THE SOUTHEAST OCEAN AND COASTAL ACIDIFICATION NETWORK

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**Objective**
SOCAN advances acidification research, collaboration, and communication by:
- synthesizing and disseminating research
- identifying knowledge gaps
- setting regional priorities
- encouraging collaboration; and
- responding to stakeholder needs

**SECOORA Focus Area**
- Focus areas:
  - Ecosystems: Water Quality and Living Marine Resources
  - Climate Variability
- Stakeholders: state and local water quality programs, Sea Grant, NERRs, SAFMC, Gullah-Geechee, shellfish industry, coral reef industry, NOAA OAP, USGCRP
Accomplishments

• South Carolina/Georgia Stakeholder Workshop
• National Water Quality Monitoring Council webinar and [web story](#)
  Coastal acidification: moving from a global problem to a coastal water quality issue
• SOARCE Webinar and [web story](#)
  Bless your coast: communicating coastal acidification with lessons learned in the Southeast
• New website and state-focused pages: socan.secoora.org
• Stakeholder site visits: Sapelo Sea Farms, Mote Marine Lab, and the UGA/GA Sea Grant Shellfish Research Laboratory
• Active Science Working Group and new Capacity Building Working Group
Impact

• SOCAN has encouraged partners to consider acidification with a water quality lens and is paving a path towards more holistic solutions

• SOCAN has connected scientists with stakeholders to inform research and monitoring

• SOCAN serves as a knowledge hub

• SOCAN is the only regional organization focused on acidification in the Southeast