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• How effective are MPAs?
• What are the patterns of connectivity that exist?

• Pilot study areas
  • Evaluation of ecosystems
    • Identify gaps in knowledge and studies
    • Characterization of these ecosystems (biodiversity, mapping, acoustic, and report card)
  • Identify stressors that affect MPAs in the GOM (contamination, tourism, population density, resource extraction, shipping, fisheries, sea level rise, climate change, ocean acidification, and invasive species)
  • Learning exchange and capacity building including restoration experiences in mangroves and coral reefs and coastal conditions
Sentinel Sites as a common theme around which to develop a number of potential projects.

There are numerous international Programs that while confusing might be useful to build upon if they could be deciphered.

Translation of data and resources both ways would help all of us and would be a low hanging fruit to accomplish.

Linking Loop Current to relevant issues.

Connectivity themes were synergistic across many ideas.