GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) AT GERS LAB





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Our vision is to become a prestigious laboratory in remote sensing of the Caribbean Region by generating innovative research and producing Earth Scientists well trained in remote sensing applications.









Current research is mainly focus on environmental monitoring using biogeooptical properties, digital images, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).



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Configuration at GERS Lab



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Current Databases



Mosquito Bioluminescence Bay

- Sponsored by the Sea Grant College at UPRM
- **Prepared by William Hernandez**
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Parguera Bioluminescence Bay

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GIS Data Layers used for Biobays Map Projects

Layers	Description	Source(s)	Location Used				
Sampling Sites	From heavy metals study	GERS LAB	Mosquito Bay, Parguera Bay				
Hydrology	Hydrology Surface hydrology		Mosquito Bay, Parguera Bay				
Roads	Roads Major roads		Mosquito Bay, Parguera Bay				
Topography	Topography Elevation contours		Mosquito Bay, Parguera Bay				
Drainage basin	Delimiting drainage basin	USGS, JP	Mosquito Bay, Parguera Bay				
Benthic Habitats	Benthic Habitats Benthic community types		Mosquito Bay, Parguera Bay				
Geology	Major geological feaures	USGS	Mosquito Bay, Parguera Bay				
Soil Types	Soil Types and Series	NRCS-USDA	Mosquito Bay, Parguera Bay				
Wetlands	Wetland features distribution	USFWS	Mosquito Bay, Parguera Bay				
Aerial Orthophotos	Aerial Photography (2004)	US-COI, NRCS-USDA	Mosquito Bay				
IKONOS image	IKONOS image Satellite imagery (2007??)		Parguera Bay				
Municipality	Municipality Puerto Rico Municipality name		Mosquito Bay, Parguera Bay				
Labels	Important Places	UPRM-GERS	Mosquito Bay, Parguera Bay				
Aerial Orthophotos	Aerial Photography (1999)	NOAA	Parguera Bay				



















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Current Databases

Mayaguez Bay

Sponsored by NOAA CREST

Prepared by Ramón López and Vilmaliz Rodriguez

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Study Area

Study Period

Date	Stations	Days				
Apr-2001	24	3				
Oct-2001	24	3				
Feb-2002	24	3				
Aug-2002	24	3				
Feb-2003	24	3				
Oct-2003	24	3				
Jan-2004	24	3				
Feb-2004	9	1				
Aug-2004	10	1				
Mar-2005	8	1				
Jul-2005	8	1				
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Sept-2006	8	1				
Oct-2006	8	1				
May-2007	21	2				
Mar-2008	6	1				

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After all necessary corrections data was summarized into databases

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TOTAL SUSPENDED SEDIMENTS

0.5 METERS

1.0 METERS

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MAYAGÜEZ BAY DATABASE

Since the GERS Lab was founded an important effort has been done to better understand the dynamics of Mayaguez Bay. This open bay is located in the west coast of Puerto Rico and it is influenced by the discharge of the Añasco, Yaguez, and Guanajibo rivers. It has also been affected by anthropogenic activities produced by tuna factories (currently closed) and a sewage pipe (currently active). Oceanographic and bio-optical data have been collected along the bay during different seasons and years. We are posting here the processed data for your visualization and use. In case of any question please send an email to Fernando Gilbes Santaella at fgilbes@uprm.edu.

April 2001	February 2004	October 2005			
October 2001	August 2004	December 2005			
August 2002	March 2005	March 2006			
February 2003	July 2005	April 2006			
October 2003	August 2005	September 2006			
January 2004	September 2005	October 2006			

Click on the date to see the data collected during that day.

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Current Projects Bioluminescence Bays Mayaguez Bay Watershed

Future Projects

Parguera Reefs Jobos Bay (Pending)

ArcIMS Mapping Interface

Mapping Interface (World-Wide Users, Researchers)

Database

ArcView Info Projects

Conclusions

- GIS is an excellent tool for better understanding the dynamics of coastal environments.
- An important database has been accomplished and it is now published in the web for public used.
- Other databases of coastal environments and marine habitats of PR could be published using a similar system.

Next Steps

- Continue working with Mayaguez Bay database.
- Start working in a database of Coral Reefs.
 - La Parguera Bio-optical database.
- Enhance HTMLViewer
 - Hierarchical Table of Contents
 - Hyperlinks, Graphics, etc.
 - Enable Java Viewer
- Purchase a New Server
 - Better storage and processing
- Upgrade to ArcIMS 9.3®
- Include RS imagery analysis products (ENVI).

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