

# Status of Gulf Restoration Funding Processes

**ON APRIL 20, 2010, THE BP OIL SPILL DEVASTATED THE GULF REGION.**

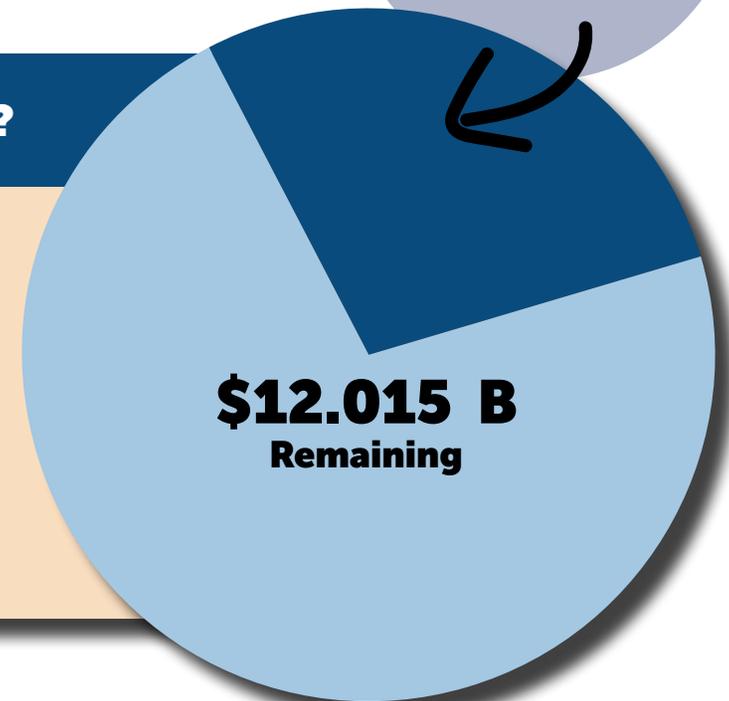
Under criminal plea agreements and a 2016 civil settlement among BP, the U.S. government, and the five Gulf states, around **\$16.67 billion** was slated to go to the region to restore it. This money flows through **three main processes: the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), the RESTORE Act, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF).**

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## HOW MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT ON RESTORATION SO FAR?

**As of March 1, 2020, around \$4.658 billion of this money already has been spent on, or designated for, specific restoration projects, programs, and planning.**

**That means approximately \$12.015 billion remains to be spent.**



The following pages provide more information on how the funds are being divided, and how much is left to be spent and where. To learn more about the main restoration processes, visit our website at [www.eliocan.org/gulf](http://www.eliocan.org/gulf). For information about major public participation opportunities for the three main restoration processes, please visit [www.eli-ocean.org/gulf/the-bulletin-board](http://www.eli-ocean.org/gulf/the-bulletin-board)

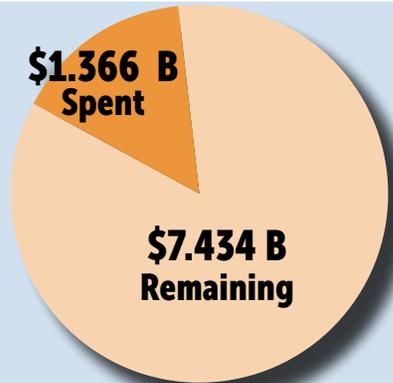
# \$16.67 Billion

## Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

**\$8.8 Billion**

A natural resource damage assessment is a process focused on restoring natural resources injured by an oil spill. Money can be used for natural resource projects and "loss of use" projects (e.g., to compensate for recreational opportunities that were lost because of the spill).

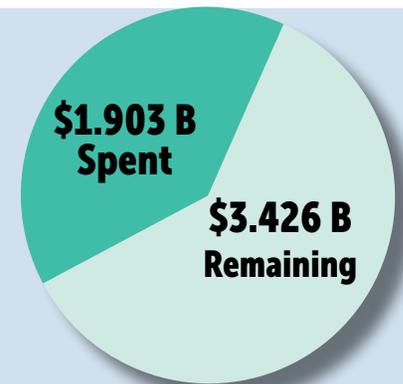
\*The \$8.8 B total includes up to \$700 M that may be used for presently unknown injuries and adaptive management.



## The RESTORE Act

**\$5.33 Billion**

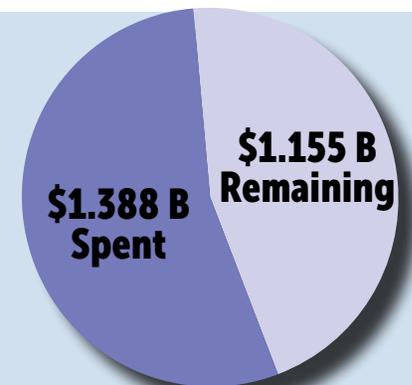
The RESTORE Act is a law that sends settlement money to the Gulf for restoration and recovery. Money can be used for environmental and economic restoration projects, as well as research activities.



## National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

**\$2.54 Billion**

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is a nonprofit organization that is tasked with distributing some of the settlement monies. Money can be used for barrier islands and river diversions (LA) and natural resource projects.



Here we use the term "spent" for money that already has been spent on or designated for projects, programs, and planning as of March 1, 2020.