

Governors'
South Atlantic
Alliance



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SOUTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE

“PRIMER”

Alliance History

- The Alliance initiated in 2006 under the Department of Defense SERPPAS Initiative (Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability).
- By the end of 2007 an ad hoc planning team, now the Executive Planning Team (EPT), created a framework for the Governors South Atlantic Alliance.
- A formal agreement between the four states (NC, SC, GA, and FL), executed in May 2009, specified that the Alliance will prepare a “Governors South Atlantic Alliance Action Plan” which will be reviewed annually for progress and updated every five years for relevance of content.

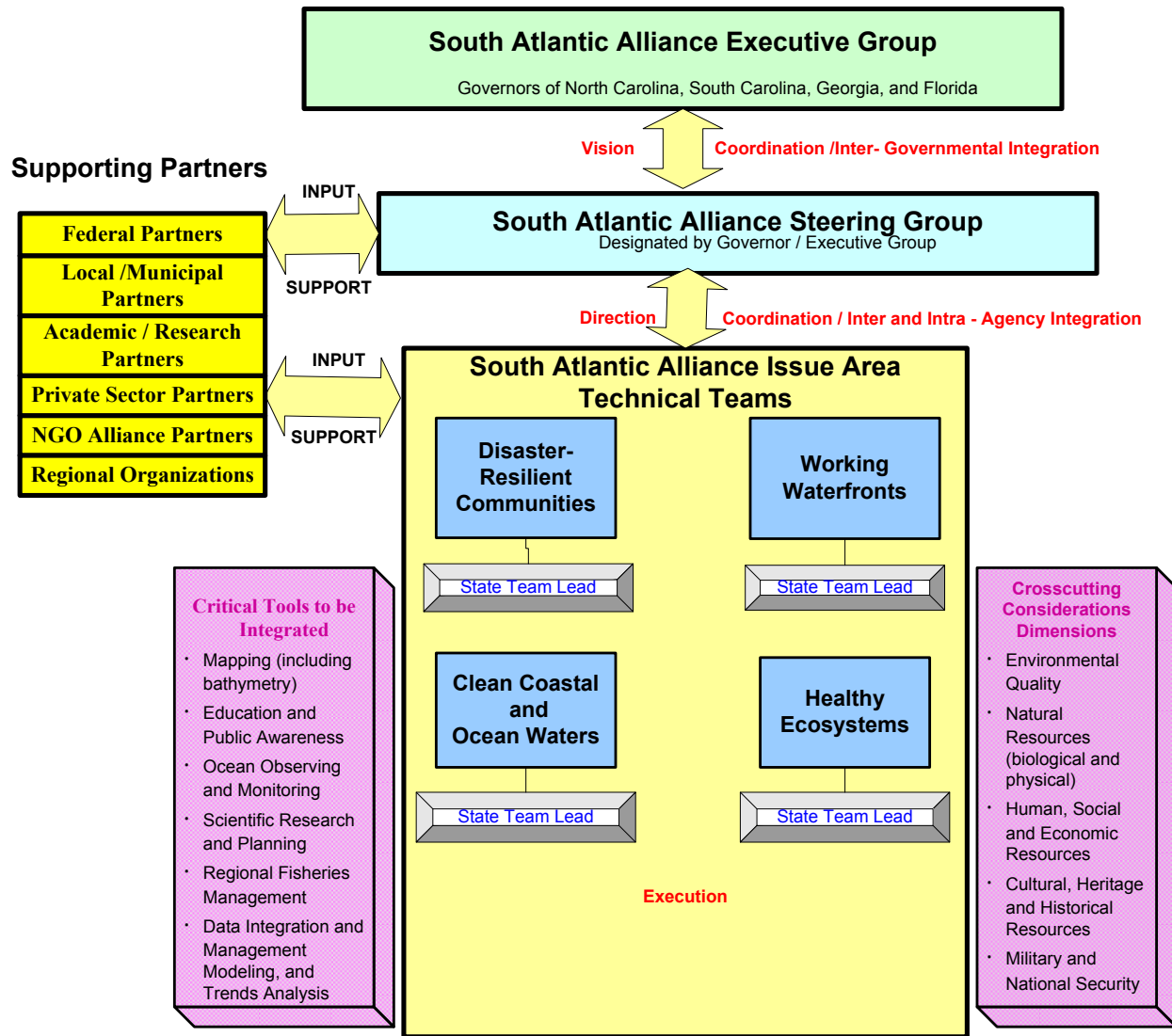
Alliance Mission and Purpose

The intent of the Alliance is to promote collaboration among the four states,, to sustain and enhance the region's coastal and marine resources.

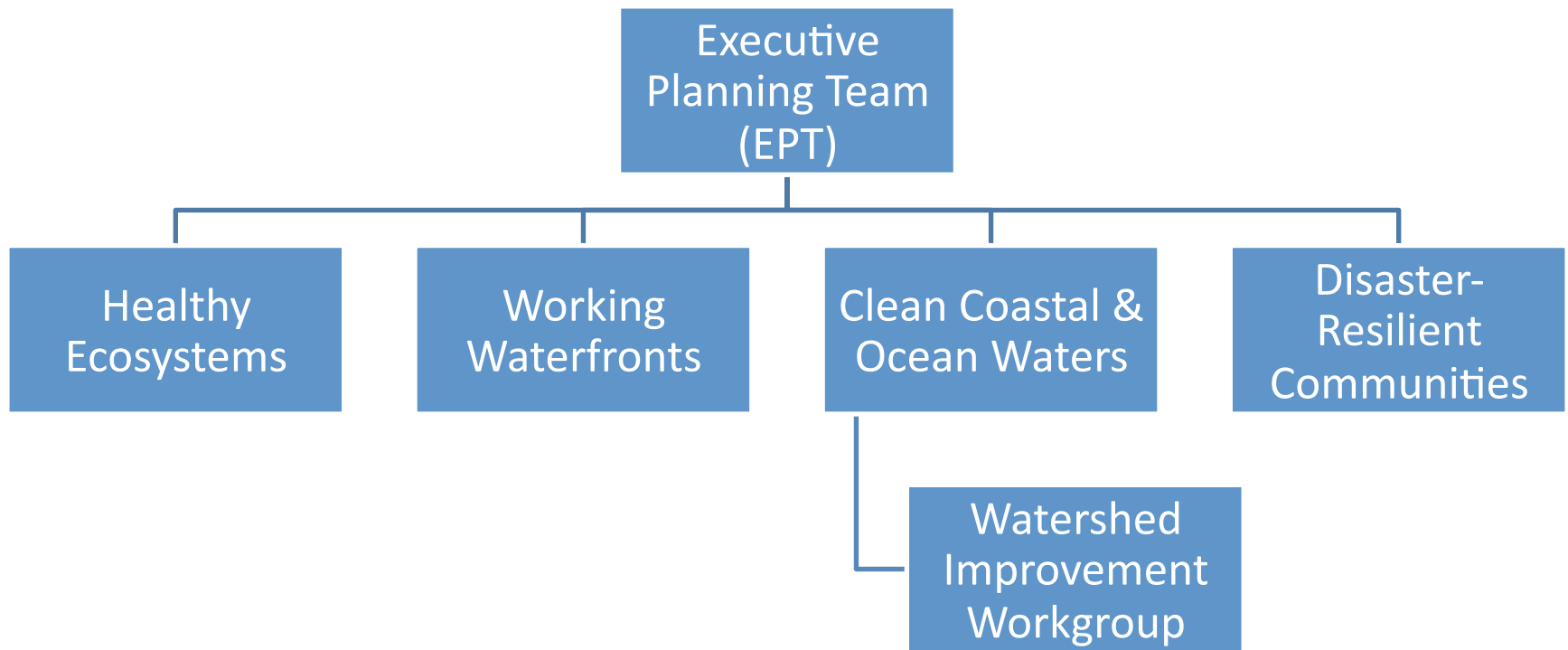
Establishment of Priorities

The Framework document specified four initial Priority Issue Areas and broad goals approved by the Governors as being of concern to all four states:

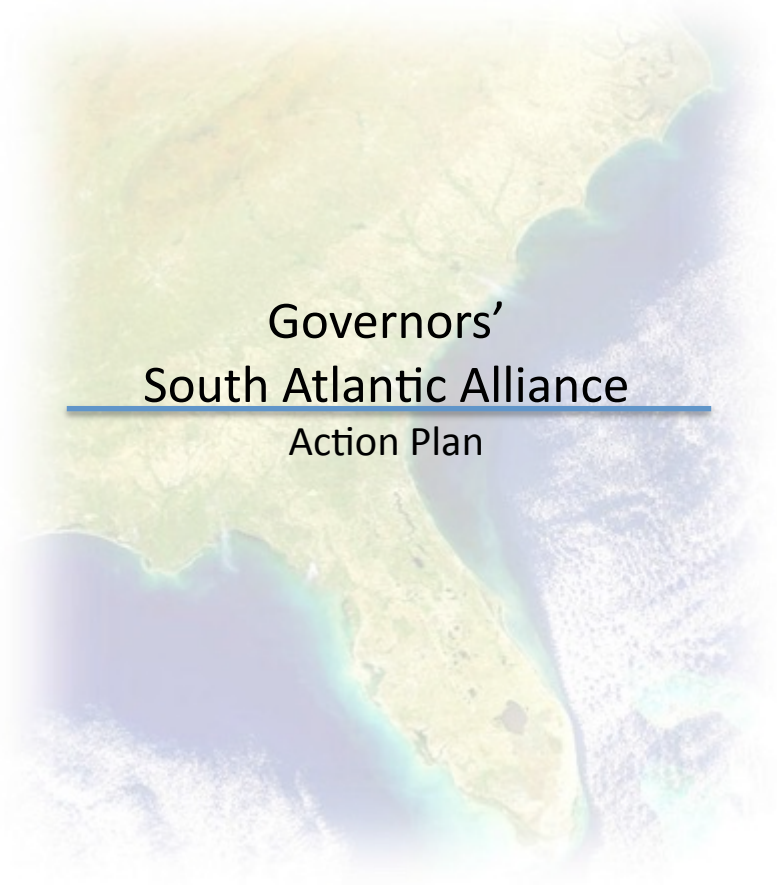
- Healthy Ecosystems
- Working Waterfronts
- Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters
- Disaster-Resilient Communities



The Belly of the Beast



The Call to Action



Governors'
South Atlantic Alliance
Action Plan

National Policy Context

At the national level, the potential benefits were highlighted in the Pew Oceans Commission Report (2003) and the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy (2004). Since that time, states across the United States have initiated regional ocean partnerships. Among the results have been increased data collection and scientific research,, increased stakeholder involvement and ***new funding*** to support marine and coastal management efforts.

What Next?

Message from GSAA Leadership:

....The current formal structure of the Alliance will be coming to a close and we will be transitioning during calendar year 2016 to pursue new approaches to regional collaboration in line with the needs of the partners....

Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters

The Goal of Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters (C.C.O.W.) is to enhance managers' abilities to effectively target prevention, enforcement, response, mitigation activities, and integrate coastal and ocean observing systems in the South Atlantic.



Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters

- **Objectives and Actions**

- ***C.C.O.W. 1 Improve watershed management of point and nonpoint source pollution to reduce adverse impacts to water quality.***

- Establish a regional technical level work group for the purpose of sharing watershed water quality improvement processes.
 - Develop recommendations on processes and protocols to transfer knowledge and implement best management practices for point and non-point source controls, and to encourage smart growth and green infrastructure (including monitoring-based performance measures).

“a living, working document”

Governors' South Atlantic Alliance Implementation Plan 2011

Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters

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Action CCOW1A: Establish a regional technical level work group for the purpose of sharing watershed water quality improvement processes.

Implementation Steps:

- ?????; appoint in absentia, make them an offer they can't refuse.

Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters

Action CCOW1C: Develop recommendations on processes and protocols to transfer knowledge and implement BMPs for point and non-point source controls, and to encourage smart growth and green infrastructure (including monitoring-based performance measures).

Implementation Steps:

- Produce a compendium of accepted BMPs (done).
http://southatlanticalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/GSAA-CoastWaterQualityBMPs_October2015.pdf
- Host a workshop to summarize the use of structural and non-structural BMPs for storm water controls and fresh water influx into salt water systems and performance measures.

See the Rainbow?

