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## Dive Deeper into the Gulf Oil Spill and Find Out What We Have Learned

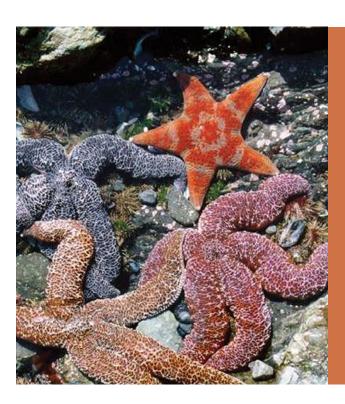
The Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is recognized as the worst oil spill in U.S. history. Over eight years later, researchers are still exploring its effect on the people, places, and species of the Gulf.



The Smithsonian Ocean Portal website was launched in early 2010 as a part of the National Museum of Natural History Ocean Initiative. The Ocean Portal reaches over 2 million visitors each year with articles on cutting edge ocean science and in-depth pages about ecosystems, species, and conservation issues.

One popular part of the site is the Gulf Oil Spill page that informs readers about the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and its impacts. The page features research from the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative (GoMRI) which was formed as a 10-year independent research program to study the impacts of the spill on the environment and public health. An ongoing collaboration between the Ocean Portal and GoMRI brings this up-to-date research to students, teachers, and the public. Learn more here.

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