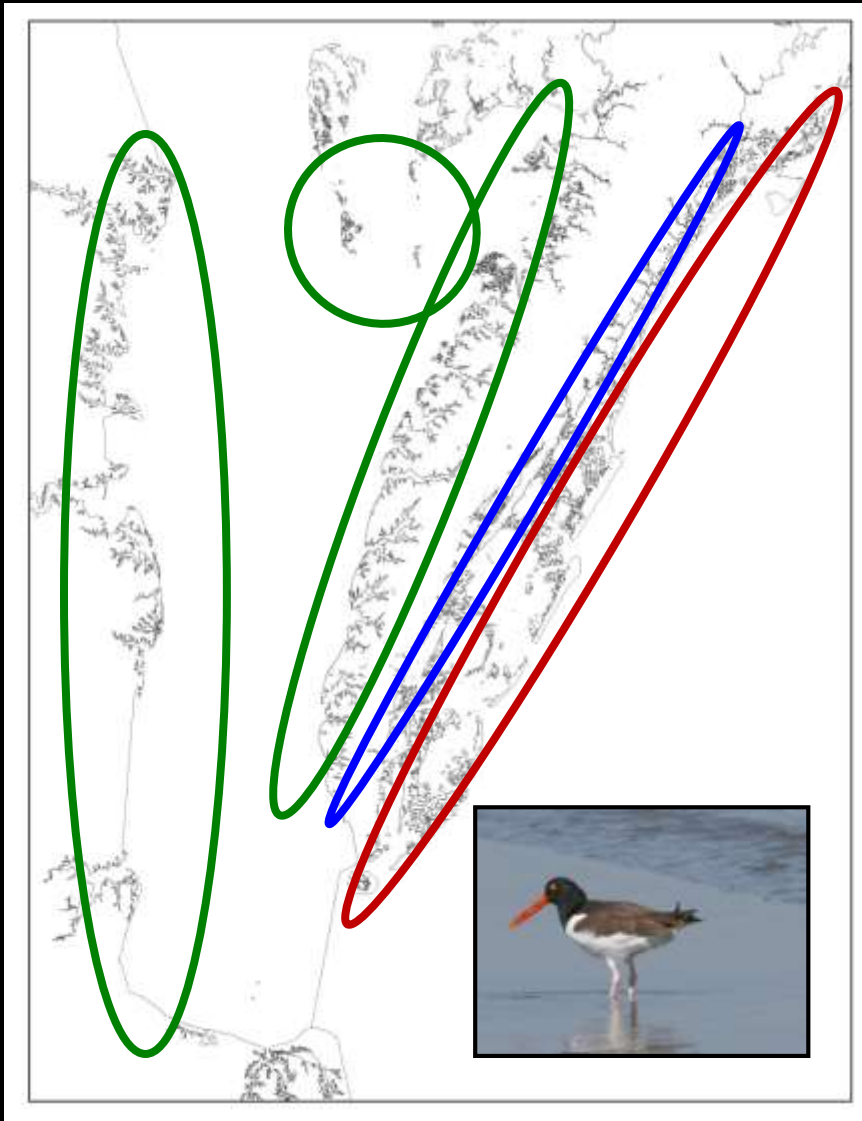


AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHERS IN VIRGINIA

CURRENT ACTIVITIES



Distribution



Barrier Islands

Lagoon System

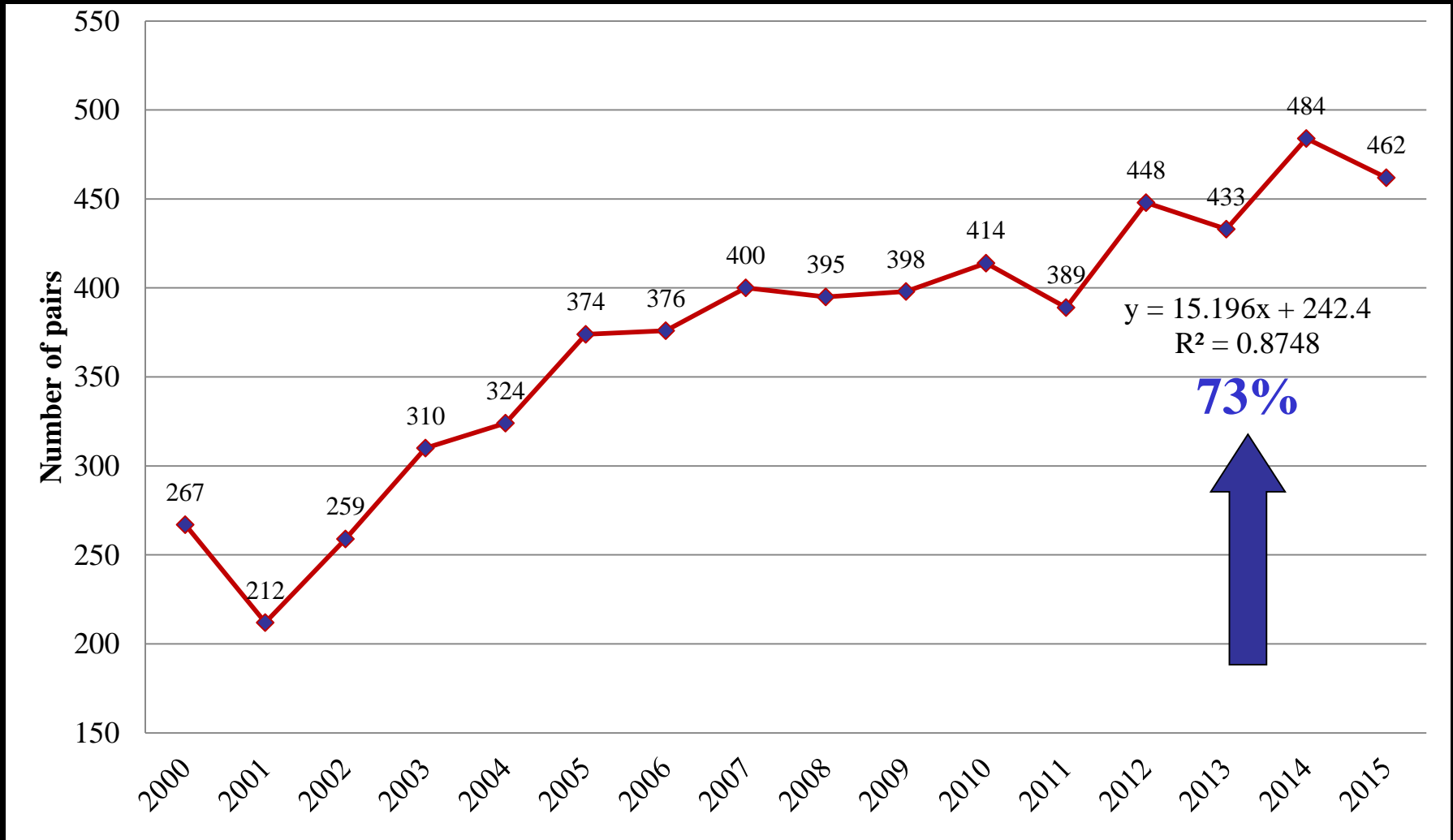
**Chesapeake Bay Islands
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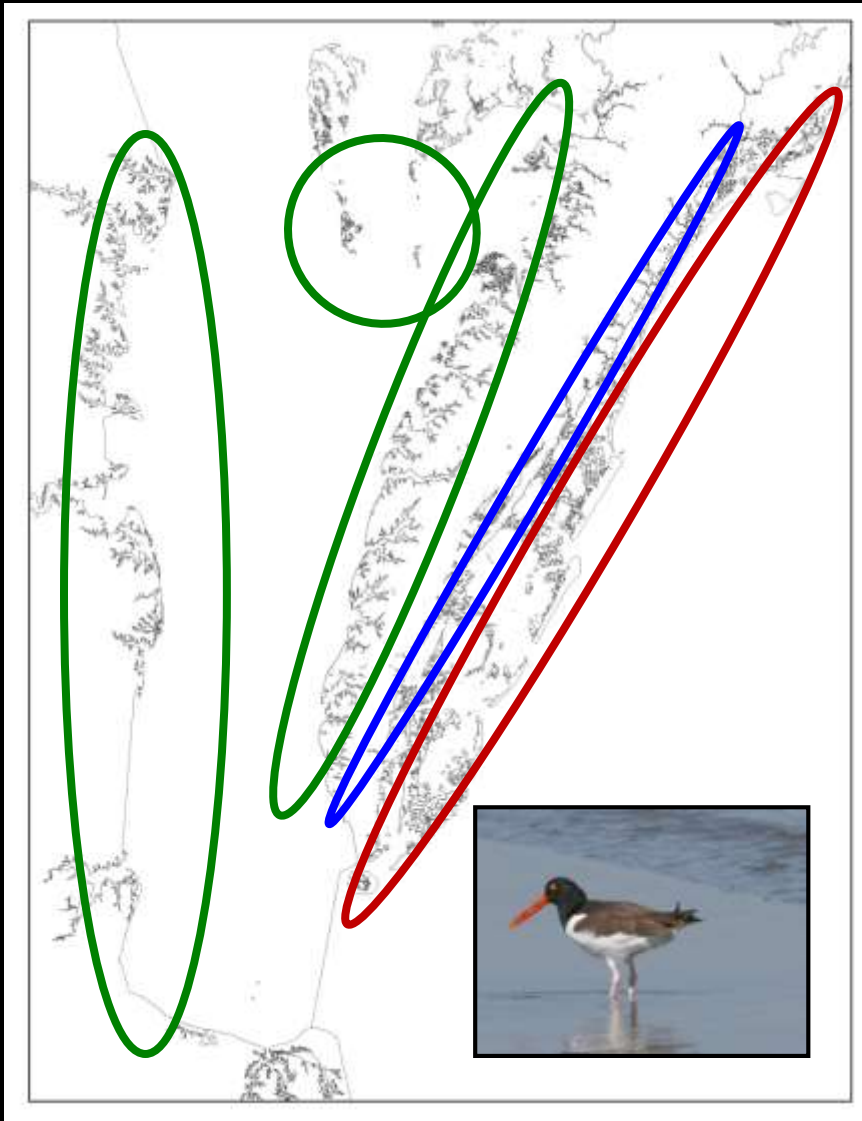
- **Breeding season surveys**
- **Productivity monitoring**
- **Winter surveys**
- **Banding and resighting surveys**
- **Management**

Annual and 5-year breeding surveys



**No. of American Oystercatcher pairs on the Virginia barrier islands,
2000 – 2015 (end of season)**

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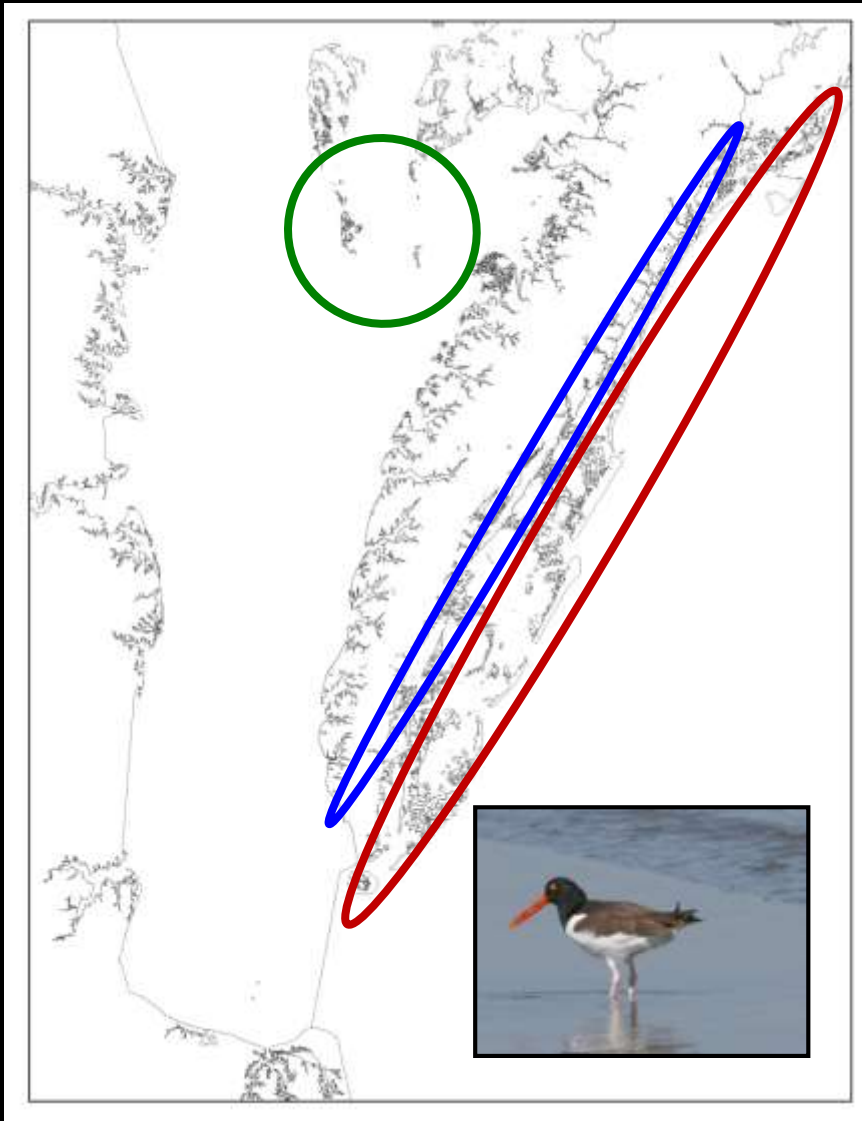


Barrier islands 59%
Lagoon System 22%
**Chesapeake Bay Islands
and Shorelines** 18%

2013 Statewide Survey

Geographic Region	No. Pairs
Barrier Islands	433
Seaside Lagoon	158
Ches. Bay – east	120
Ches. Bay – west	15
Other	4
TOTAL	730

Productivity

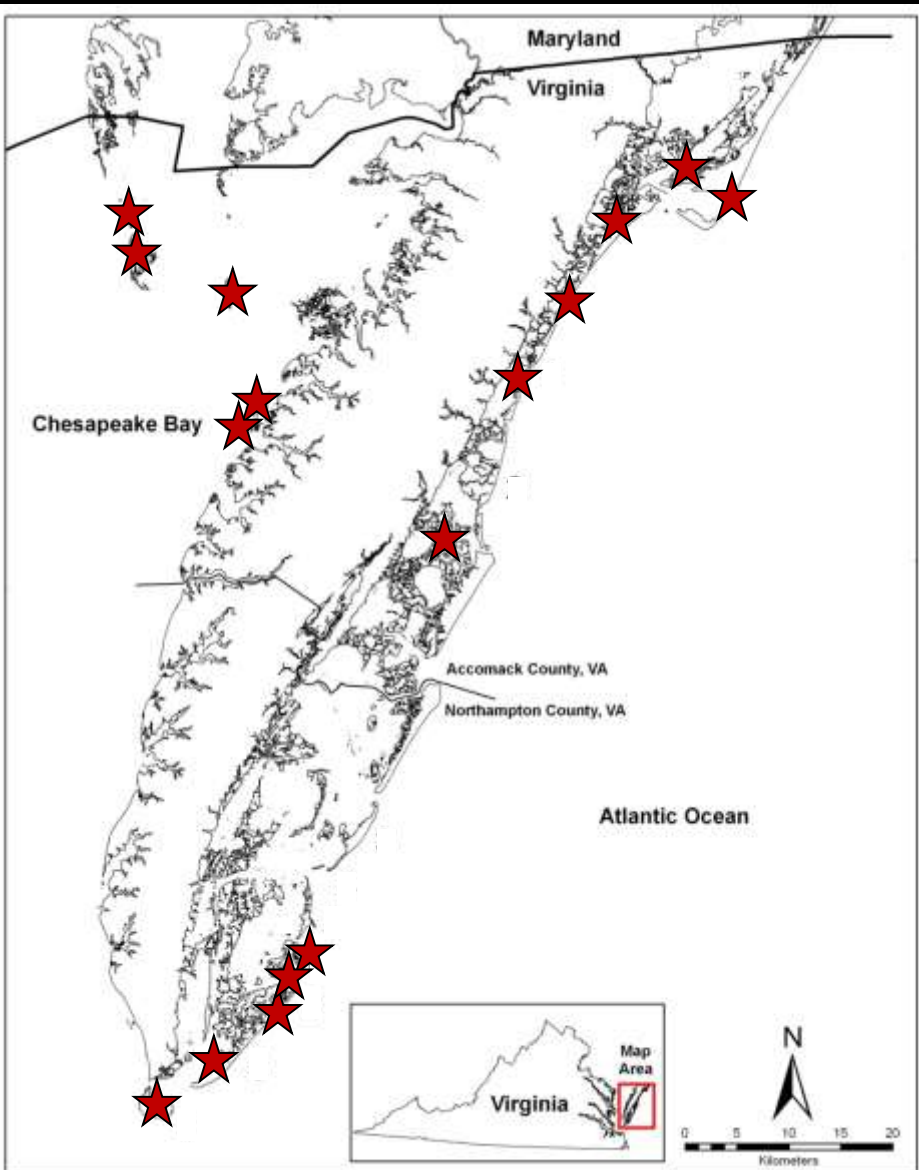


Barrier islands

Lagoon System

**Eastern Chesapeake Bay
Islands**

Productivity – 2015 effort



2015 Effort

- 365 pairs
- 16 sites

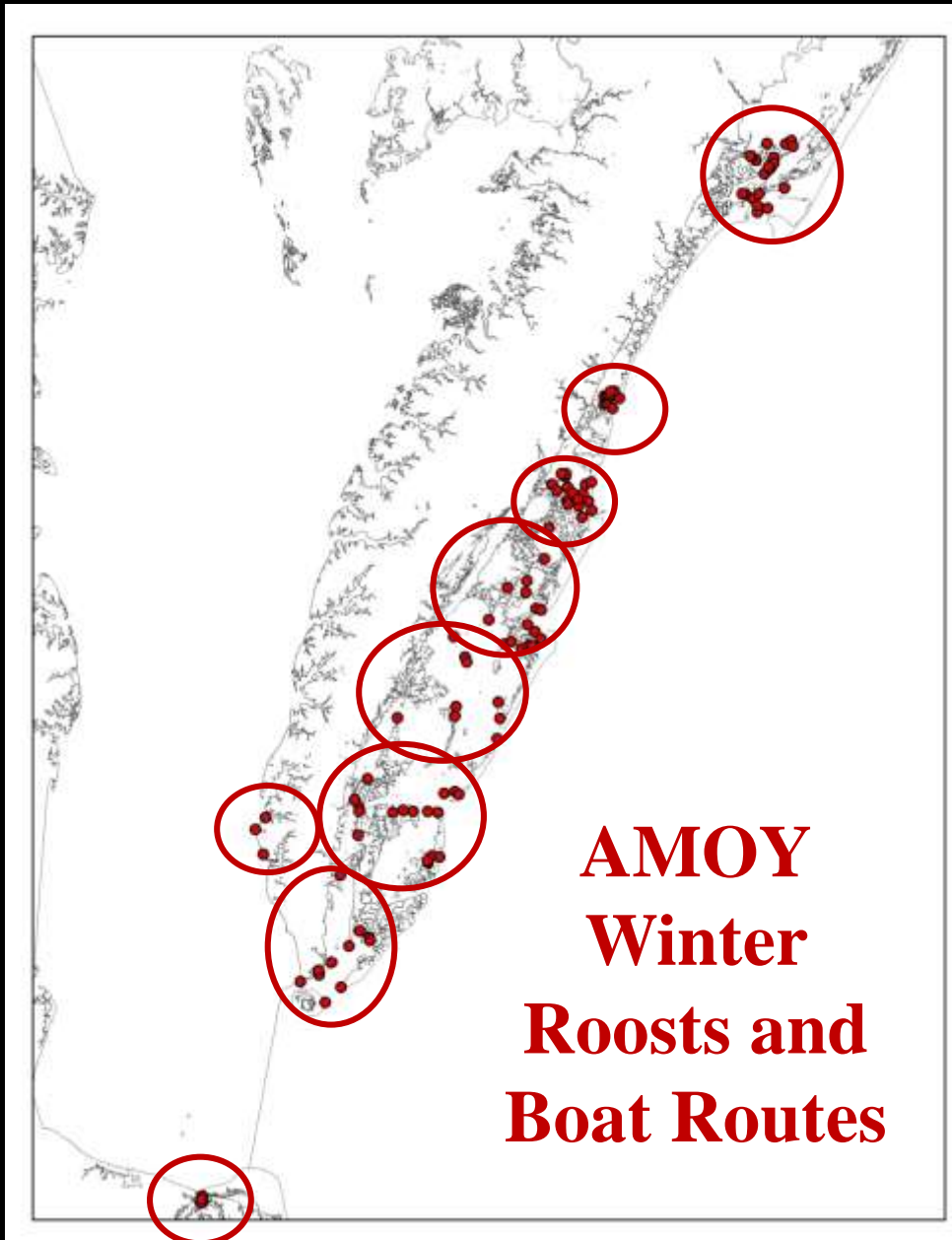
50% of state's pairs



Winter Surveys

- **Annual winter surveys conducted since 1999**
- **Developed boat-based survey routes to encompass known high tide roost sites**
- **Currently 9 routes covering 114 sites**

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**2015 Total
3,610 individuals**

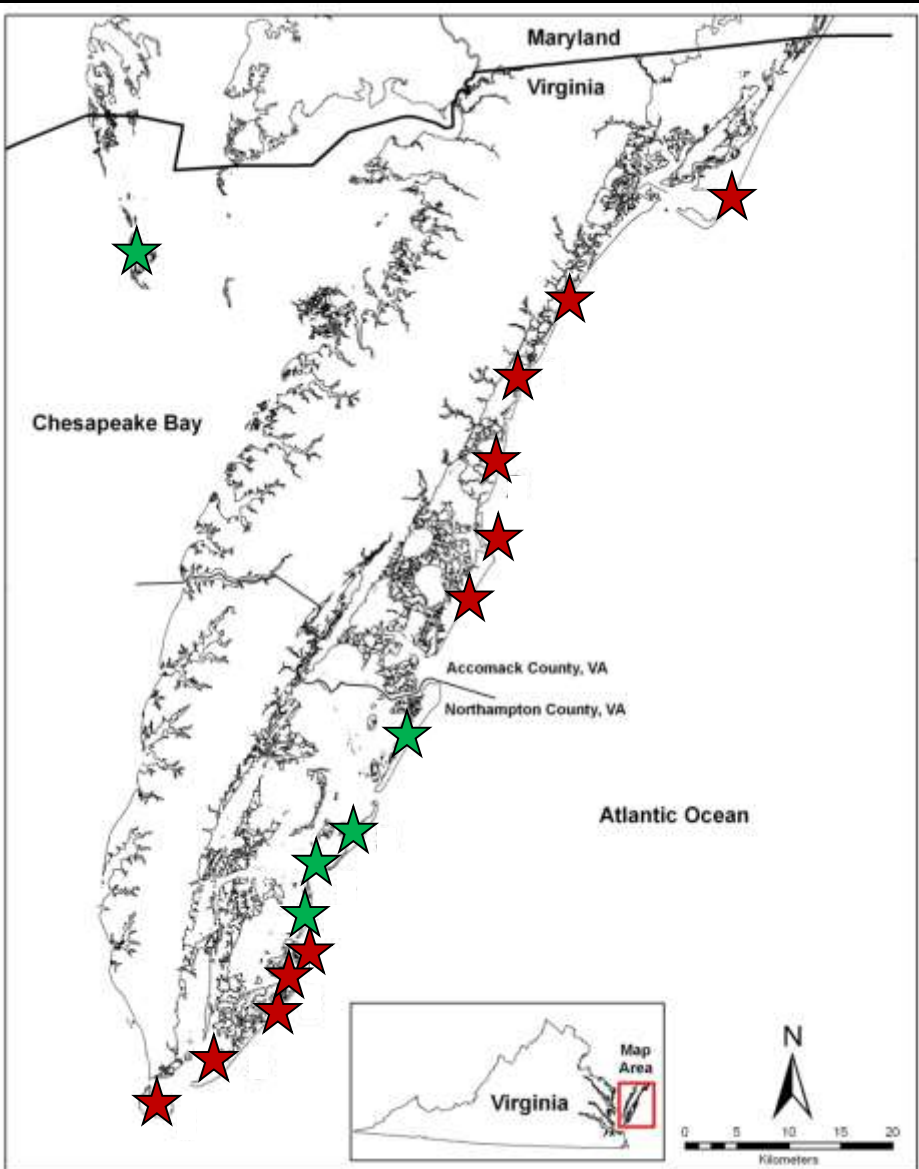


Banding and Resighting Surveys



- **Intensive banding efforts and resighting surveys conducted 2004 – 2013**
- **Currently banding on opportunistic basis**
- **No current systematic resighting surveys**
- **Plan to repeat statewide resighting winter 2016**

Management



- Signs/symbolic fencing
- Education/outreach
- Predator management



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