



Oblique photograph looking east along a portion of the Isles Dernieres, Louisiana. This barrier island chain is experiencing erosion at rates exceeding  $20 \text{ m yr}^{-1}$  and has been projected to disappear within the next few decades. Elevations rarely exceed 2 m above sea level and this particular photograph demonstrates exposure of the mud core after complete removal of the sand veneer during Hurricane Andrew. (Photograph taken September 1992 by G. W. Stone, LSU).