

# MARCO Update



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# Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO)

- June 2009 the five governors of NY, NJ, DE, MD and VA signed the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Governors' Agreement on Ocean Conservation
- December 2009 held Stakeholder Conference



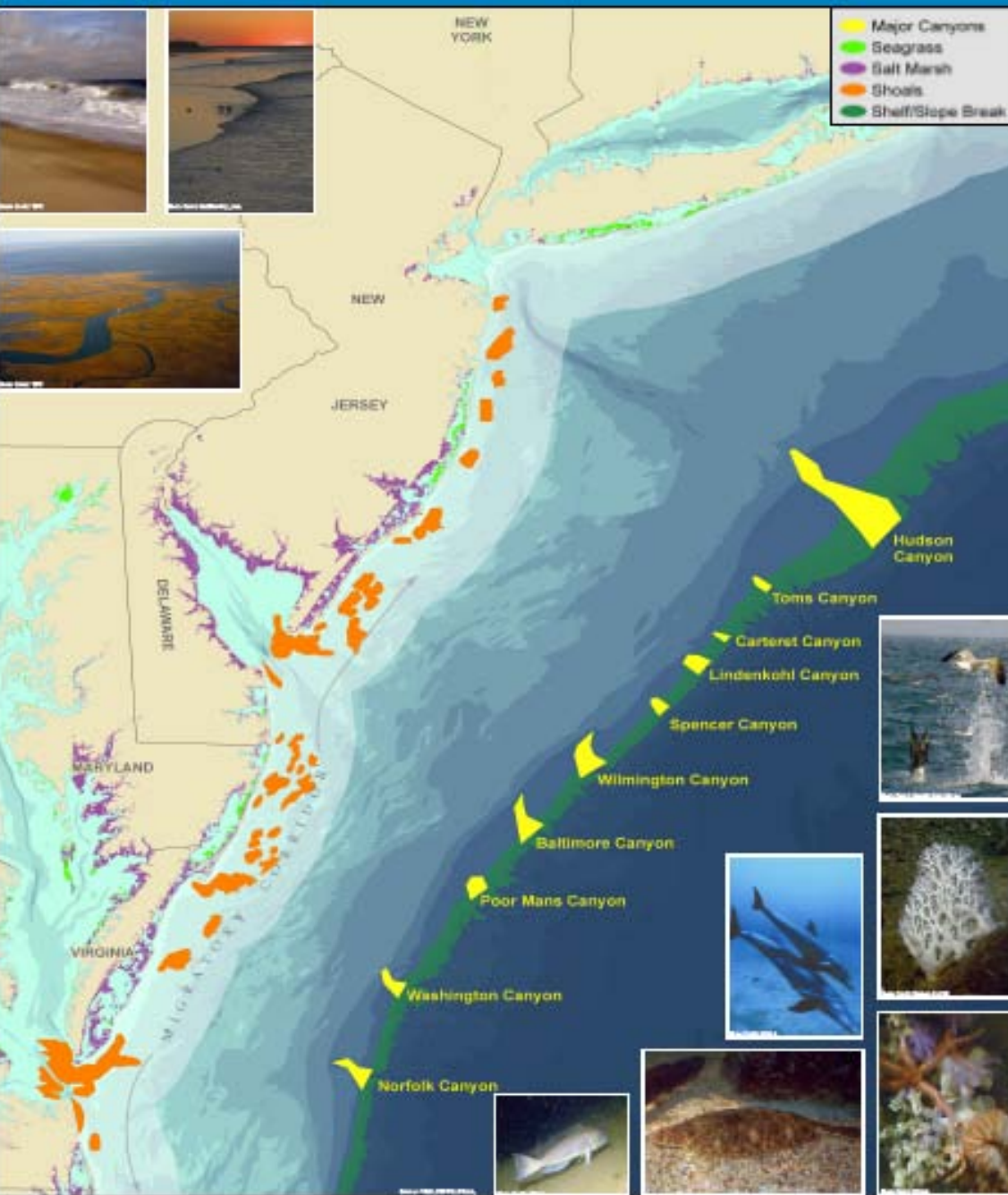
# MARCO Structure

## Five Action Teams:

1. Offshore Renewable Energy  
Lead: MD – Gwynne Schultz
2. Offshore Habitats  
Lead: NY – Greg Capobianco
3. Climate Change and Coastal Resiliency  
Lead: DE – Sarah Cooksey
4. Water Quality  
Lead: MD – Sarah Lane
5. Coastal & Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)  
Lead: VA – Laura McKay



## Mid-Atlantic Ocean - Habitats



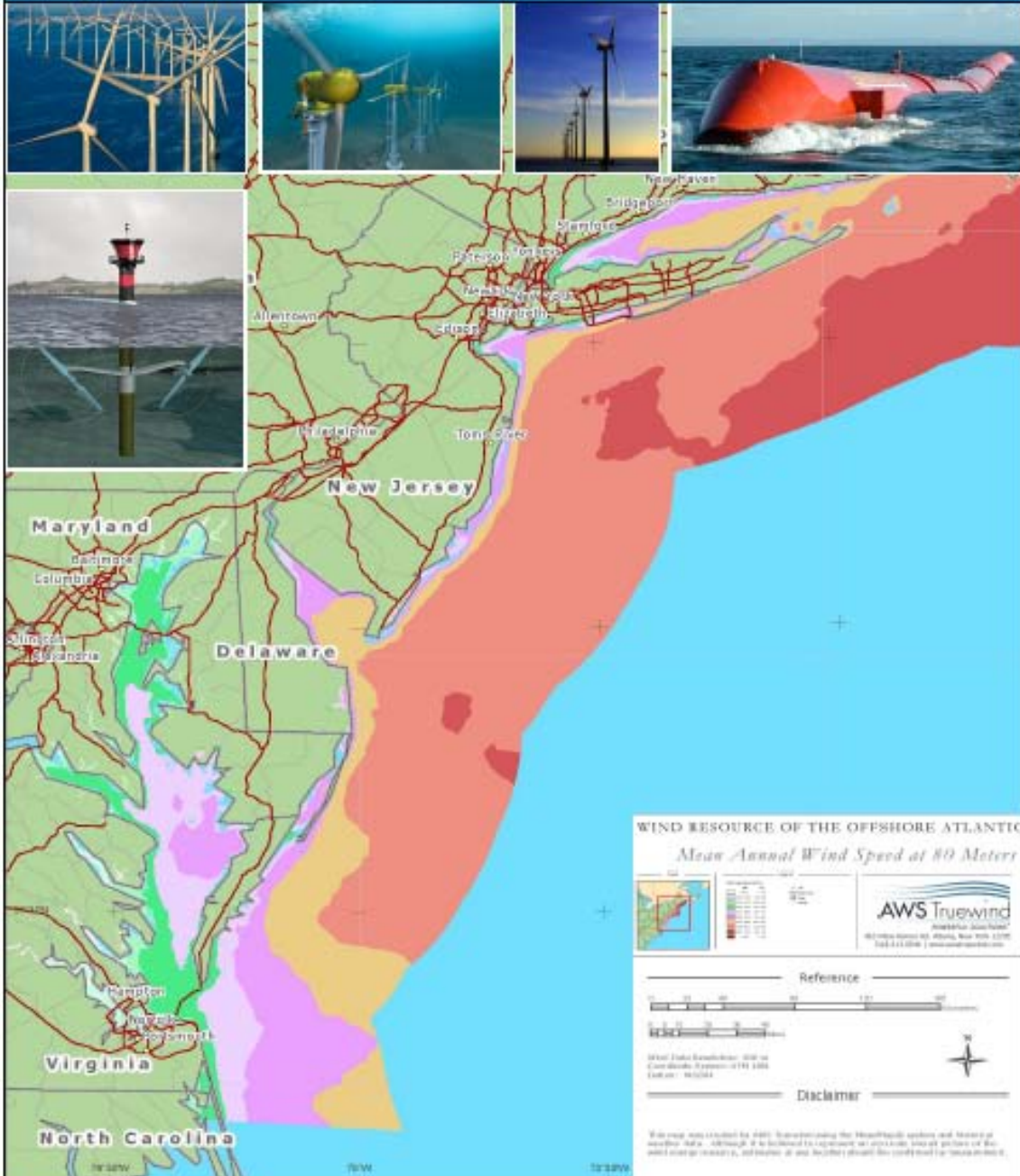
# Protect Key Ocean Habitats

(Canyons, corals, key fish habitats, migration corridors for birds, marine mammals and sea turtles)

Update: MARCO reviewing criteria to be used to identify and evaluate significant offshore habitats

Looking at data gaps and coverage across the region

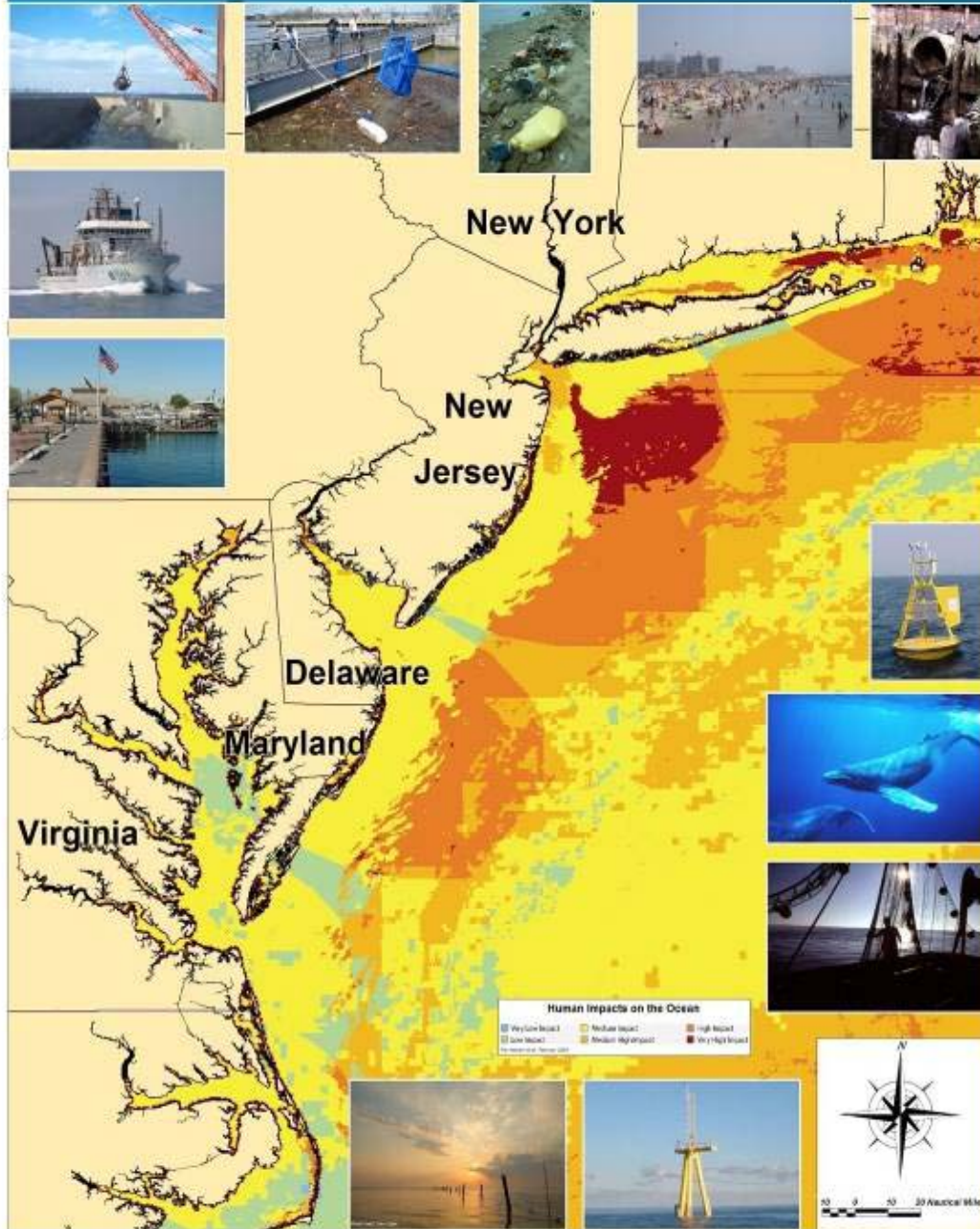
## Mid-Atlantic Ocean - Renewable Energy



# Promote Renewable Offshore Energy

Update: MARCO is enhancing its influence over offshore wind facility siting, construction and operation through federal consistency

## Mid-Atlantic Ocean - Water Quality

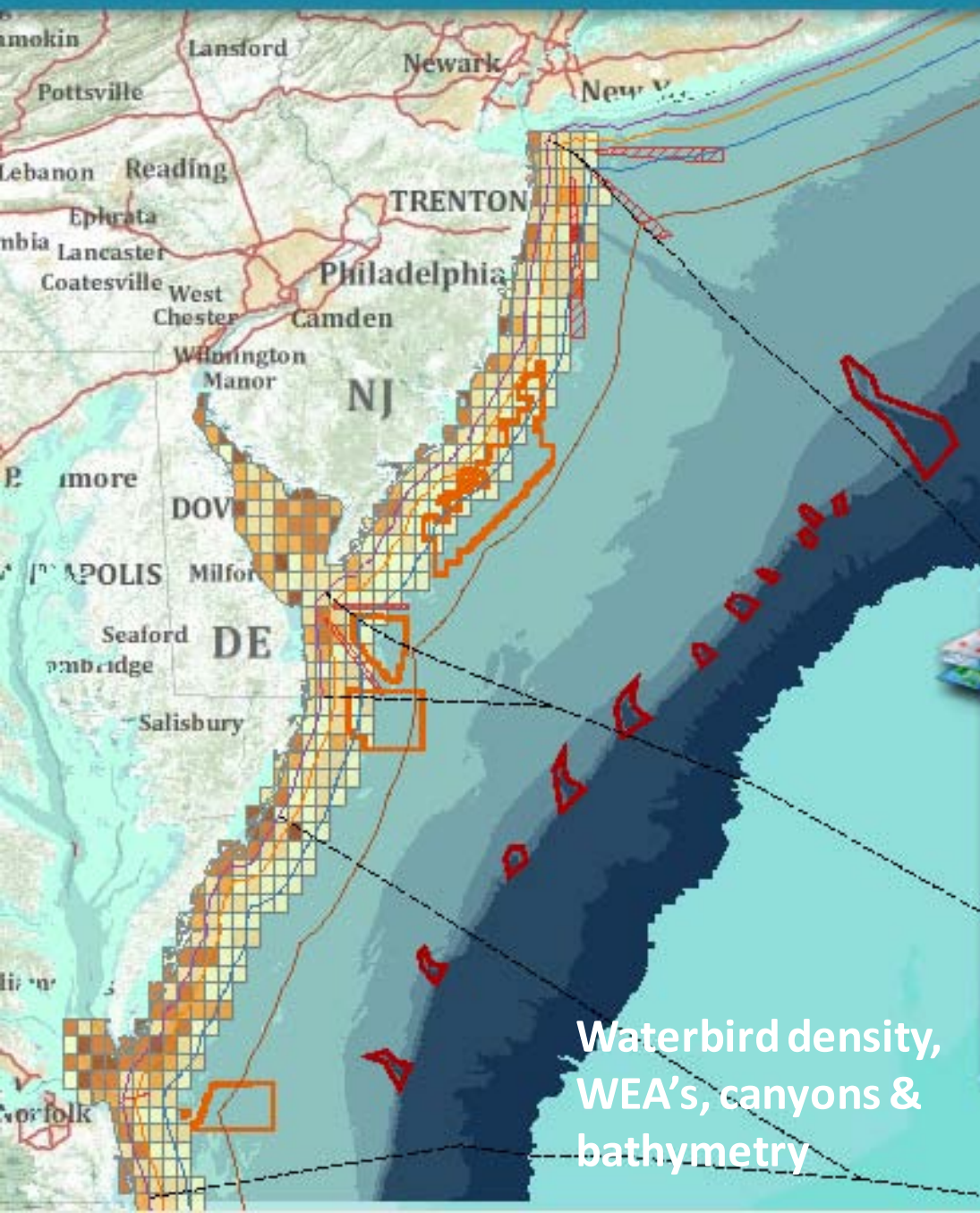


# Improve Water Quality

Update: MARCO is evaluating opportunities to address atmospheric contributions of nitrogen to marine waters via federal consistency

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# Digital Coast Regional SLR Viewer for Mid- Atlantic is almost complete



# CMSP

Update: Portal launched in December 2010

6 data categories and ~30 data layers with user-friendly fact sheets

Stakeholder engagement plan being developed through ROP grant from NOAA to Monmouth U Group

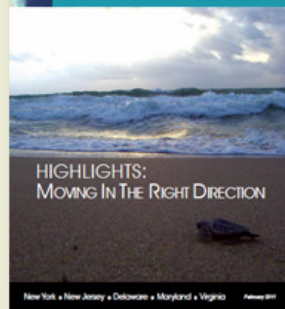
# Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean

New York New Jersey Delaware Maryland Virginia


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## MARCO Highlights - Moving in the Right Direction

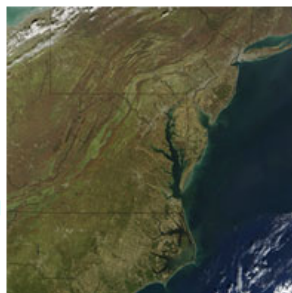
### MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL COUNCIL ON THE OCEAN



Since the first conversations among the States in 2008, MARCO has made significant progress in establishing and embarking on a regional agenda

## What is the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean?

The ocean waters of the Mid-Atlantic, stretching from New York to Virginia, provide a wealth of economic and environmental services to local communities, States, and the nation. At the same time, the people of the Mid-Atlantic region are a significant force that influences our ocean and coastal environment. We change the coastline and watershed through our buildings and development, we harvest the ocean's resources through increasingly efficient means, and we rely on offshore waters to support diverse activities such as maritime commerce and recreation. As the intensity of these human influences has increased, they have at times led to significant threats to the health of our ecosystems. Now our ocean and coastal resources face a new generation of challenges, and these challenges are only growing in their urgency.



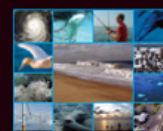
To successfully address these challenges, and to ensure that future generations can enjoy healthy and productive ocean ecosystems, the Governors of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia

## 2011-2012 MARCO Workplan

### MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL COUNCIL ON THE OCEAN

2011-2012  
MARCO Workplan

June 15, 2011



New York - New Jersey - Delaware - Maryland - Virginia

The 2011-2012 MARCO Workplan describes the actions that will be completed by MARCO's five issue Action Teams. Click the thumbnail above to view the Workplan.

## Governors

**Martin O'Malley**

Governor, Maryland

**Andrew Cuomo**

Governor, New York

**Chris Christie**

Governor, New Jersey

**Jack A. Markell**

Governor, Delaware

**Robert F. McDonnell**

Governor, Virginia



quality of life and economic vitality of our region's communities well into the future.

[Mid-Atlantic Governors' Agreement on Ocean Conservation](#) (June, 2009)

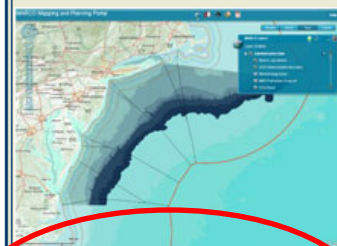
[Actions, Timelines, and Leadership to Advance The Mid-Atlantic Governors' Agreement on Ocean Conservation](#) (August, 2009)



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# MARCO Website

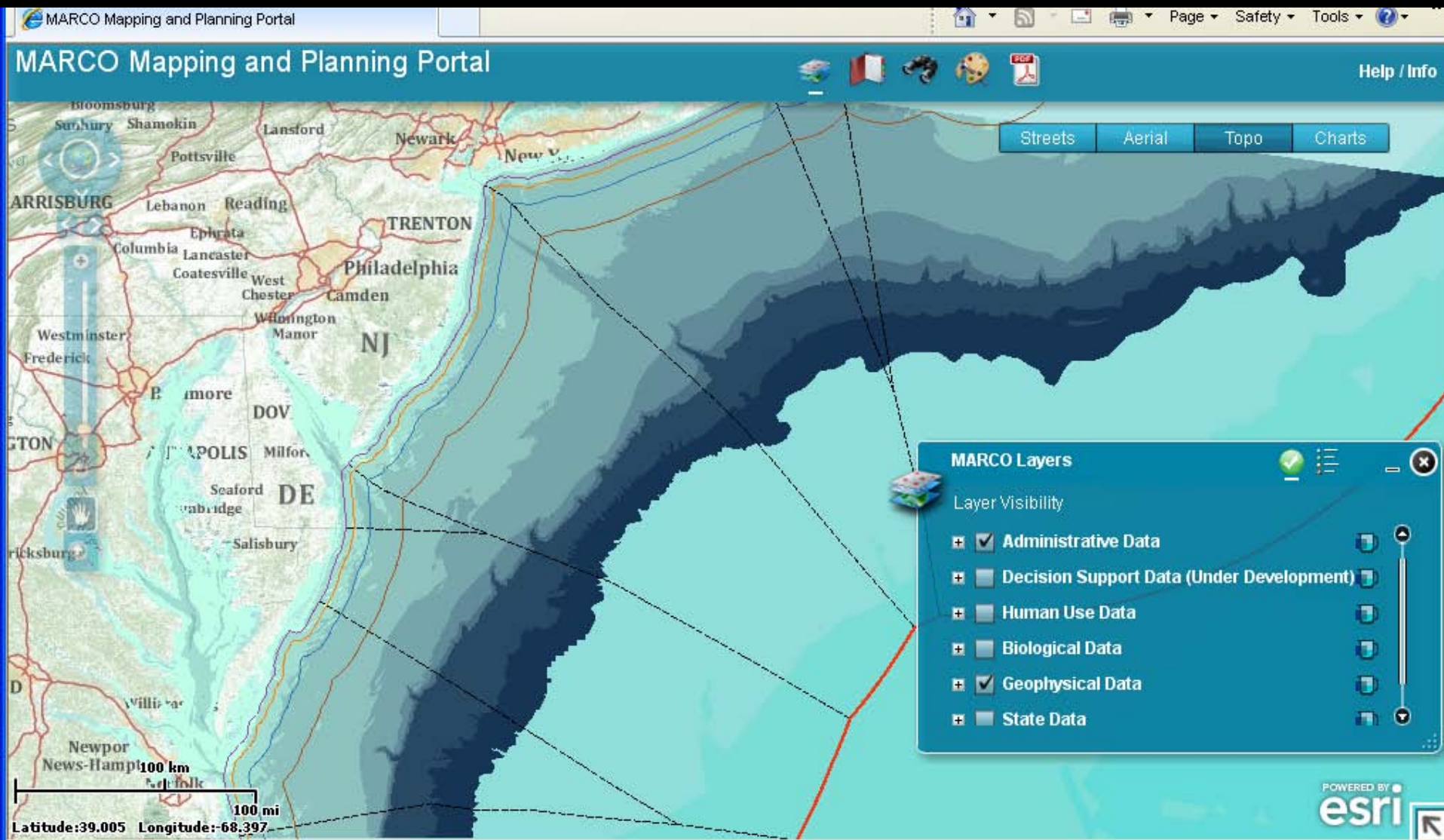
## MARCO Announces New Mapping and Planning Portal for Mid-Atlantic Region



The [MARCO Mapping and Planning Portal](#) is an online tool that allows state, federal, and local decision-makers and the public to visualize, query, map, and analyze ocean and coastal data in the Mid-Atlantic region. The Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program provided funding (through their CZM Award from the National Oceanic and

# MARCO Mapping & Planning Portal

Available at [www.midatlanticocean.org](http://www.midatlanticocean.org)



# Next Steps

- Migrate portal from host server to cloud
- Develop long-term maintenance plan
- Seek missing data
- Develop “reporting functions” to assist with management scenarios
- Begin stakeholder engagement process

