference so that there are no slivers in the geographic coordinates. The hardcopy biological information is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a biological expert using data from regional specialists in the form of maps, tables, charts, written descriptions of wildlife distributions, and personal interviews. Concurrently, digital data sources are imported, projected, checked for quality control, and integrated into the data structure. The hardcopy data are digitized, checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, integrated with existing data, plotted, and sent out for review by the regional specialists. The edited maps are updated, checked once again,

and the final product plotted (at approximately 1:55,000 scale). A team of specialists reviews the entire series of maps, checks all data, and makes final edits. The data are then merged to form the study-wide layers. The data merging includes a final quality control check where labels, chains, and polygons are checked for attribute accuracy. To finalize the data checking process, each data layer is checked using a standardized form by two GIS personnel (a technician and the GIS manager), and each attribute database is checked using several programs that test the files for missing or duplicate data, rules for proper coding, GIS topological consistencies (such as dangles, unnecessary nodes, etc.), and ORACLE(r) to ARC/INFO(r) consistencies. A final review is made by the GIS manager, where the data are written to CD-ROM and the metadata are written. ESI data are processed into multiple formats to make them useful to a wider community of GIS/mapping users. Distribution formats include ARC export, MOSS and Shape files, and MARPLOT map folders. An ArcView ESI project and ESI\_Viewer product are also included on the CDs for ease of use of the ESI data. The database files are distributed both in the NOAA standard relational database format (see NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS ORCA 115) and in a simplified desktop flat file format. This metadata document includes information on both of these database formats. The section *Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information* refers to the source files in ARC export format only.

*Completeness\_Report:*

The intertidal shoreline habitats of Puerto Rico were previously mapped during overflights and ground surveys conducted by the Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales (DRNA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), published in 1984. For this project, the original ESI maps were re-examined and fully updated using the sources and methods described below. As a first step, infrared vertical aerial photographs were examined at the offices of DRNA in San Juan. The initial aerial photograph classification was followed by overflight surveys of the entire study area, flying at elevations of 400-600 feet and slow air speed. Overflights were conducted using U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) helicopters and fixed-wing Cessna 172s operated by the Puerto Rico Civil Air Patrol. During this work, an experienced coastal geologist delineated the intertidal shoreline habitats directly onto 1:20,000-scale USGS topographic maps (1:30,000 for Culebra and Vieques). Where appropriate, multiple habitats were described for each shoreline segment. Data from the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) for the coastal plain of Puerto Rico, published in draft form in 1989 (based on 1983 1:40,000 CIR photography), were also used as a supplementary data source, particularly for mangrove areas and tidal flats. In many cases, the depiction of mangroves was modified substantially from the original NWI data, based on the more recent aerial photography and overflights, as well as information provided by expert reviewers.

*Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The ESI data use USGS 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 topographic quadrangles as the basemap. It is estimated that the ESI shoreline classification has a minimum mapping unit of 50 feet.

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*Source\_Citation:*

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*Originator:* Research Planning, Inc.

*Publication\_Date:* Unknown

*Title:* Reclassified NWI wetlands for Puerto Rico

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Vector digital data

*Type\_of\_Source\_Media:* Online

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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

*Process\_Date:* 20010601*Process\_Contact:**Contact\_Information:**Contact\_Organization\_Primary:**Contact\_Organization:* NOAA, Office of Response and Restoration*Contact\_Person:* Jill Petersen*Contact\_Address:**Address\_Type:* Physical address*Address:* 7600 Sand Point Way N.E.*City:* Seattle*State\_or\_Province:* Washington*Postal\_Code:* 98115-6349*Contact\_Voice\_Telephone:* (206) 526-6944*Contact\_Facsimile\_Telephone:* (206) 526-6329*Contact\_Electronic\_Mail\_Address:* jill.petersen@noaa.gov

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The character item ESI contains values according to the ESI ranking of the arcs. The

ESI rankings progress from low to high susceptibility to oil spills. The list below includes the shoreline habitats delineated for the Puerto Rico wetlands ESI classification, presented in order of increasing sensitivity to spilled oil: 1A) Exposed Rocky Cliffs; 2B) Scarps and Steep Slopes in Muddy Sediments; 3A) Fine- to Medium-grained Sand Beaches; 4) Coarse-grained Sand Beaches; 5) Mixed Sand and Gravel Beaches; 6A) Gravel Beaches; 6B) Riprap; 7) Exposed Tidal Flats; 8B) Sheltered, Solid Man-made Structures; 9A) Sheltered Tidal Flats; 10D) Mangroves. In some cases, the shorelines are ranked with multiple codes, such as 10D/7. The first number (10D, mangroves) is the most landward shoreline type, with exposed tidal flats (7) being the shoreline type closest to the water.

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The character item WET\_TYPE contains values according to the wetlands ranking of the polygons. The wetlands rankings progress from low to high susceptibility to oil spills. The list below includes the wetland habitats delineated for Puerto Rico, presented in order of increasing sensitivity to spilled oil: Salt- and Brackish-Water Marshes; Freshwater Marshes; Freshwater Swamps; Freshwater Scrub/Shrub.

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# Puerto Rico ESI/RSI: KARST

## Metadata:

- [Identification Information](#)
- [Data Quality Information](#)
- [Spatial Data Organization Information](#)
- [Spatial Reference Information](#)
- [Entity and Attribute Information](#)
- [Distribution Information](#)
- [Metadata Reference Information](#)

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*Publication\_Date:* 200106

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*Publication\_Place:* Seattle, Washington

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#### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

This data set comprises the Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) and Reach Sensitivity Index (RSI) data for Puerto Rico. ESI data characterize estuarine environments and wildlife



by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches (RSI), that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. This data set contains data for karst (underground channel) areas.

*Purpose:*

The ESI and RSI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Coastal resources

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This project was supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales and United States Department of the Interior.

*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

The software packages used to develop the atlas are Environmental Systems Research Institute's ARC/INFO(r) (version 8.0.2) and ORACLE(r) RDBMS (version 8.0.5.0.0). The hardware configuration is Hewlett Packard workstations (models 715/50 and 712/80i with 4 X-terminals) with UNIX operating system (HP-UX Release A.10.20). The following files are included in the data set: benthic.e00, birds.e00, bio\_lut.e00, biofile.e00, biores.e00, breed.e00, breed\_dt.e00, esi.e00, fish.e00, fishl.e00, habitats.e00, hydro.e00, index.e00, invert.e00, invertl.e00, karst.e00, mgt.e00, m\_mammal.e00, reptiles.e00, seasonal.e00, shelfbnd.e00, soc\_dat.e00, soc\_lut.e00, socecon.e00, sources.e00, species.e00, stations.e00, status.e00, t\_mammal.e00, wetlands.e00.

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The attribute accuracy is estimated to be "good" given the years of ESI experience, the data input methodology, the quality control review sessions, and the digital logical consistency checks.

*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

The digitization of shoreline types, biological resources, and human-use resources is a complex and highly quality-controlled process. Existing digital shoreline data are integrated into a study-wide basemap. In order to facilitate digitizing, the entire study area is split into individual quadrangles using the INDEX data layer. The first layer of information digitized is the ESI shoreline classification. The ESI/RSI habitat ranking is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a geomorphologist. The hardcopy maps are then digitized and checked using both on-screen and hardcopy reviews. The edited maps are updated and checked once again for completeness and topological and logical consistency. Any errors in the shoreline classification are updated prior to digitization of the biological and human-use layers. All layers use the shoreline as the geographic reference so that there are no slivers in the geographic coordinates. The hardcopy biological information is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a biological expert using data from regional specialists in the form of maps, tables, charts, written descriptions of wildlife distributions, and personal interviews. Concurrently, digital data sources are imported, projected, checked for quality control, and integrated into the data structure. The hardcopy data are digitized, checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, integrated with existing data, plotted, and sent out for review by the regional specialists. The edited maps are updated, checked once again, and the final product plotted (at approximately 1:55,000 scale). A team of specialists reviews the entire series of maps, checks all data, and makes final edits. The data are then merged to form the study-wide layers. The data merging includes a final quality control check where labels, chains, and polygons are checked for attribute accuracy. To finalize the data checking process, each

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*Completeness\_Report:*

The intertidal shoreline habitats of Puerto Rico were previously mapped during overflights and ground surveys conducted by the Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales (DRNA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), published in 1984. For this project, the original ESI maps were re-examined and fully updated using the sources and methods described below. As a first step, infrared vertical aerial photographs were examined at the offices of DRNA in San Juan. The initial aerial photograph classification was followed by overflight surveys of the entire study area, flying at elevations of 400-600 feet and slow air speed. Overflights were conducted using U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) helicopters and fixed-wing Cessna 172s operated by the Puerto Rico Civil Air Patrol. During this work, an experienced coastal geologist delineated the intertidal shoreline habitats directly onto 1:20,000-scale USGS topographic maps (1:30,000 for Culebra and Vieques). Where appropriate, multiple habitats were described for each shoreline segment. Data from the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) for the coastal plain of Puerto Rico, published in draft form in 1989 (based on 1983 1:40,000 CIR photography), were also used as a supplementary data source, particularly for mangrove areas and tidal flats. In many cases, the depiction of mangroves was modified substantially from the original NWI data, based on the more recent aerial photography and overflights, as well as information provided by expert reviewers.

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*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The ESI data use USGS 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 topographic quadrangles as the basemap. It is estimated that the ESI shoreline classification has a minimum mapping unit of 50 feet.

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*Originator:* Research Planning, Inc.

*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

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All the digital data were checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, plotted, checked by the biological expert, edited to remove any errors, and plotted for review by the regional specialists. The reviewed maps were updated on the computer, checked once again, and plotted at final map scale. A team of specialists reviewed the entire series of maps, checked all data, and made final edits. The data were merged to form the study-wide layers that are described in the document. The data merging included a final quality control check where topological consistency, rules for geography, and database to geography were checked and validated for all relationships.

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In north-central and northwestern Puerto Rico is an area underlain mostly by Tertiary limestones, in which the topography is chiefly formed by solution (Monroe, 1976). This area comprises a physiographic province known as the karst belt. In this area, most of the drainage is underground except along the channels of those rivers that flow north across the belt from the mountains to the sea. Parts of two of the rivers mapped in this project, Río Camuy and Río Tanamá (a tributary of Río Grande de Arecibo), flow underground for part of their courses. Five additional rivers mapped, Río de la Plata, Río Cíbucó (and its tributary Río Indio), Río Grande de Manatí, Río Guajataca, and Río Grande de Arecibo, also flow through the karst belt. Any river flowing across karst areas has the potential for losing a part of its flow to underground channels and caverns. Responders should be aware of the possibility of channel leakage and groundwater pollution during oil spills in these areas.

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# Puerto Rico ESI and RSI: STATIONS

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*Data\_Quality\_Information:*

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*Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:*

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*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

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*Completeness\_Report:*

Detailed ground observations were made at field stations during the two field surveys.

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*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:*

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*Publication\_Date:* Unpublished Material

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*Source\_Contribution:* Station locations

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# Puerto Rico ESI and RSI: SHELFBNB (Shelf Boundary)

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#### *Publication\_Date:* 200106

*Title:* Puerto Rico ESI and RSI: SHELFBNB (Shelf Boundary)

*Edition:* Second

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* Atlas

#### *Series\_Information:*

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington

#### *Other\_Citation\_Details:*

Prepared by Research Planning, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales, and United States Department of the Interior.

#### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

This data set comprises the Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) and Reach Sensitivity

Index (RSI) data for Puerto Rico. ESI data characterize estuarine environments and wildlife by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources. Most rivers and streams can be readily subdivided into clear-cut segments, or reaches (RSI), that have very distinct and uniform characteristics within that reach of the stream. The definition of reach type is usually based on whatever the intended use of the reach classification might be. In this project, stream reaches are defined as those segments where similar spill-response modes and potential ecological and/or socioeconomic impacts from the spill are to be anticipated. However defined, the boundary of the reach is usually marked by an abrupt change in the morphology of the stream, a change commonly, but not always, brought about by an alteration in the stream's gradient. This data set contains data representing the shelf boundary (the seaward extent of the shelf edge reef).

*Purpose:*

The ESI and RSI data were collected, mapped, and digitized to provide environmental data for oil spill planning and response. The Clean Water Act with amendments by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires response plans for immediate and effective protection of sensitive resources.

*Time\_Period\_of\_Content:*

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*Beginning\_Date:* 199807

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*Currentness\_Reference:* Project time span

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*Progress:* Complete

*Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency:* None Scheduled

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*Place:*

*Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus:* None

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*Access\_Constraints:* None

*Use\_Constraints:*

DO NOT USE MAPS FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES. Besides the above warning, there are



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no use constraints on these data. Acknowledgment of the publishers and contributing sources listed in Data\_Set\_Credit (below) would be appreciated in products derived from these data.

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*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Description:*

Relationships between spatial data layers and attribute data tables for the Puerto Rico data.

*Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type:* JPEG

*Data\_Set\_Credit:*

This project was supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, Hazardous Materials Response Division, Seattle, Washington, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales and United States Department of the Interior.

*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

The software packages used to develop the atlas are Environmental Systems Research Institute's ARC/INFO(r) (version 8.0.2) and ORACLE(r) RDBMS (version 8.0.5.0.0). The hardware configuration is Hewlett Packard workstations (models 715/50 and 712/80i with 4 X-terminals) with UNIX operating system (HP-UX Release A.10.20). The following files are included in the data set: benthic.e00, birds.e00, bio\_lut.e00, biofile.e00, biores.e00, breed.e00, breed\_dt.e00, esi.e00, fish.e00, fishl.e00, habitats.e00, hydro.e00, index.e00, invert.e00, invertl.e00, karst.e00, mgt.e00, m\_mammal.e00, reptiles.e00, seasonal.e00, shelfbnd.e00, soc\_dat.e00, soc\_lut.e00, soecon.e00, sources.e00, species.e00, stations.e00, status.e00, t\_mammal.e00, wetlands.e00.

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*Data\_Quality\_Information:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The attribute accuracy is estimated to be "good" given the years of ESI experience, the data input methodology, the quality control review sessions, and the digital logical consistency checks.

*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

The digitization of shoreline types, biological resources, and human-use resources is a complex and highly quality-controlled process. Existing digital shoreline data are integrated into a study-wide basemap. In order to facilitate digitizing, the entire study area is split into individual quadrangles using the INDEX data layer. The first layer of information digitized is the ESI/RSI shoreline classification. The ESI/RSI habitat ranking is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a geomorphologist. The shelf boundary data were digitized from 1:100,000 NOAA Navigational Charts. These data represent the seaward extent of the shelf edge reef. These data were digitized and checked using both on-screen and hardcopy reviews. Next, the edited maps are updated and checked once again for completeness and topological and logical consistency. Any errors in the shoreline classification are updated prior to digitization of the biological and human-use layers. All layers use the shoreline as the geographic reference so that there are no slivers in the geographic coordinates. The hardcopy biological information is compiled onto 1:20,000 and 1:20,000 USGS topographic quadrangles by a biological expert using data from regional specialists in the form of maps, tables, charts, written descriptions of wildlife distributions, and personal interviews. Concurrently, digital data sources are imported, projected, checked for quality control, and integrated into the data structure. The hardcopy data are digitized, checked using both digital and on-screen procedures, integrated with existing data, plotted, and sent out for review by the regional specialists. The edited maps are updated, checked once again, and the final product plotted (at approximately 1:55,000 scale). A team of specialists reviews the entire series of maps, checks all data, and makes

final edits. The data are then merged to form the study-wide layers. The data merging includes a final quality control check where labels, chains, and polygons are checked for attribute accuracy. To finalize the data checking process, each data layer is checked using a standardized form by two GIS personnel (a technician and the GIS manager), and each attribute database is checked using several programs that test the files for missing or duplicate data, rules for proper coding, GIS topological consistencies (such as dangles, unnecessary nodes, etc.), and ORACLE(r) to ARC/INFO(r) consistencies. A final review is made by the GIS manager, where the data are written to CD-ROM and the metadata are written. ESI data are processed into multiple formats to make them useful to a wider community of GIS/mapping users. Distribution formats include ARC export, MOSS and Shape files, and MARPLOT map folders. An ArcView ESI project and ESI\_Viewer product are also included on the CDs for ease of use of the ESI data. The database files are distributed both in the NOAA standard relational database format (see NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS ORCA 115) and in a simplified desktop flat file format. This metadata document includes information on both of these database formats. The section *Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information* refers to the source files in ARC export format only.

*Completeness\_Report:*

The intertidal shoreline habitats of Puerto Rico were previously mapped during overflights and ground surveys conducted by the Puerto Rico Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales (DRNA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), published in 1984. For this project, the original ESI maps were re-examined and fully updated using the sources and methods described below. As a first step, infrared vertical aerial photographs were examined at the offices of DRNA in San Juan. The initial aerial photograph classification was followed by overflight surveys of the entire study area, flying at elevations of 400-600 feet and slow air speed. Overflights were conducted using U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) helicopters and fixed-wing Cessna 172s operated by the Puerto Rico Civil Air Patrol. During this work, an experienced coastal geologist delineated the intertidal shoreline habitats directly onto 1:20,000-scale USGS topographic maps (1:30,000 for Culebra and Vieques). Where appropriate, multiple habitats were described for each shoreline segment. Data from the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) for the coastal plain of Puerto Rico, published in draft form in 1989 (based on 1983 1:40,000 CIR photography), were also used as a supplementary data source, particularly for mangrove areas and tidal flats. In many cases, the depiction of mangroves was modified substantially from the original NWI data, based on the more recent aerial photography and overflights, as well as information provided by expert reviewers.

*Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The ESI data use USGS 1:20,000 and 1:30,000 topographic quadrangles as the basemap. It is estimated that the ESI shoreline classification has a minimum mapping unit of 50 feet.

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Research Planning, Inc.; digitized from NOAA, NOS Navigational charts

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