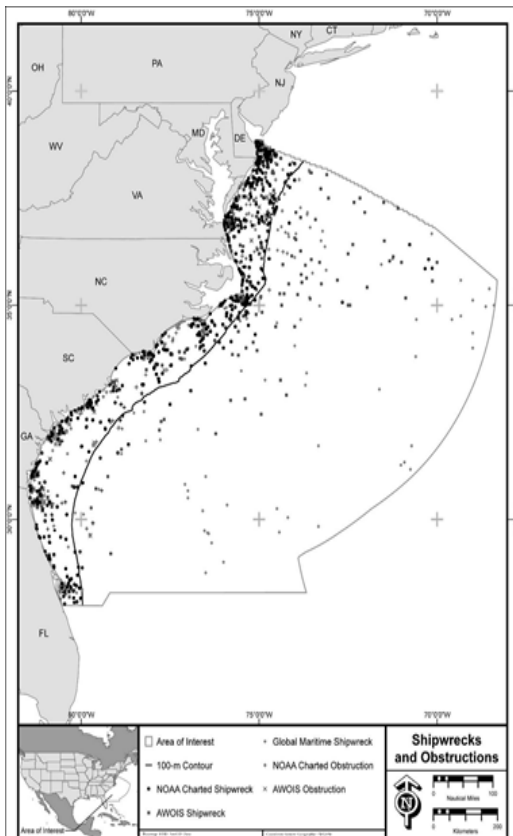


## Mid- and South Atlantic Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Activities Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

### *Mitigation Measures for Historic Properties*

The Record of Decision for the Mid- and South Atlantic G&G Programmatic EIS outlines requirements and mitigation measures to prevent the disturbance of significant historic properties, including archaeological resources. These mitigation measures may be applied to all G&G operations that involve seafloor-disturbing activities, including coring, sediment sampling, and placement of seafloor cables or nodes. BOEM required mitigations require avoidance of physical disturbance of potential historic properties and seek to reduce the risk of accidental interactions. If the permittee does not comply with required mitigations, the responsible party may be subject to civil or criminal penalties. Specific requirements and mitigation strategies for historic properties include the following:

- (1) conducting historical and archival research;
- (2) conducting archaeological resource remote-sensing surveys as appropriate;
- (3) preparation of archaeological resource reports;
- (4) notification of the discovery of potential shipwrecks on the seafloor;
- (5) assigning avoidance requirements to identified archaeological resources; and
- (6) conducting significance investigations and impact assessments.



Examples of historic properties, including archaeological resources, on the Outer Continental Shelf are shipwrecks, sunken aircraft, lighthouses, and prehistoric archaeological sites. Archaeological resources as defined by 30 CFR § 550.105 are material remains of human life or activities that are at least 50 years of age and of archaeological interest. The National Historic Preservation Act requires consideration of historic properties during Federal undertakings. The Sunken Military Craft Act and the Antiquities Act may also apply in certain circumstances.



Wreck of U-701, Battle of the Atlantic Expedition (NOAA/ONMS).

For more information about mitigation measures for archaeological resources for Atlantic G&G surveys, please visit BOEM's website at [www.boem.gov/Atlantic-G-G-PEIS/#ROD](http://www.boem.gov/Atlantic-G-G-PEIS/#ROD).