Oysters Working for You

An adult oyster can filter **50 gallons** of water every day.

On average, one acre of oyster reef habitat can provide shoreline stabilization benefits valued at **$2,125** per year.

1 acre of oyster reef provides **$6,500** in denitrification services, helping improve water quality.

Oyster restoration in one Chesapeake Bay river system is expected to bring a **150%** increase in blue crab harvest, an additional **$10 million** in annual fishing revenues.

Habitat at Risk

Over the past 130 years, oyster reef habitat has decreased globally by roughly **85%**. That means a lot less habitat for fish, crabs, and other critters.

Our Work

88 jobs and **$2.8 million** in income resulted directly from the construction of 3.6 miles of oyster reef in Mobile Bay, Alabama.

In one Chesapeake Bay tributary alone, NOAA and partners have restored more than **350 acres** of oyster reef habitat—that’s larger than the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

More Information: [https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/habitat-conservation](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/habitat-conservation)