The S.C. Sea Grant Consortium, an independent state agency, is a federal-state partnership which supports integrated research, extension, and education programs to achieve its mission. One of 34 university-based programs located across the United States, Consortium efforts provide for future economic opportunities, improve the social well-being of citizens, and ensure wise use and development of marine and coastal natural resources.

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Economic Opportunity
- $7.35 million economic benefit
- 10 coastal businesses created or sustained
- 22 jobs created or sustained
- 9% increase of maricultured oyster harvest, from $647,520 in 2018 to $706,438 in 2019*

*2019 SCDNR estimated data is for January through September.

Coastal Resilience
- 41 trainings to improve coastal community resilience
- 2 communities implemented sustainable development practices and plans

Education & Workforce Development
- 13,964 K-12 students reached
- 491 teachers trained and 21 of 46 counties engaged
- 33 graduate students and fellows supported
- 10 undergraduate students supported

Volunteer Stewardship
- 3,156 volunteer hours completed
- $25.43/hr for volunteers
- $80,257 value of volunteer time
- 312 acres of beach habitat enhanced

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