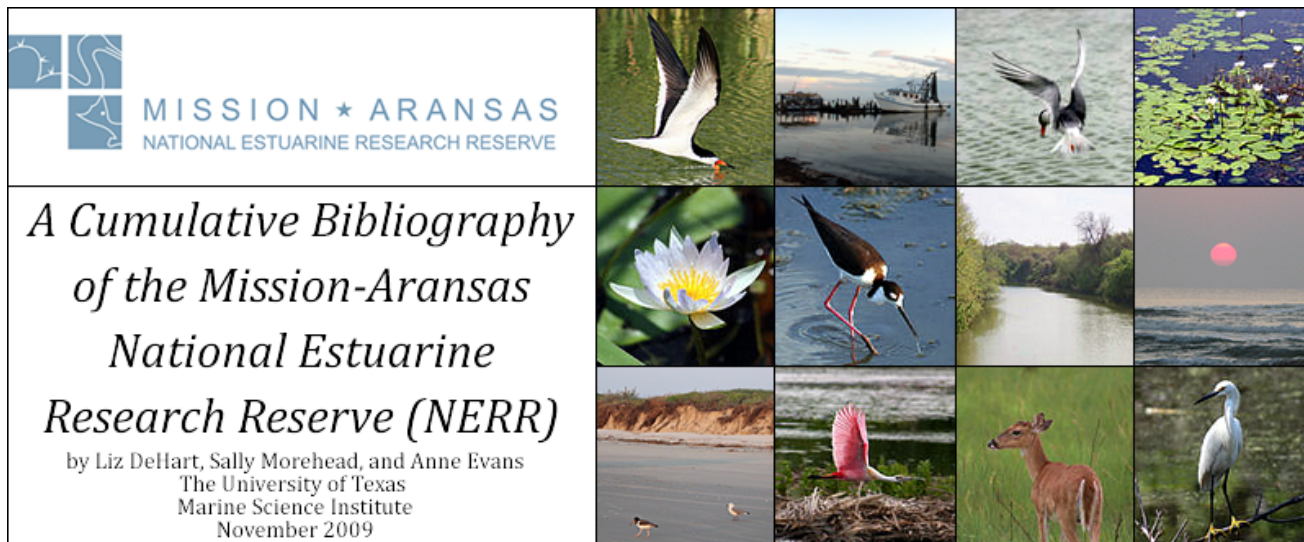


# A Cumulative Bibliography of the Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR)



## ABSTRACT

This document is cumulative bibliography for published works related to the Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). The document includes publications of the Mission-Aransas NERR and supporting publications that reference research completed within the Mission-Aransas NERR.

The mission of the Mission-Aransas NERR is to develop and facilitate partnerships that enhance coastal decision making through an integrated program of research, education, and stewardship.

The Mission-Aransas NERR is a component of the [National Estuarine Research Reserve System \(NERRS\)](#). The NERRS is a network of coastal sites that operate as a partnership between the federal government and coastal states. The goal of this non-regulatory program is to perform long-term research in relatively natural settings. The program is administered through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The Mission-Aransas NERR (185,708 acres or 751.5 km) is located in the Mission-Aransas Estuary. The lands within the Reserve are managed by a combination of state, federal and private entities. The Mission-Aransas NERR is managed by the University of Texas at Austin, Marine Science Institute.

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## Note

References follow the [Guide for Authors](#) from the journal: *Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science*.

## **NERRS DOCUMENTS**

Mission-Aransas NERR is a component of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS). The NERRS was created by the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. Section 1461, to augment the Federal Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. The CZM Program is dedicated to comprehensive, sustainable management of the nation's coasts. The reserve system is a network of protected areas established to promote informed management of the Nation's estuaries and coastal habitats. References in this section include publications of the NERRS and publications from other Reserves within the System. These references will provide information on system priorities and examples of other Reserve programs.

## **MISSION-ARANSAS NERR PUBLICATIONS**

The Mission-Aransas NERR is a 185,708 acre contiguous complex of wetland, terrestrial and marine environments. The land is primarily coastal prairie with unique oak motte habitats. The wetlands include riparian habitat, and freshwater and saltwater marshes. Within the water areas, the bays are large, open and include extensive wind tidal flats, seagrass meadows, mangroves and oyster reefs. These unique and diverse estuarine habitats in the western Gulf of Mexico support a host of endangered and threatened species including the endangered whooping crane. Research through the Mission-Aransas NERR programs improves understanding of Texas coastal zone ecosystems structure and function. Stewardship promotes public appreciation and support for protection of coastal resources. Education increases understanding of coastal ecosystem and coastal training provides up-to-date scientific information and skill-building opportunities to coastal decision makers. References in this section include publications pertaining to the Mission-Aransas NERR as well as published reports and documents that have been developed from Mission-Aransas NERR programs.

## **REFERENCES from SITE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS**

In May 2006, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration designated the Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve. References in this section are from literature for the site nomination document (2003), final environmental impact statement (2006), and final management plan (2006).

## **REFERENCES from MISSION-ARANSAS NERR PUBLICATIONS**

Research, stewardship, education and coastal training programs in the Mission-Aransas NERR are continuously working on projects, seminars, and reports on short and long-term research in natural settings that enhance coastal decision making. References in this section are from literature cited in all Mission-Aransas NERR publications.

## **SUPPORTING LITERATURE for MISSION-ARANSAS NERR INITIATIVES**

Specific NERR initiatives include conservation and land management, freshwater inflow, effect on oil and gas activities, and seagrass and marsh restoration

## **RELATED LINKS**

[Mission-Aransas NERR website \(UTMSI\)](#)

National Estuarine Research Reserve System, Centralized Data Management Office

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