

Introduction

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This survey is being conducted on behalf of the NOAA Sentinel Site Program (SSP), which aims to nurture communication and information exchange in sea-level rise science, research and related information. The survey will help the SSP understand how a diverse network of researchers, community members, and natural resource professionals that place great interest in this topic communicate with each other across geography, across agencies, and across professions. This information will identify factors that both hinder and facilitate communication. The end result of this effort is to improve communication in areas that need it. This will, in turn, increase access and awareness of sea-level rise information. The survey should take less than 20 minutes to complete, but you may take as much time as needed. **Your participation is voluntary, and you may discontinue the survey at any time.** Your contact information and all other responses that you provide will not be shared with others. If you have questions or concerns about the research, please contact Chris Ellis, Social Scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Charleston SC; chris.ellis@noaa.gov and 843-740-1195.

Background Information

What is your general level of interest in sea-level rise science and information?

None

Low

Moderate

Fairly High

Very High

**What is the primary basis for your interest in sea-level rise science and information?
(check the single best choice)**

- My job
- Personal interest (non-work related)

If you checked "personal interest," please explain

Your Work

Which of the following characterizes your primary job duties? (check all that apply)

- Conservation
- Education and outreach
- Emergency management
- Floodplain management
- Human dimensions (sociology, anthropology, economics, or related field)
- Geospatial technology (GIS, remote sensing, or related field)
- Natural resources site management
- Permitting and regulatory enforcement
- Planning
- Policy
- Program administration/management
- Research/academia
- Other (please specify below)

What organization do you work for?

Please indicate which of the following best represents your current professional affiliation (check the single best choice)

- Local government
- State/territorial government
- Tribal government
- Federal government
- Regional governance organization
- NGO/nonprofit/volunteer group
- Private sector
- Academia
- Other (please specify)

How many years have you been employed by this organization?

Total years:

Your Local Sea-Level Rise Science and Information Network

Please identify up to five organizations that provided the most credible, relevant and timely sea level based science information for your needs in the past twelve months.

| | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Organization 1 | <input type="text"/> |
| Organization 2 | <input type="text"/> |
| Organization 3 | <input type="text"/> |
| Organization 4 | <input type="text"/> |
| Organization 5 | <input type="text"/> |

Please evaluate each statement according to your experience with sea-level rise science and information exchange in your “local network.” A “local network” includes professionals and knowledgeable community members in in your geography where you live and work, and may consult on issues relating to sea-level rise and the environment.

| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| I get important professional needs met because I am part of a local network. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Local network members and I have similar goals. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| When I need sea-level related information, I get it from members of my local network. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I can trust people in a local network. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I am acquainted with most local network members. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Most local network members know me. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I put a lot of time and effort into being part of a local network. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Contributing to a local network is important to me. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I have influence over what my local network does. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Local network members collaborate on solving problems. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I feel responsible to actively participate in a local network. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I would prefer to be more involved in my local network than I currently am. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Your Geography

In which geography are you primarily interested, with regard to sea-level rise? If you have an interest in more than one geography, please check your primary region and then list others in the space below.

- National
- Alaska
- Pacific Islands (HI, AS, GU, CNMI)
- West Coast (WA, OR, CA)
- Gulf of Mexico (TX, LA, MS, AL, FL)
- Great Lakes (MN, WI, IL, IN, MI, OH, PA, NY)
- Northeast (CT, RI, MA, NH, ME)
- Mid-Atlantic(VA, MD, DE, NJ, NY)
- Southeast & Caribbean (NC, SC, GA, FL, PR, USVI)

Other (please specify)

Hawaiian Islands Networks

Please identify your familiarity, and degree of engagement with the following networks.

| | Not Aware | Aware but not engaged | Aware and moderately engaged | Aware and highly engaged |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| NOAA Pacific Regional Team | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Pacific Climate Information System (PaCIS) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Pacific Island Climate Change Cooperative (PICCC) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Hawaii's Ocean Resource Management Plan Working and Policy groups (ORMP) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Pacific Risk Management 'Ohana (PRiMO) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Pacific Islands regional Climate Assessment Team (PIRCA) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Have you had any degree of engagement with the Hawaiian Islands Sentinel Site Cooperative?

- Yes
- No

San Francisco Bay Networks

Please identify your familiarity, and degree of engagement with the following networks.

| | Not Aware | Aware but not engaged | Aware and moderately engaged | Aware and highly engaged |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| NOAA Western Regional Team | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| West Coast Governors Alliance on Ocean health | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Bay Area Ecosystems Climate Change Consortium | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Our Coast Our Future | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Bay Conservation and Development Commission | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| California Landscape Conservation Cooperative | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Have you had any degree of engagement with the San Francisco Bay Sentinel Site Cooperative?

- Yes
- No

Northern Gulf of Mexico Networks

Please identify your familiarity, and degree of engagement with the following networks.

| | Not Aware | Aware but not engaged | Aware and moderately engaged | Aware and highly engaged |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| NOAA Gulf of Mexico Regional Team | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Gulf Coast Vulnerability Assessment | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Gulf of Mexico Alliance | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Gulf of Mexico Climate Community of Practice | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Landscape Conservation Cooperatives based in the Gulf of Mexico | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Have you had any degree of engagement with the Northern Gulf of Mexico Sentinel Site Cooperative?

- Yes
- No

Chesapeake Bay Networks

Please identify your familiarity, and degree of engagement with the following networks.

| | Not Aware | Aware but not engaged | Aware and moderately engaged | Aware and highly engaged |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| NOAA North Atlantic Regional Team | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mid Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Friends of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Friends of Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Friends of Jug Bay | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| National Aquarium in Baltimore | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Blackwater Science Committee | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Poplar Island Habitat sub-group | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The Legacy Institute for the Environment (LIFE) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Alice Ferguson Foundation | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Urban Waters Initiative - Baltimore/Patapsco and the Anacostia rivers, specifically | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Have you had any degree of engagement with the Chesapeake Bay Sentinel Site Cooperative?

- Yes
- No

North Carolina Networks

Please identify your familiarity, and degree of engagement with the following networks.

| | Not Aware | Aware but not engaged | Aware and moderately engaged | Aware and highly engaged |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| NOAA Southeast and Caribbean Regional Team | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| NOAA in the Carolinas | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Governors South Atlantic Alliance | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Southeast and Caribbean Climate Community of Practice | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Have you had any degree of engagement with the North Carolina Sentinel Site Cooperative?

- Yes
- No

Sentinel Site Program Network

Have you had any degree of engagement with the NOAA Sentinel Site Program?

Yes

No

Sentinel Site Program Network

Please evaluate each statement according to your experience with the “Sentinel Site Program.” This network refers professionals that you may consult on issues relating to similar issues as a result of engagement with the NOAA Sentinel Site Program.

| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| I get important professional needs met because I am connected to the Sentinel Site Program. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Sentinel Site Program members and I have similar goals. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| When I need sea-level information, I get it from Sentinel Site Program colleagues. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I can trust people affiliated with the Sentinel Site Program. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I am acquainted with most Sentinel Site Program collaborators. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Most Sentinel Site Program collaborators know me. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I put a lot of time and effort into being part of the Sentinel Site Program. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Contributing to the Sentinel Site Program is important to me. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I have influence over what the Sentinel Site Program does. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Information on sea-level rise is more easily accessed because I'm involved with sentinel sites. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Sentinel Site Program professionals collaborate on solving problems. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I feel responsible to actively participate in the Sentinel Site Program. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I would prefer to be more involved with the Sentinel Site Program than I currently am. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I would prefer for the Sentinel Site Program to expand the network to | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

address other climate issues
beyond sea level rise.

Final Thoughts

Do you have any comments you would like to share that were not adequately reflected in this survey? If so, we welcome your thoughts below.