

This is a detailed bathymetric map of the Gulf of Mexico, showing depth contours and coastal features. The map is framed by a coordinate grid with latitude from 17°00' to 31°30' N and longitude from 100°00' to 80°00' W. The Gulf of Mexico is depicted in blue, with depth contours indicating varying depths. The surrounding landmasses are shown in white, including the United States of America (labeled "United States of America" and "Estados Unidos Mexicanos"), Mexico (labeled "Estados Unidos Mexicanos"), Cuba, and parts of Central America (labeled "Guatemala" and "Belize"). The map includes a NOAA logo in the bottom left corner and a scale bar in the bottom right corner. The scale bar shows distances in Nautical Miles (0 to 100) and Kilometers (0 to 160). The map also includes a legend for bathymetric features: "Above 200 meters depth: 60 meters" and "Below 200 meters depth: 200 meters".

Wetland areas shown for the USA are compiled from land-use and land-cover maps (at a scale of 1:250,000) prepared by the US Geological Survey from LANDSAT satellite imagery and high-altitude aerial photographs. The smallest wetland areas mapped at this scale were 16 hectares (40 acres). For Mexico, wetland areas were identified from maps in the Atlas Nacional de Medio Físico based on aerial photographs at scales ranging between 1:25,000 and 1:90,000 taken between 1969 and 1980 and from LANDSAT images between 1972 and 1978. Minimum size of Mexican wetlands illustrated is unknown.

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