

# Gulf of Maine EBM Toolkit Survey: Key Findings

This page presents a few of the most significant findings from the survey. Appendix B provides all data and written responses for the 32 survey questions.



Woodley Wonderworks

Coastal development along a salt marsh and estuary.

## Major Obstacles to EBM

Survey participants identified the following as the major obstacles to implementing EBM.

- Lack of money, time, or people to do EBM
- Lack of established methods for implementing EBM
- Lack of understanding or information on the ecosystem

See Question 4 in Appendix B.

## Important Management Issues

Survey participants are most interested in applying EBM to the following issues.

- Coastal habitats assessment and mitigation
- Stakeholder and/or community engagement
- Habitat restoration
- Marine protected area management
- Biodiversity conservation

See Question 9 in Appendix B.

## Management Capacity

Survey participants are most interested in developing capacity in the following management activities.

- Understanding how the ecosystem functions
- Engaging stakeholders in decision-making
- Communicating management processes to stakeholders
- Visualizing possible development and resource use scenarios

See Question 10 in Appendix B.

## Types of Information

Survey participants are most interested in receiving the following types of information.

- Case studies of present-day management situations in the Gulf of Maine region and how EBM could be or has been applied
- Forward-looking assessments of how the Gulf of Maine ecosystem is likely to change and implications for management
- Spatially explicit information about human activities affecting the Gulf of Maine and its watershed
- Information about how the Gulf of Maine ecosystem functions

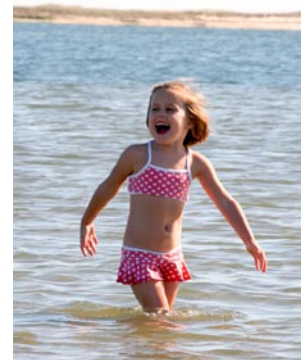
See Question 12 in Appendix B.

## Training Needs

Survey participants said they primarily need the following types of training.

- Training to understand the conceptual framework of EBM and general approaches for putting EBM into practice
- Training to better understand the ecosystem context in which management occurs and that management decisions affect

See Question 18 in Appendix B.



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