

Action Plan October 2003
Updated July 2004, December 2009, October 2016

Formation of SFC CESU
Renewal of the SFC-CESU

November 2000
January 2005, January 2010, January 2015

Web Site

The SFC CESU web site was established in February 2001. It is continually updated and at the present time can be updated from any internet access site. Announcements, meetings, job opportunities, and RFPs are listed on this site. During 2016, the old web site was transitioned from a customized platform (<http://mgi.rsmas.miami.edu/sfcesu/index.asp>) to a Wordpress platform (www.sfc-cesu.com). Much of the efforts during 2016 have focused on facilitating the transition between these websites.

The Web site has functionality for abstract submissions (for annual meetings), for posting RFPs, and for posting information about funded projects. In addition to these functionalities the web site includes a home page, a “news” page, and an operations page. The operations page includes instructions for adding new SFC-CESU members, for posting agreements, and for posting minutes of SFC-CESU Board meetings. The Web site includes the Action Plan (this document) plus an updated version of the strategic plan. The action plan is a living document and continually updated to reflect recent developments.

Formulation of Strategic Plan

March 2001

The strategic plan was formulated at a meeting of all the academic partners of the SFC CESU in March 2001.

The strategic plan has been updated to reflect the joining of FAU, USFWS, FIU, IRC, USF, Army Corps, and NRCS. Updates to the plan were discussed at the October 2003 meeting of the management committee and the updates were discussed at the management committee meeting on July 8th, 2004.

Additional updates of the strategic plan were posted on May 6th, 2006, January 7th, 2008, December 29th, 2009, January 17th, 2010, January 1st, 2015, and October 12th, 2016.

CESU National Meeting

June 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2016

Peter Swart and Carol Daniels attended the 2003, 2005, and 2007 National Meetings. Helena Solo-Gabriele and Carol Daniels attended the 2016 National Meeting held in Sheperdstown, WV.

Establishment of NPS Employee at RSMAS

September 2001 through 2016

Dr. Carol Daniels, a NPS employee was stationed at the University of Miami for the purposes of increasing interaction between NPS and the SFC CESU.

Addition of Additional Partners

Additional partners are being continually being considered. Dr. Swart and Dr. Daniels were primarily responsible for the joining of the Army Corps of Engineers at the

National and local level. The following table (Table 1) documents the addition of additional federal and academic partners.

Date	Federal	Academic	Non-Governmental Conservation Organization
2001	NPS, USGS, BLM	UM, NU, BU, FAMU, UNC-W, UF, UPR, UVI	Audobon Society
2002		FAU	
2003	USFWS		
2004	NRCS		
2005*		FIU	
2006			
2007		FIT	IRC
2008	US Army Corps		
2009		USF	Everglades Foundation
2010*			
2011			
2012		FGCU	Cetacean Logic, ORCA, Fairchild
2013	NOAA, DoD		
2014			
2015*		Flagler College	
2016	BIA		

Table 1: Time History of Partner Additions to the SFC-CESU. "*" denote 5-year renewal of the SFC-CESU

Formation of an Executive Committee

The executive committee of the SFC CESU was formed during the initial stages of the SFC CESU. It consists of the principal contact from all federal agencies. The minutes from these meetings are published on the SFC CESU web site.

Formation of a Management Committee

A management committee was formed in August 2003 and the first meeting was held on October 27th, 2003. The members of the committee are listed on the SFC CESU web site. Meetings will be held quarterly and the minutes are published on the web site.

Committees

In 2016, regular meetings of the representatives of the federal and non-federal partners were held. Ad hoc committees were formed on an as need basis. For example, a program committee was established based upon volunteers representing both federal and non-federal partners.

Science Meetings

Early on semi-annual science meetings have been held at various locations. The last one of these was a joint meeting with the Gulf Coast and Piedmont CESUs in Orlando. The SFC-CESU provided financial support for this meeting. A science meeting sponsored by the SFC-CESU 'Predicting the Climate of the Coming Decades' will be held in Miami, January 11-14th, 2010. Our most recent meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2016

at Biscayne National Park located in Homestead, Florida.