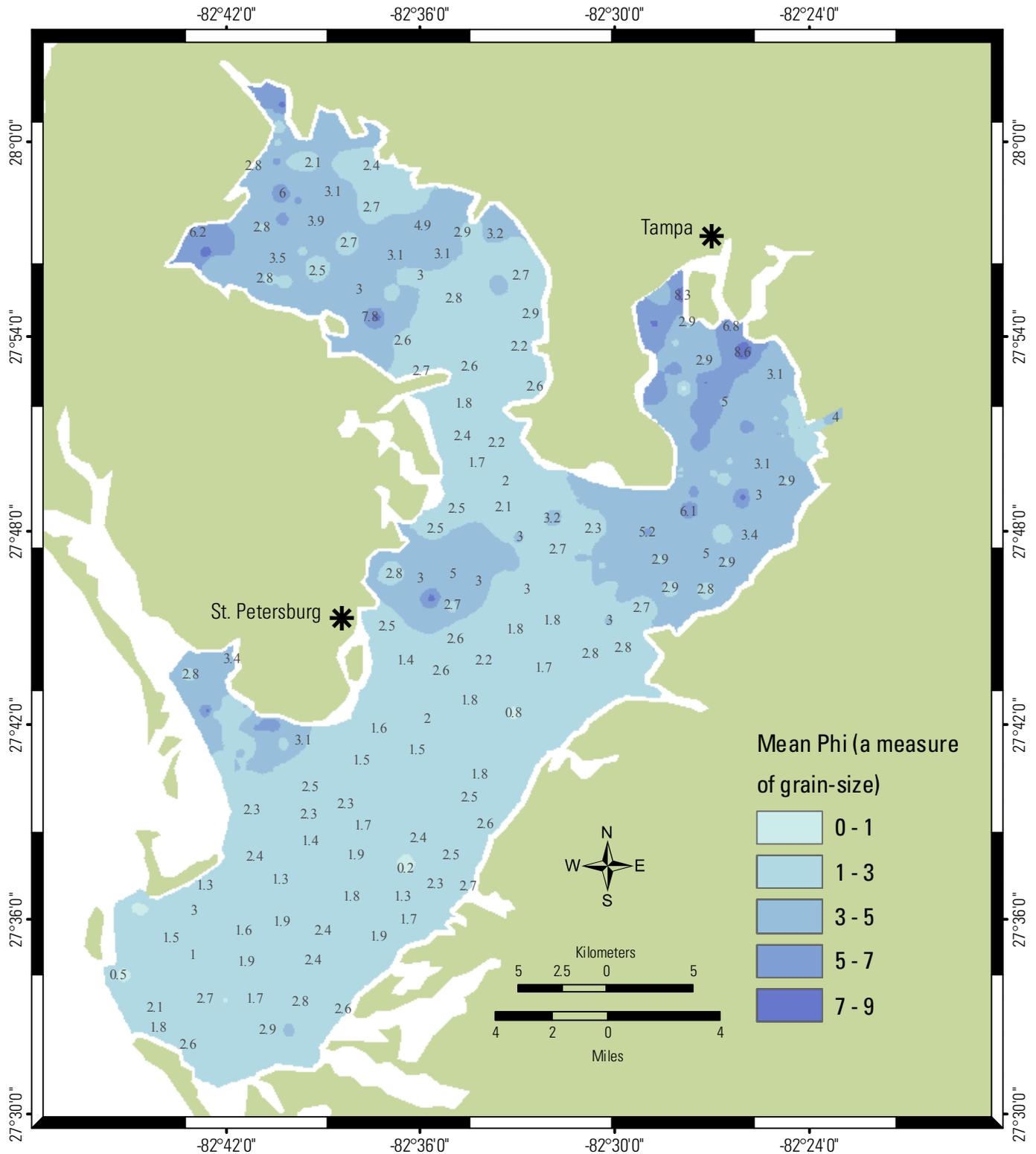


Tampa Bay Bottom Sediments: Mean Phi



Methodology

Tampa Bay Bottom Sediments: Mean Phi (a measure of grain-size) map was derived from sediment samples and samples taken from core tops collected during 2002 - 2006. Labels shown on the map depict the actual core location and phi values. The data were then interpolated (using an inverse distance weighted technique) to create a bottom sediment map. These data were collected under the auspices of the ongoing USGS Gulf of Mexico Integrated Science Tampa Bay Study. More information on these data and the Tampa Bay Study can be found on the Web site: <http://gulfsi.usgs.gov/tampabay>. The USGS would like to acknowledge Dr. Gregg Brooks and Ms Bekka Larson at Eckerd College for providing the data for this project.

