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### **Southeast Ocean and Coastal Acidification Network (SOCAN)**

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Formed in February 2015, the Southeast Ocean and Coastal Acidification Network (SOCAN) is an interdisciplinary network of scientists, resource managers, and industry, non-profit, and government representatives dedicated to supporting and encouraging discussions on ocean and coastal acidification in the Southeast. SOCAN is supported by the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration's Ocean Acidification Program and the Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association.

Since its foundation, SOCAN has synthesized [Southeast acidification research, established regional OA monitoring and research priorities](#), and developed partnerships with regional stakeholders. State-specific stakeholder workshops are currently underway; the first was held in [North Carolina](#) in October 2017 and the second is a joint Georgia/South Carolina Stakeholder Workshop scheduled for July 2018. SOCAN seeks to facilitate discussion with stakeholders about how acidification is linked to other coastal water quality issues, such as eutrophication and consequences of land-use change. Current efforts are focused on capacity building to expand funding resources for SOCAN and facilitating collaborative research and monitoring activities with stakeholders.