

A CULTURAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT OF  
HORRS ISLAND, COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

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## CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of an archaeological and historical survey of Horrs Island, located in Collier County on the southwest coast of Florida. The survey was conducted by the Florida State Museum within the framework of a cultural resource assessment performed under contract with the Deltona Corporation of Miami, Florida.

Plans for the commercial development of Horrs Island necessitate permits from a number of federal and State agencies for dredge and fill in wetlands and for construction of a bridge from Marco Island to Horrs Island. Although the concerns of permitting agencies ultimately derive from alteration of protected wetlands, recent federal regulations place the impact of the proposed action upon adjacent uplands within the purview of these same agencies. As an example, permitting procedures adopted by the U.S. Coast Guard for regulating bridge construction (35 CFR Part 325), call for environmental impact assessments to be conducted on any uplands that are opened up to development for the upland portions of *Horrs Island*, and mindful of the importance of the cultural resources under their stewardship, the developers determined to undertake a complete archaeological assessment of the entire project area.

The terms of the project called for archaeological survey of approximately 65 hectares of uplands owned by the Deltona Corporation, to locate and identify prehistoric and historic cultural resources, and to recover information sufficient to make determinations of eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places.