Updating ESI Maps for Long Island Sound and the greater New York - New Jersey Region

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Why?

Update Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) Maps to reflect storm-induced changes, and add new information that would be useful when another disaster strikes. LIS region completed in 2009, NY-NJ in 2002.

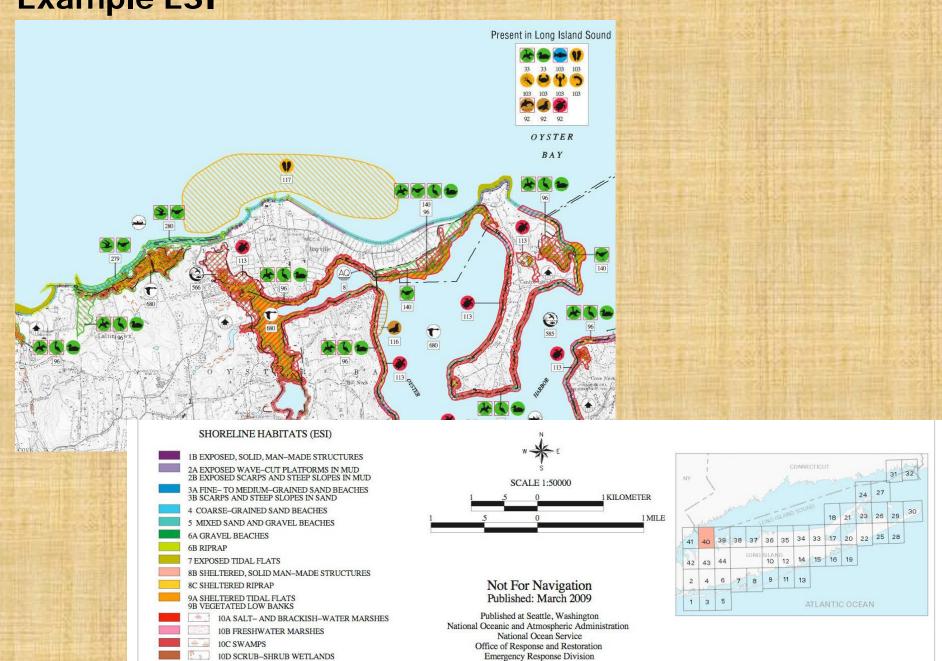
Where?

ESI maps completed as regional projects, for Long Island Sound, NY-NJ region, other states from Maine to South Carolina

When?

Long Island Sound region (CT-NY) is underway (2014). Greater NY-NJ region 2014-2015.

Example ESI



10D SCRUB-SHRUB WETLANDS

Shoreline characterization:

- Develop base shoreline (CUSP).
- Segment and classify shoreline based on ESI scheme.
- Delineate tidal flats and coastal wetlands.
- Deliver in GIS format with full metadata.

Biology and Human Use:

- Develop geodatabase with spatial distribution of fishes, invertebrates, birds, reptiles and amphibians, marine mammals, terrestrial mammals, biogenic habitats, socio-economic features.
- Deliver as geodatabase with full metadata.

Possible Enhancements:

- Storm surge inundation areas
- Tsunami inundation areas (for applicable regions)
- Evacuation routes
- Additional jurisdictional boundaries
- Beach sand nourishment areas
- Traditional and renewable energy development sites
- Scientific sample sites for repeated measures
- Benthic habitats, including biotic habitats
- Other human-use and socioeconomic features
- Fishery management zones

ESI Database Elements:

Geographic Themes
ESI lines
ESI polygons
Human uses locations
Biological resources locations

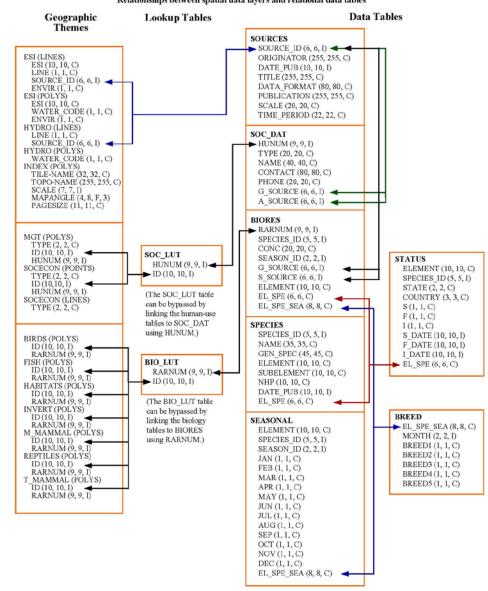
Data Tables
Sources
Socio-economic
Species
Seasonality
Breed (nesting, migrating, molting, etc.)
Endangered status

Index (Lookup) Tables

Long Island ESI

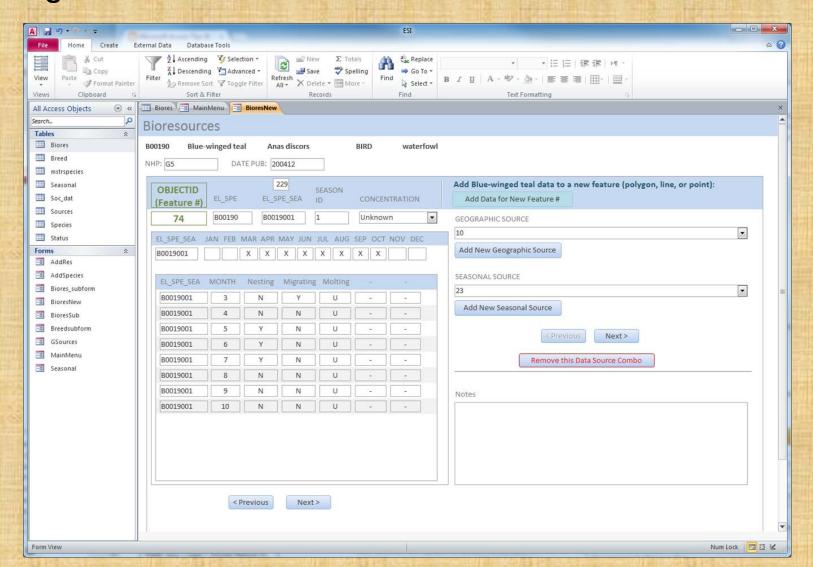
Entity Relationship Diagram for the Relational Data Tables

Relationships between spatial data layers and relational data tables



Building the ESI Database:

Custom Microsoft Access interface for data management Links to geographic features (polygons, lines, points) in ArcGIS geodatabase



Availability of ESI products:

Hardcopy map atlases

PDFs

Geodatabase for ArcGIS and shapefiles

ESI Map Viewer (MARPLOT) and web data viewer

Environmental Response and Mapping App (ERMA)

Discussion questions:

- What enhancements would be most useful?
- In what situations are ESI maps most useful?
- What platform for delivery of map products would be most useful? (paper, PDF, tablet, etc.)
- Who can we contact to provide data and review draft products?

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Thanks!

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