



Classroom Activity

10 Big Question: How will we conserve species diversity?

Oyster reef restoration projects

Active restoration of lost oyster reef habitat is occurring in the United States of America and receives substantial investment from the government, private enterprise and not-for-profit organisations. You can investigate the types of restoration projects being undertaken by visiting the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Restoration Atlas.

1. Go to the Atlas website:

<https://restoration.atlas.noaa.gov/src/html/index.html>

2. Click on the 'Data Tools' menu in the top left under the NOAA logo and select the 'Data Filter Tool' from the drop down.

3. Select 'habitat' from the filter type list and set the filter to 'oyster reef/shell bottom'. Apply the filter. This will now reveal all the oyster reef restoration projects underway in the United States.

You can click on each project icon and read about what they are trying to achieve, the current status of the project and the level of funding provided. Some entries have photos of the project area.