PHOTO 49. Beach protection structures in Cartagena, Colombia. Founded in 1533, Cartagena de Indias gained prominence after the mid-1500's when great fleets stopped annually to take on gold and silver for convoy to Spain. The city became a major slave market and a center of the Inquisition. During the 20th Century, the city has experienced an economic boom fueled by oil and manufactured products and has grown out onto the barrier islands which sheltered the original Spanish anchorage. The shore, seen in this photograph, faces the Caribbean Sea; groins and breakwaters have been built to protect the shoreline. Unfortunately, the beaches are narrow or are entirely missing in some areas. The view is looking northeast and was taken in February, 1981. (Andrew Morang, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterways Experiment Station, Coastal Engineering Research Center, Vicksburg, MI 39180, USA.)