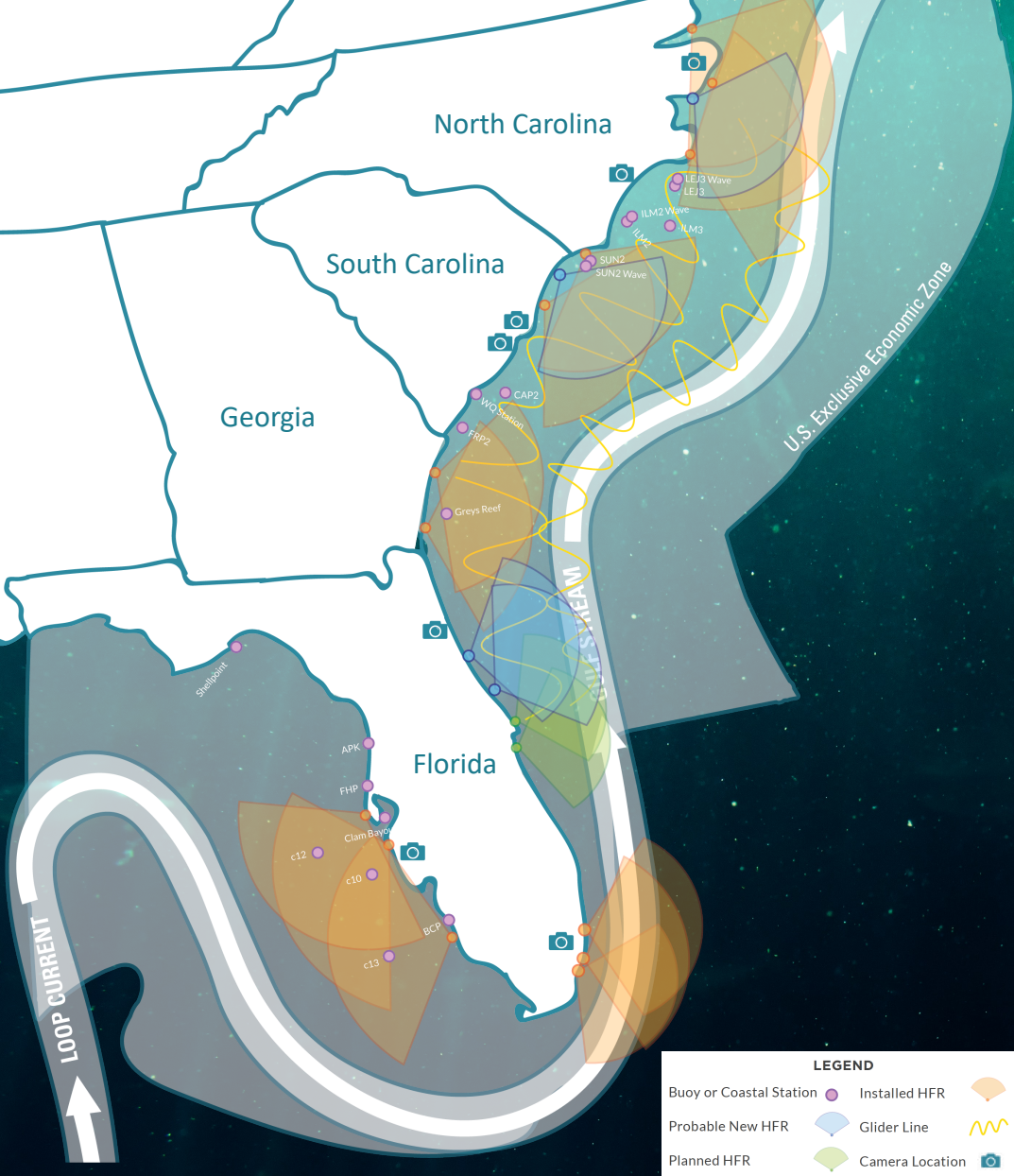


THE SOUTHEAST OCEAN AND COASTAL ACIDIFICATION NETWORK

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Objective and Approach

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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

