The *Gulf of Maine Ecosystem-Based Management Toolkit Survey Report* provides region-specific information on:

- management issues to which practitioners seek to apply ecosystem-based management (EBM),
- critical obstacles to implementing EBM, and
- tools and information needed to put EBM into practice.

Listed below are a few of the main findings of the survey. The survey report provides all data and written responses for the 32 survey questions.

**Major Obstacles to Implementing EBM**
- Lack of money, time, or people to do EBM.
- Lack of established methods for implementing EBM.
- Lack of understanding or information on the ecosystem.

**Important Management Issues**
- Coastal habitats assessment and mitigation.
- Stakeholder and/or community engagement.
- Habitat restoration.
- Marine protected area management.
- Biodiversity conservation.

**Management Capacity Needed**
- Understanding how the ecosystem functions.
- Engaging stakeholders in decision-making.
- Communicating management processes to stakeholders.
- Visualizing possible development and resource use scenarios.

**Types of Information Needed**
- Case studies of present-day management situations in the Gulf of Maine region and how EBM could be or has been applied.
- Forward-looking assessments of how the Gulf of Maine ecosystem is likely to change and implications for management.
- Spatially explicit information about human activities affecting the Gulf of Maine and its watershed.
- Information about how the Gulf of Maine ecosystem functions.

**Training Needs**
- Training to understand conceptual framework of EBM and general approaches for putting EBM into practice.
- Training to better understand the ecosystem context in which management occurs and that management decisions affect.

For the survey report and complete survey findings, go to [www.gulfofmaine.org/ebm](http://www.gulfofmaine.org/ebm)