

message from the director

We are pleased to present the 2013 Annual Report for the Hollings Marine Laboratory (HML). HML is a multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary laboratory with five primary research partners: 1) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Ocean Service (NOS), 2) National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 3) South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), 4) Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), and 5) College of Charleston (CofC). HML is also a center within NOS's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS).

HML has had a successful year continuing our mission of providing science and technology that sustains, protects and restores coastal ecosystems. Our research efforts have emphasized an understanding of the linkages between the condition of the coastal environment and human health. With over 100,000 square feet of space designed to promote collaborative research, we are well positioned to continue our mission with scientific investigations that range from experiments conducted at a molecular level to studies of full-scale ecosystems.

We appreciate that you are taking the time to learn more about HML's accomplishments in 2013, and we hope you will find the information provided in this annual report useful in your own work. Should you be interested in learning more about HML, please visit us at our website <http://coastalscience.noaa.gov/about/centers/hml> or contact us at 843-762-8811.

Sincerely,

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