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The Institute for Coastal Plain Science (ICPS) studies the fertile world of Georgia’s Coastal Plain, which covers the southern and southeastern half of the state. This environmental region provides researchers with a living laboratory, where marshes, swamps and beaches abound with life.

Georgia Southern University resides in this laboratory, and its faculty and students strive to understand the region’s physical and biological resources in order to find solutions for its sustainable use and management.

Applied Coastal Research Laboratory (ACRL) (http://cosm.georgiasouthern.edu/icps/acrl)

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