Leading the Way in Global Marine Science and Education

A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE SCIENCE OF THE SEA AND A MEMBER OF:

Association of Zoos & Aquariums  •  Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean  •  Economic Development Council of Sarasota County  •  Florida Institute of Oceangraphy  •  Florida Ocean Alliance  
Florida Sea Grant  •  Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce  •  Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System  •  International Association of Aquatic & Marine Science Librarians & Information Centers  
International Consortium for Marine Conservation  •  National Association of Marine Laboratories  •  Science & Environment Council of Sarasota County  •  Sarasota Arts & Cultural Alliance  
Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association  •  Southern Association of Marine Laboratories

Mote Marine Laboratory
Florida Keys Facilities

Mote Living Reef Exhibit
Eco-Discovery Center
Key West

Tropical Research Lab
Summerland Key
TWO CIRCUMSTANCES led to the creation of Mote Marine Laboratory after World War II. A growing interest from philanthropists in creating new research centers and the availability of post-war funding from government for scientific research—especially defense-related research.

Gerrie Clark

Henry Gilbert, Mike Rio, Gerrie Clark and Mrs. Mote
Celebrating nearly 60 years of
Innovative Research and Service to the Community

• First and foremost – a comprehensive research institution, with a significant education/public outreach component integrated with research.

• ~200 total staff (>80 research staff with 32 PhD’s), 1,600 Volunteers, 11,400 Members & over 360,000 Visitors/year.

• Annual economic impact to our communities >$70M

• Long history of partnership & collaboration with a variety of state, regional, national & international institutions & organizations.

RESEARCH DIRECTORATES
ENVIRONMENTAL FISHERIES MARINE BIOLOGY
HEALTH & OCEAN & AQUACULTURE & CONSERVATION

Research Programs
• Behavioral Ecology & Physiology
  • Benthic Ecology
  • Chemical & Physical Ecology
  • Coral Reef Ecology & Microbiology
  • Coral Reef Monitoring & Assessment
  • Coral Reef Restoration
  • Dolphin Research
  • Ecotoxicology
  • Environmental Health
  • Environmental Laboratory for Forensics
  • Fisheries Habitat Ecology

• Manatee Research
• Marine & Fresh Water Aquaculture
• Marine Biomedical Research
• Marine Immunology
• Marine Stock Enhancement
  • Ocean Acidification
  • Ocean Technology
  • Phytoplankton Ecology
• Sea Turtle Conservation & Research
• Sensor Biology & Behavior
• Shark Biology & Conservation
• Spotted Eagle Ray Conservation
• Stranding Investigation
2020 Vision

Mote Marine Laboratory will expand our leadership in nationally and internationally respected research programs that are relevant to conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity, healthy habitats and natural resources.

Mote research programs will positively impact a diversity of public policy challenges through strong linkages to public outreach and education.

2020 Strategic Priorities

1. Significantly increase Mote’s ability to conduct world-class research with an emphasis on conservation, sustainable use, and environmental health of marine and coastal biodiversity, habitats and resources.

2. Ensure long-term prosperity of the research enterprise through focused staff recruitment and nurturing programs.

3. Translate and transfer science and technology development to positively impact human society and the marine environment.

4. Deliver responsible marine conservation and sustainable use focused public service to local, regional, state, national, and international communities.