



Habitat Conservation & Restoration Team

# Gulf of Mexico Alliance

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## PROTECTION OF LAND AND HABITAT: CONSERVATION PRIORITY #1

Ever wonder what it really takes to increase conservation on private lands? Funding and tax advantages are available but many landowners do not participate. Gain some insight from the professionals who work with people and programs every day. See this regional study focused on the Gulf of Mexico and learn about actions we can take to change the landscape of land conservation.

## Analysis and Recommendations for Increasing Restoration and Conservation on Private Lands in the Gulf of Mexico Region

The Land Trust Alliance (LTA), a national organization that serves land trusts and landowners around the nation, partnered with the HCRT to facilitate a stakeholder-based analysis of policies, programs and participation in habitat conservation, protection, and restoration on privately-held lands. A focused stakeholder workshop held in November 2010 and, subsequently, a survey of Gulf land trusts aided the development of a broader-based survey of agencies and non-profit conservation and landowner organizations. The surveys elicited issues, impediments, and potential solutions to increase conservation on private lands. Respondents represented a range of professionals who, through their work, interact directly with private landowners in each of the five states. The study was completed in May 2011.

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Out of the workshop a partnership was born to support land trusts in the Gulf of Mexico region. Functioning as part of the LTA family, the Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation has grown into a dynamic organization and is actively engaged with the HCRT and others in the Gulf of Mexico region. Contact Julia Weaver at [jweaver@lta.org](mailto:jweaver@lta.org) or Elizabeth Barber at [lbarber@lta.org](mailto:lbarber@lta.org) for more information.



### Read The Report . . .

See the study methods, results, and recommendations fully appended at [www.gulfmex.org/?p=1179](http://www.gulfmex.org/?p=1179).

### Also of Interest . . .

Environmental Law Institute report: *A Look at the Five U.S. Gulf States' Legal and Institutional Frameworks*. ([www.gulfmex.org/?p=1183](http://www.gulfmex.org/?p=1183))



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Report to the Gulf of Mexico Foundation  
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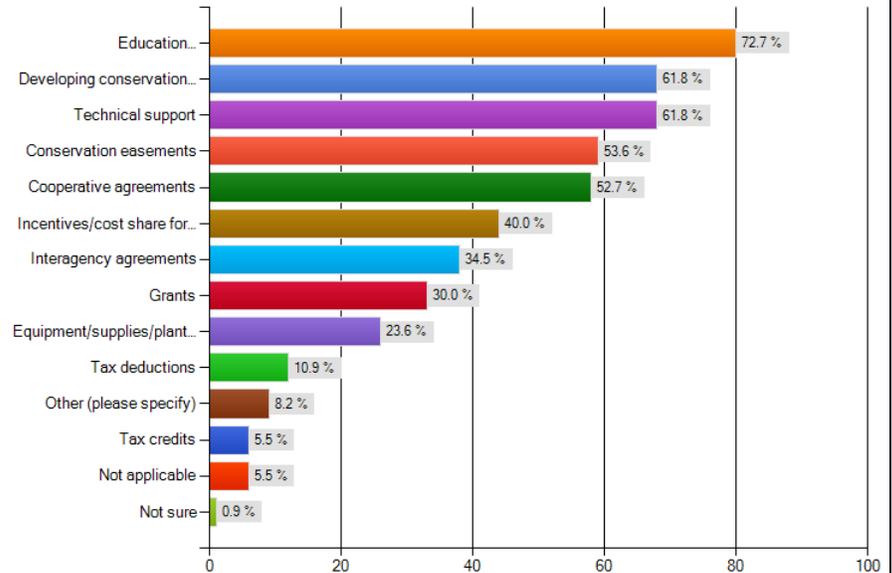


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Q3 - Stakeholder Survey - What types of programs, services or support do you or your agency/organization provide to private landowners for habitat protection, conservation or restoration in the Gulf of Mexico coastal region?



Q 13 - Land Trust Survey - What do you think are the greatest challenges or limiting factors to protecting or restoring private lands for conservation in the Gulf of Mexico coastal region? (Please select up to FIVE)

