



Galveston Bay  
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Co-Chair





# What is GOMA?

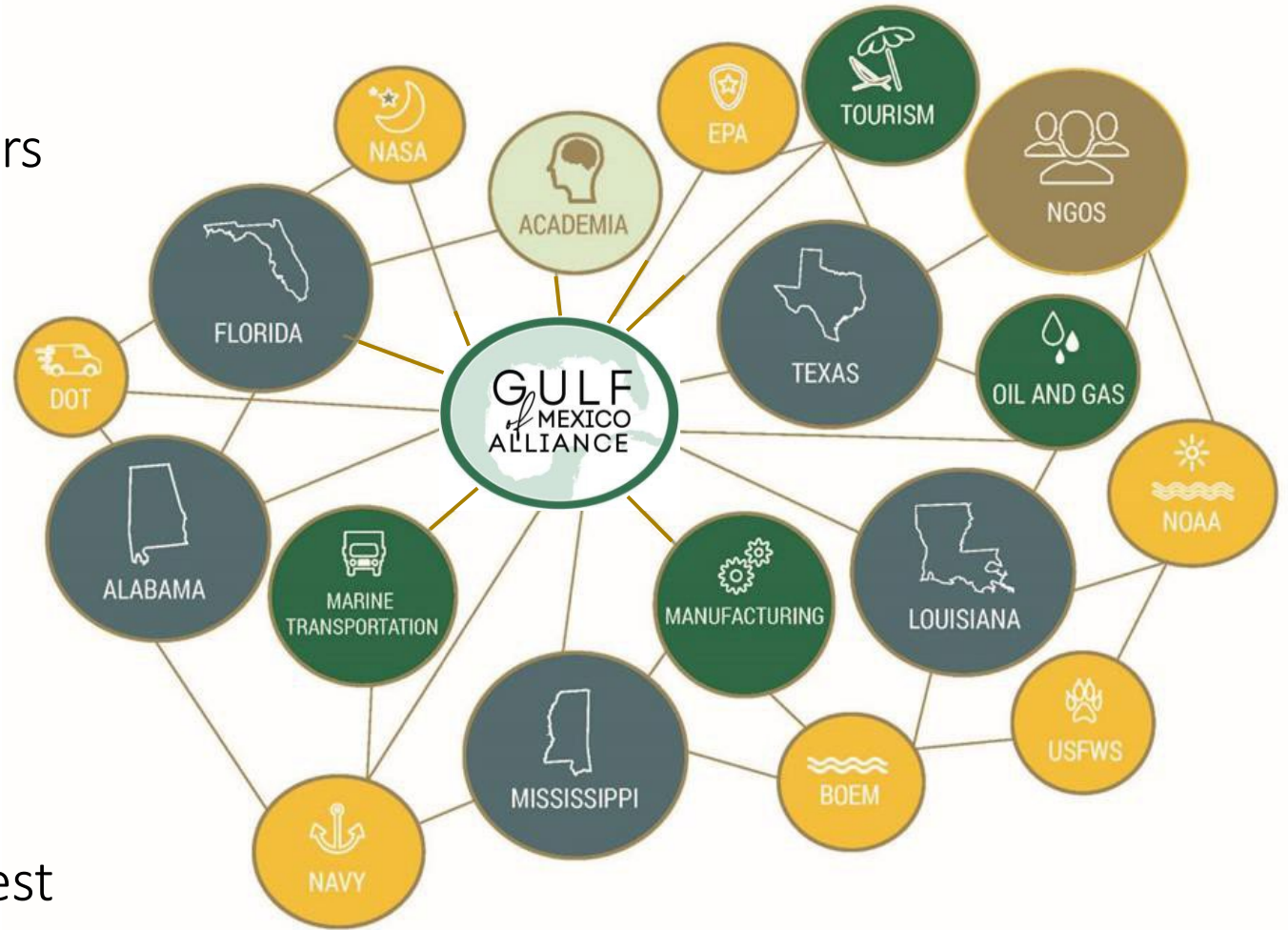
GOMA is a regional network of stakeholders, initiated by the Governors of the five Gulf States in 2004 to collectively address issues of common concern.

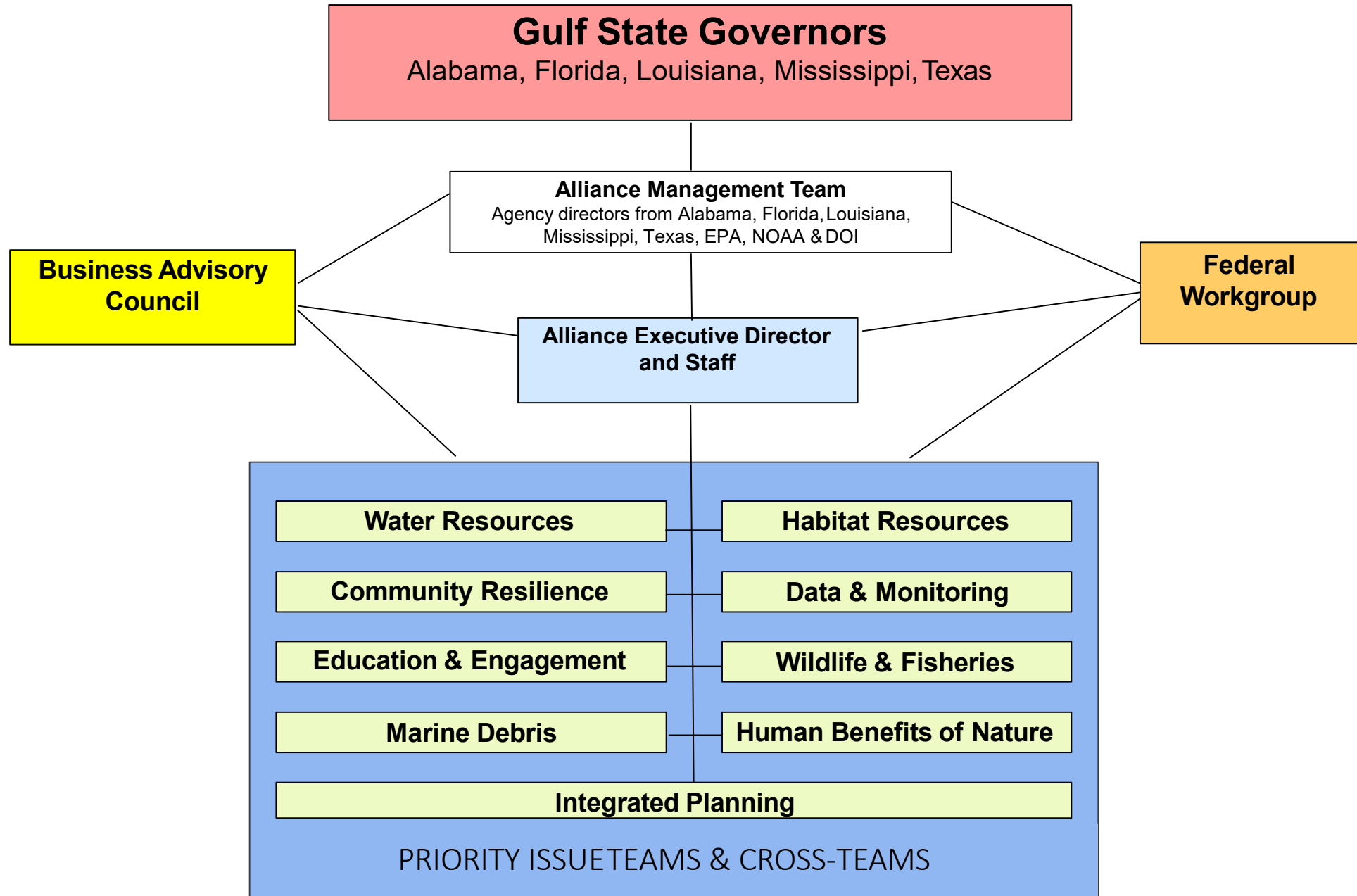
## Mission

The mission of the Gulf of Mexico Alliance is to enhance the ecological and economic health of the Gulf of Mexico through increased regional collaboration.

# Who is GOMA?

- Approximately 1000+ active members (State and Federal agencies, NGOs, Academia, and Businesses)
- More than 150 organizations that voluntarily participate on teams, committees, working groups
- Advisory: Federal Working Group – 150 people
- Advisory: Business Council – 7 largest industries in the Gulf







# 2022 GOMA HQ Staff



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# Governors' Action Plan

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Governor of Florida

*Tate Reeves*

Governor of Mississippi

*John Bel Edwards*

Governor of Louisiana

*Greg Abbott*

Governor of Texas



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# What is the Action Plan?

Strategic Plan

Blue Print

Master Plan

Like all organizations, we need a document that identifies priorities, goals, and objectives.

GOMA's Governors' Action Plans do just that:

- overarching goals
- priorities for regional collaboration
- actions for reaching those goals

# Governors' Action Plan IV

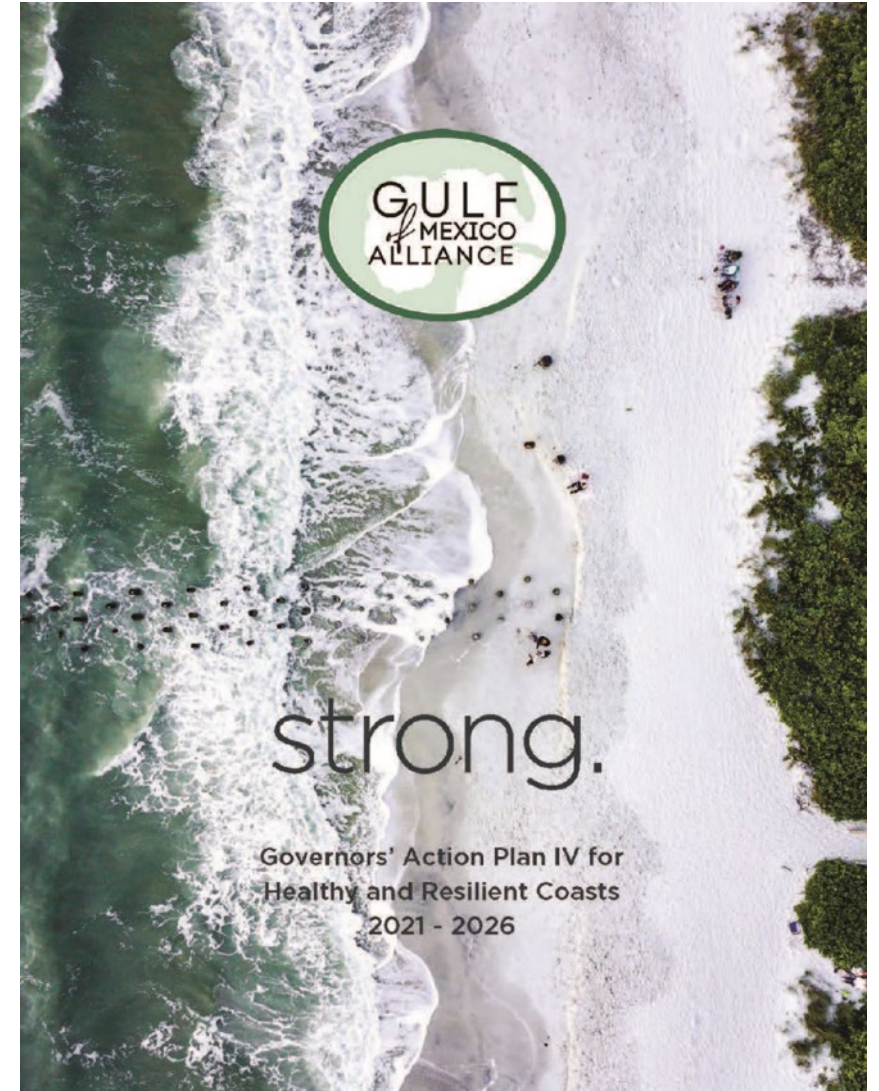
## Overarching Goals:

- Providing forums for collaboration
- Developing and modifying tools to address regional issues
- Enabling strategic partnerships
- Tracking restoration efforts

## Commitments to:

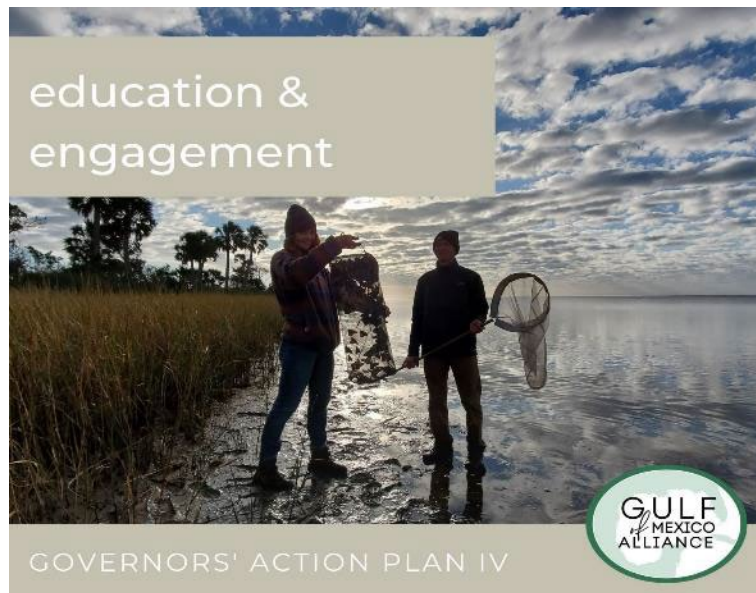
- ✓ Sharing / providing access to regional datasets
- ✓ Serving underserved communities
- ✓ Incorporating drivers such as sea level rise, climate change, land use changes into planning and models

Priorities – some same, some new ones!





# Priority Issue Teams





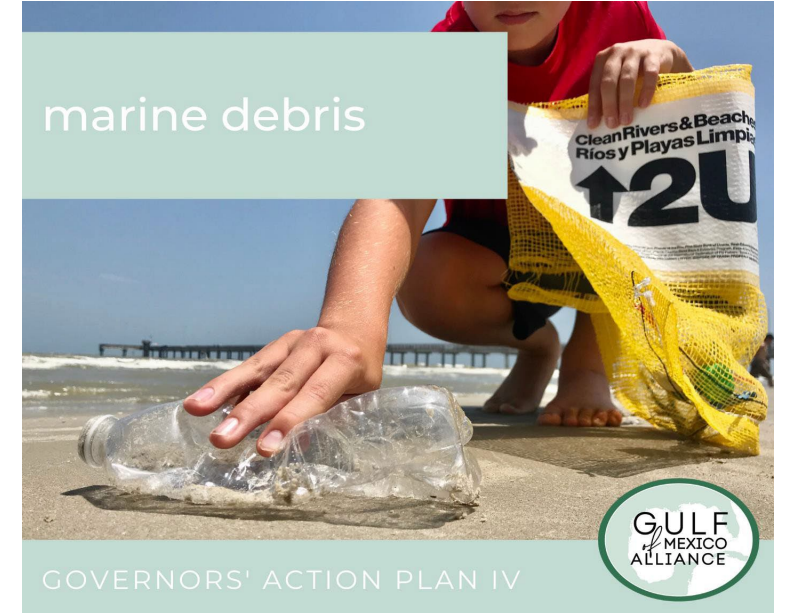
# Cross Teams



Coastal Resilience  
Habitat Resources  
Wildlife & Fisheries  
Water Resources



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Water Resources  
Education & Engagement



# Gulf Star Program



- Public-private initiative of agencies, businesses, and non-profits administered by GOMA.
- The Gulf Star Program is known for projects that provide foundational community support for ecosystem health and resilience, without the extra burden of match funding from the community.
- 2021 Climate Adaptation Leadership Award for work funded through Gulf Star to support adaptive and resilient coastal management in coastal communities.
- To learn more about becoming a Gulf Star partner, contact Becky Ginn, GOMA Development Director [Becky.Ginn@gomxa.org](mailto:Becky.Ginn@gomxa.org)



# Thank you!

Questions?

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