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In addition to the Horn Point laboratories, the Center consists of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory at Solomons Island on the Patuxent River, the Joint University of Maryland/Department of Natural Resources Shellfish Biology Program at Crisfield, and the Appalachian Environmental Laboratory on the Frostburg State College Campus. Specialized facilities include research vessels, controlled growth facilities at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, hatcheries at Horn Point and Crisfield for shellfish propagation, and comprehensive analytical facilities for terrestrial, estuarine, and marine environmental sciences.

At present, research programs of the Center include studies of the Chesapeake Bay and the accompanying coastal waters of the mid-Atlantic region; forests, fish, and wildlife of the land areas of the State; waste management; and investigations directed toward basic comprehension of the Maryland environment. Educational emphasis includes estuarine ecology, resource analysis, the process of public decision-making in matters that affect environmental quality, and environmental education in cooperation with other public agencies and groups.

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