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**Ecology of Live Bottom Habitats of the Northeastern Gulf of Mexico:
A Community Profile**

OCS Report MMS 99-0004

The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, Ecology of Live Bottom Habitats of the Northeastern Gulf of Mexico: A Community Profile.

This Community Profile summarizes available studies information related to the ecology of live-bottom communities of the northeastern Gulf of Mexico between the Mississippi River Delta in Louisiana and Cape San Blas in Florida. The study area extended from the coastline to approximately the 200-m isobath offshore. This information is useful in developing a picture of living biological resources and as a reference for both research and resource management interest.

For more information about the Environmental Studies Program, contact the Environmental Sciences Section (MS 5430), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, telephone (504) 736-2789.

You can obtain copies of the report from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, at a charge of \$5.00 by referencing OCS Study MMS 99-0004. You will be able to obtain this report also from the National Technical Information Service in the near future. Here are the addresses. You may also inspect copies at selected Federal Depository Libraries.

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