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Dr. Elizabeth Smith oversees the science and education programs at the Center for Coastal Studies, a research branch of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. A Texas Native, she earned her B.S. and M.S. at Corpus Christi State University, and Ph.D. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at Texas A&M University in College Station. Dr. Smith conducts research with her graduate and undergraduate students in coastal environments in both Texas and Mexico, concentrating on habitat assessments and developing management and conservation recommendations. Currently, Dr. Smith is working on several projects including identifying potential restoration and conservation sites in the Texas Coastal Bend, and around the Rio Grande Delta in Texas and Tamaulipas. Dr. Smith has authored and co-authored over 60 publications including journal articles, book chapters, and peer-reviewed technical reports. She has presented her research results at regional, national and international conferences in Canada, Mexico, and Czech Republic. Her graduate students are currently conducting research on fisheries in Laguna Madre, butterflies along the Rio Grande, shorebirds in Oso Bay, diamondback terrapins in Coastal Bend bays, and frogs in the Aransas and Mission river wetlands.