

MICHIGAN THE BEAUTIFUL: GREAT LAKES



Using input from a multi-sector advisory group and Tribal engagement, researchers will assess how Michigan's coastal and Great Lakes waters can contribute to the United Nations "30x30 goal" of ensuring 30% percent of Earth's land, coast, and open waters are under effective conservation and management by 2030.

The project team will analyze the current status of Michigan's coastal and open Great Lakes waters to determine what areas are and are not protected; identify and evaluate management and policy options to reach the 30x30 goal; and develop tools and information to guide implementation of identified management and policy options.

For this project, managed by the University of Michigan Water Center with financial support from the Michigan Sea Grant College Program, the project team will partner with Michigan DNR, The Nature Conservancy and Michigan's federally recognized Tribes. They will bring together a multi-sector advisory group from public and private local, state and regional agencies and organizations. This group will provide input and feedback at all stages of the

work, including helping us refine our overall project goal, identify people and organizations we should talk with, inform the products we develop, and review and provide input to draft materials as they are developed.

The project team will provide analyses, tools, and implementation advice for policy and management options to enable the state of Michigan to contribute appropriately toward the national commitment. Ultimately, the goal of this project is to provide resources for public and private entities that will have a role in helping identify and provide stewardship for coastal and open lake resources in a way that complies with the overall global goal.

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