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## MILITARY IN FLORIDA

# GULF COAST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

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#### Florida Bases and Stations

- 20 Major Military Installations
- 3 Unified Commands
  - US Central Command ... MacDill AFB
  - US Special Operations Command... MacDill AFB
  - US Southern Command... Doral
- 8 USAF Bases
- 10 USN/USMC Bases/Stations
- Camp Blanding, Florida National Guard



## Why In Florida?

- Training Environment and Areas
  - Land Sea Air
- Excellent Weather- Better than 300 flying Day/Year
- Terrain Rural and Accessible
- Site Availability Especially during WWII
- Mirrors Northern Arabian (Persian) Gulf

## **UWF HAAS Center Study**

## Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis 2011 Principal Findings

- Fiscal year 2008 defense-related spending is directly or indirectly responsible for \$58.1 billion, or 7.5 percent, of Florida's gross state product of \$775 billion.
- Defense-related spending is estimated to responsible for over \$64.8 billion in 2010, and \$67.7 billion in 2013.
- Fiscal year 2008 defense-related spending accounted for a total of 686,181 direct and indirect jobs.
- State and local tax government revenue attributable to defense-driven activities is estimated to be \$1.26 billion in fiscal year 2008.

## Military Missions

- Aviation Flight and Aircraft Maintenance Training
- Aviation Weapons Development, Testing and Training
- Special Operations Training
- Undersea Systems/Weapons Development,
   Testing and Training
- Joint Military Exercises and Training.



#### **Air Force Conducted Detailed Mission Analysis**

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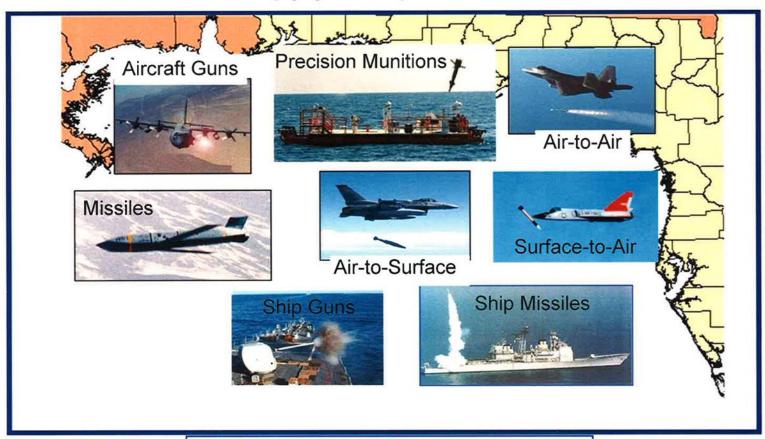


Basis for Negotiations With DOI



#### **Utilization of Gulf Range**

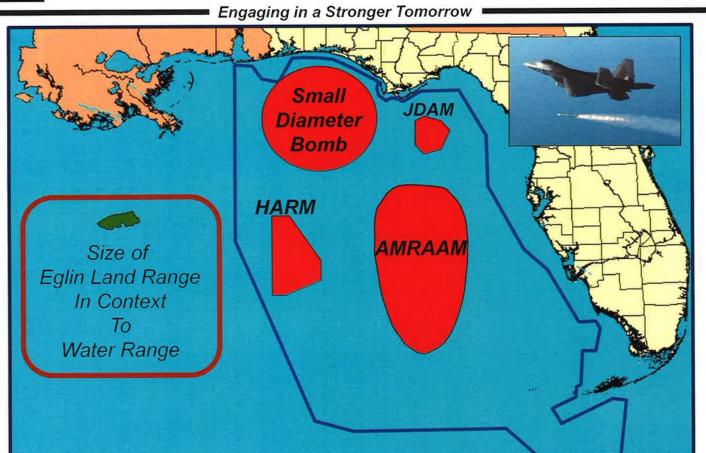
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Wide Variety of Testing/Training



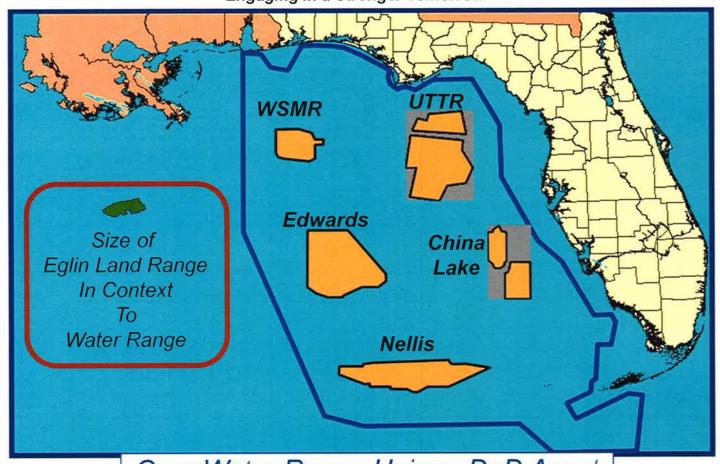
#### **Continuing To Outgrow Land Ranges**



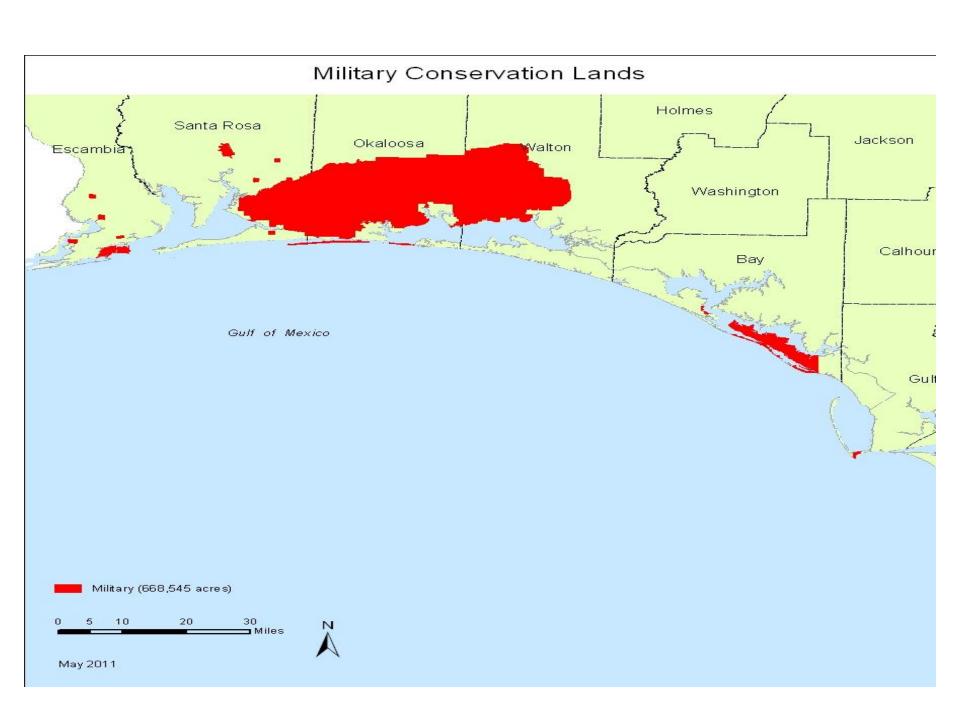


#### **Eglin Gulf Range Complex**

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Over Water Range Unique DoD Asset





#### Air Integrated Weapons/Armaments Research, Development and Acquisition, Test and Evaluation Center

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BRAC Bringing New Missions to Eglin

## State Military Value

- Tourism, Agriculture, and Military are the top three economic drivers in Florida.
- Aviation Training, Weapons Development, and Undersea operations and training were affected by the Deep Water Horizon incident.
- The Gulf Ranges are the foundation of military missions in Florida.
- Gulf recovery is essential to Florida's Military Base retention interests.