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# **Introduction**

The Louisiana Barrier Island Erosion Study was a cooperative investigation conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the Louisiana Geological Survey (LGS) over a 5-year period (1986-1990). Encompassing the coastal deltaic plain region of south-central Louisiana, the study focussed primarily on the geologic framework and evolution of the coast and inner continental shelf, the critical coastal and nearshore processes, and the transfer and application of the scientific results to a broad audience. As one of nine studies of the USGS National Coastal Geology Research Program, the results of this study are becoming the foundation on which other studies in the Gulf of Mexico region are building.

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