HRI’s Vision & Mission

It is the vision of the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies to be a research center of excellence providing international leadership in generating and disseminating knowledge about the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem and its critical role in the economies of the North American region.

The mission of the Harte Research Institute, an endowed research component of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, is to support and advance the long-term sustainable use and conservation of the Gulf of Mexico. This mission will be accomplished by:

- Providing an environment to conduct meaningful and successful programs in research and education with highly qualified faculty, staff, and students.
- Promoting excellence and innovation in interdisciplinary scientific research, public policy initiatives, and education of the public concerning the Gulf of Mexico.
- Encouraging a tri-national responsibility and approach to understanding the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem, involving the United States, Mexico, and Cuba.
- Collaborating and cooperating with other organizations that are dedicated to addressing issues related to the Gulf of Mexico, in order to achieve common goals.
- Freely disseminating research results to the scientific community, management agencies, the general public, and policy makers, in order to foster wise and appropriate use of the Gulf of Mexico.