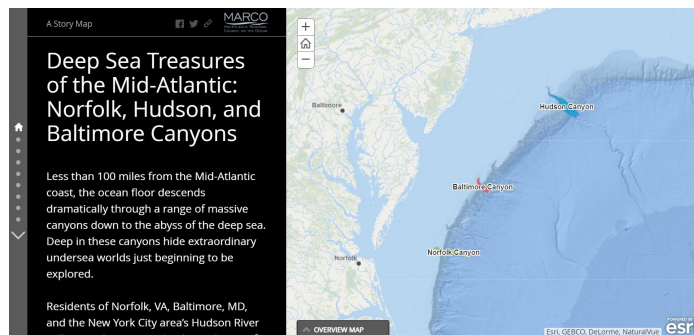




Explore more deep-sea canyons with a new story map

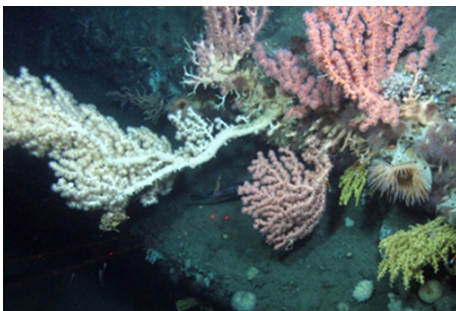
Deep Sea Treasures of the Mid-Atlantic: Norfolk, Hudson, and Baltimore Canyons is a story map exploring three of the largest deep-sea canyons in the Mid-Atlantic and is a follow up to the story map focused on tow cam surveys of eight lesser-known canyons.

See [Story Map](#)



Story map produced by Nick Meade,
Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program

Revisit the Deep-Sea Canyons in the “Life in the Deep Sea” Webinar Series Summary Report



In the Fall of 2020, MARCO held a three-part “Life in the Deep Sea” webinar series to provide stakeholders with the chance to learn about the region’s mysterious and rarely seen submarine canyons and the unique species that live in them.

MARCO serves as a forum for discussions that educate the public and help states, industries and stakeholders make better-informed decisions.

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Logos for NOAA, MARCO (Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean), and Virginia Coastal Zone are included.

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[Highlights and Registration](#)

MACAN Webinar and Workshop Focus on State Ocean Acidification Action Planning and Implementation

State-Led OA Action Planning in the Mid-Atlantic webinar [recording](#).

MACAN and the OA Alliance are planning a half-day virtual workshop on *Ocean Acidification Planning and Implementation* in the Mid-Atlantic in October 2021. [Learn more](#)



Meet the Mid-Atlantic's Organizers of Black in Marine Science



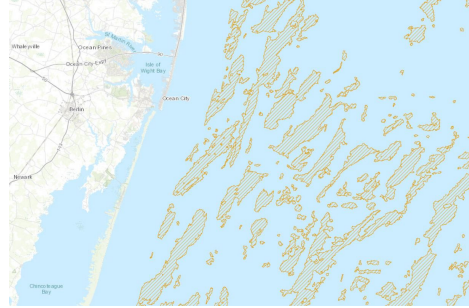
What started as a Twitter thread rapidly grew into an influential nonprofit organization dedicated to making the marine science field more diverse. The latest edition of the MARCO Portal's 'Ocean Stories' profiles three Mid-Atlantic women who are at the core of #BlackinMarineScience's success. (Best viewed on non-mobile device.)

[Read more](#)

MARCO Portal Adds New Themes, N.Y. Bight Wind and Maritime Data

Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal users can now find two new data themes and maps illustrating offshore wind energy and anchorage areas under examination in the New York Bight. Learn more about these and other recent Portal updates.

[Learn more](#)



State Spotlight: New Jersey

New Jersey is continuing to advance climate adaptation and resilience across the state government, and is moving forward with an ocean acidification (OA) action plan.

[Read more](#)

State News

VIRGINIA

Virginia will begin development of a Virginia Ocean Plan in October of this year. NOAA approved the Virginia CZM Program's Section 309 five year grant strategy to develop a state ocean plan that will address identification of additional offshore wind energy lease areas, incorporate marine mammal/sea turtle conservation, provide a stakeholder engagement coordinator for fisheries and other issues, address ocean acidification and provide a comprehensive approach to ocean planning off Virginia's coast. Some funds may be available each year for additional data collection or small research projects. The plan will address use conflicts and attempt to maximize sustainable uses while minimizing ocean resource impacts. The plan will also seek input from the neighboring states of North Carolina and Maryland and will also contract with MARCO program staff to serve as a liaison between the Virginia Ocean Planning Committee and MARCO/MACO committees and work groups.

NEW YORK

New York State agencies joined the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and other federal, state, local, and tribal government partners for a two-day New York Bight Task Force meeting on April 14 and April 16, 2021. This BOEM-led intergovernmental group met to provide feedback on the recently finalized New York Bight Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) and to discuss next steps prior to auctioning new renewable energy lease areas offshore of New York and New Jersey. At the Task Force meeting, BOEM unveiled up to eight (8) lease areas that could generate 7.6 gigawatts of renewable energy to power approximately 2.7 million homes. BOEM will prepare an Environmental Assessment to analyze the potential environmental consequences of auctioning these new lease areas and the various site assessment and characterization activities that future lease holders would be authorized to undertake. For additional information, visit <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/new-york-bight>.

New on the MARCO Website

[2021 Annual Work Plan and 2020 Progress Report Mid-Atlantic Offshore Wind Regional Collaboration](#)

[2021 Non-consumptive Recreation Work Group Plan and Progress July/December 2020](#)



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Established in 2009 by the Governors of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, MARCO provides a forum for our coastal Mid-Atlantic states to collaborate on shared regional priorities related to marine habitats, renewable offshore energy, climate change adaptation, and ocean water quality. MARCO initiated and oversees the [Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal](#) to assist the region with ocean planning efforts. For more information about MARCO, visit our website, [MidAtlanticOcean.org](#).

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