

# REGIONAL RAPID RESPONSE PLAN

FOR THE  
GULF OF MEXICO REGION

# Organizational Structure and Communication

**Institutional arrangements regarding organizational structure and communication are established in each state and regionally**

# Outreach

## Outreach activities

- 1) those general activities that inform and educate the public on the importance of addressing invasive species issues and
- 2) targeted activities that are associated with specific rapid response actions (those with an immediate vested interest)

# **Early Detection and Monitoring**

**Identifying the Problem – Monitoring provides information needed to determine if there is a problem and, if so, the scope of the problem.**

# Decision Support and Rapid Scientific Assessment

- Is field action warranted
- What level and type of field action is needed
- Potential impacts or implications from proposed field actions
- Establishment a state invasive species task force or council will enhance communication and decision support processes

# Regional Linkages

## Phone tree concept

- ◆ First Tier Contacts
- ◆ Second Tier Contacts