

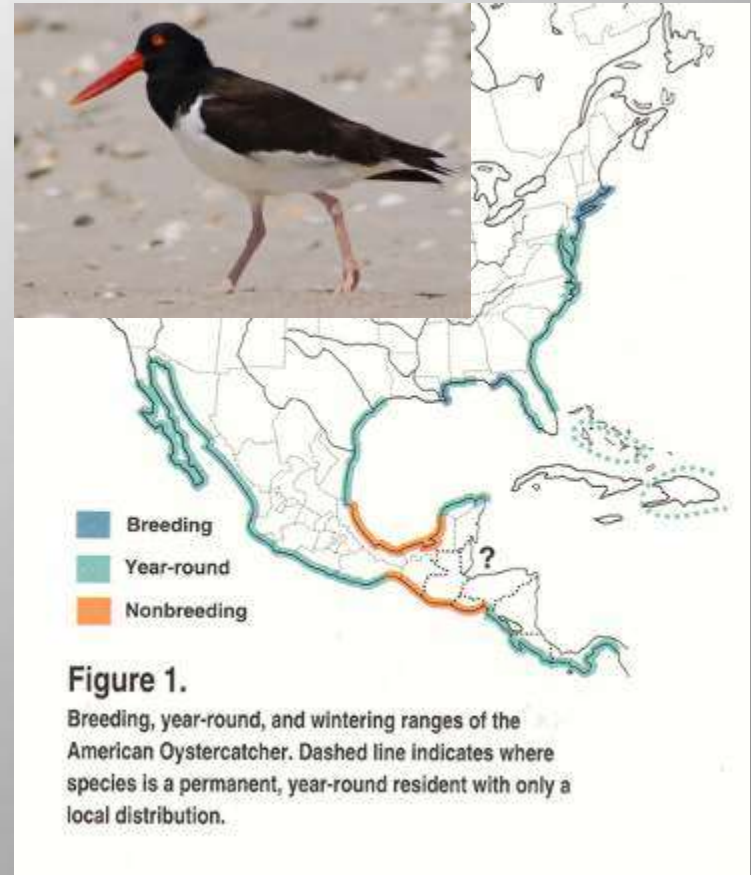
# American Oystercatcher Recovery Initiative

2014 Working group  
update



# History

- Oystercatchers recognized as a species of conservation concern
- The American Oystercatcher Working Group was formed at the Waterbird Society Meeting in 2000.
- Mix of researchers, land managers, conservation groups
- Rapidly expanding group
- Annual meetings have been held since 2001
- In 2008 The group developed a business plan for Oystercatcher population recovery in cooperation with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation





**Business Plan for the Conservation of the  
American Oystercatcher**

*A 10-Year Plan to Secure a Coastal Keystone Species*

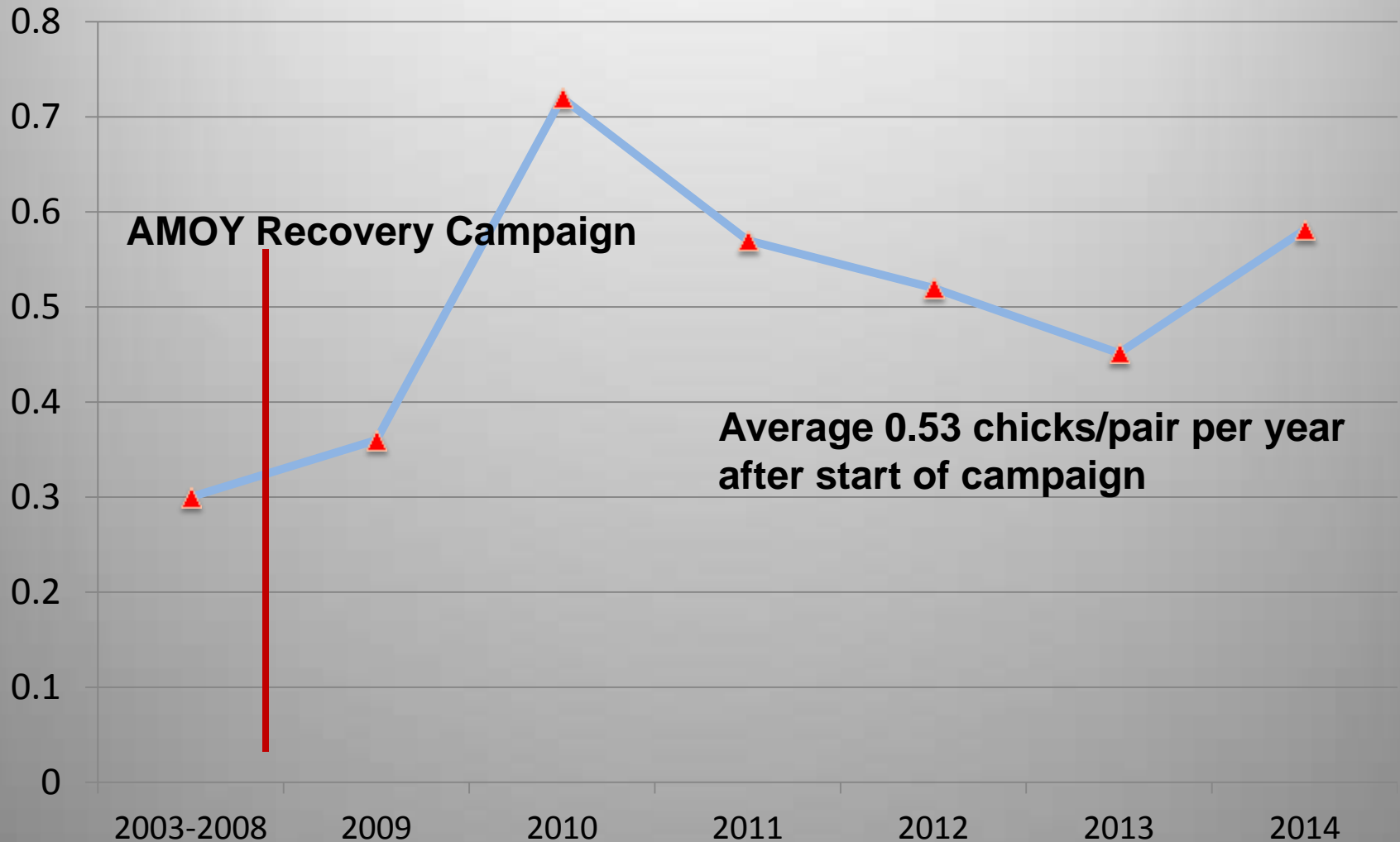
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October 26, 2008

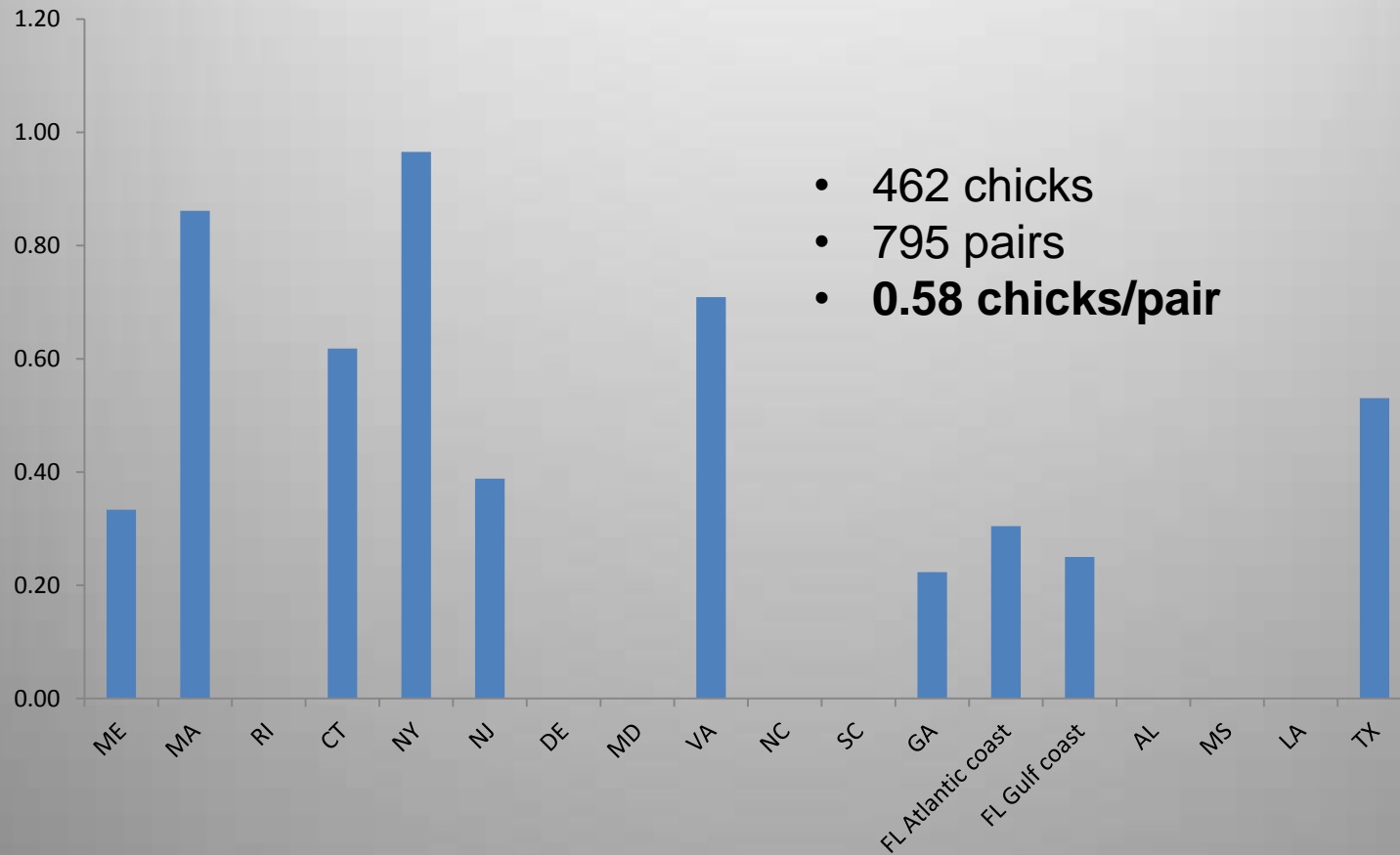
# Business plan

- Problem: declining population
- Objective: 30% population increase in 10 years
  - ~ 0.5 chicks/pair/year
- Solution: Coordinated long-term management and conservation
- Scale:
  - 10M over 10 years in matching support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)
  - Encompasses the range of the American Oystercatcher in North America

# Vital Signs: Reproductive Success



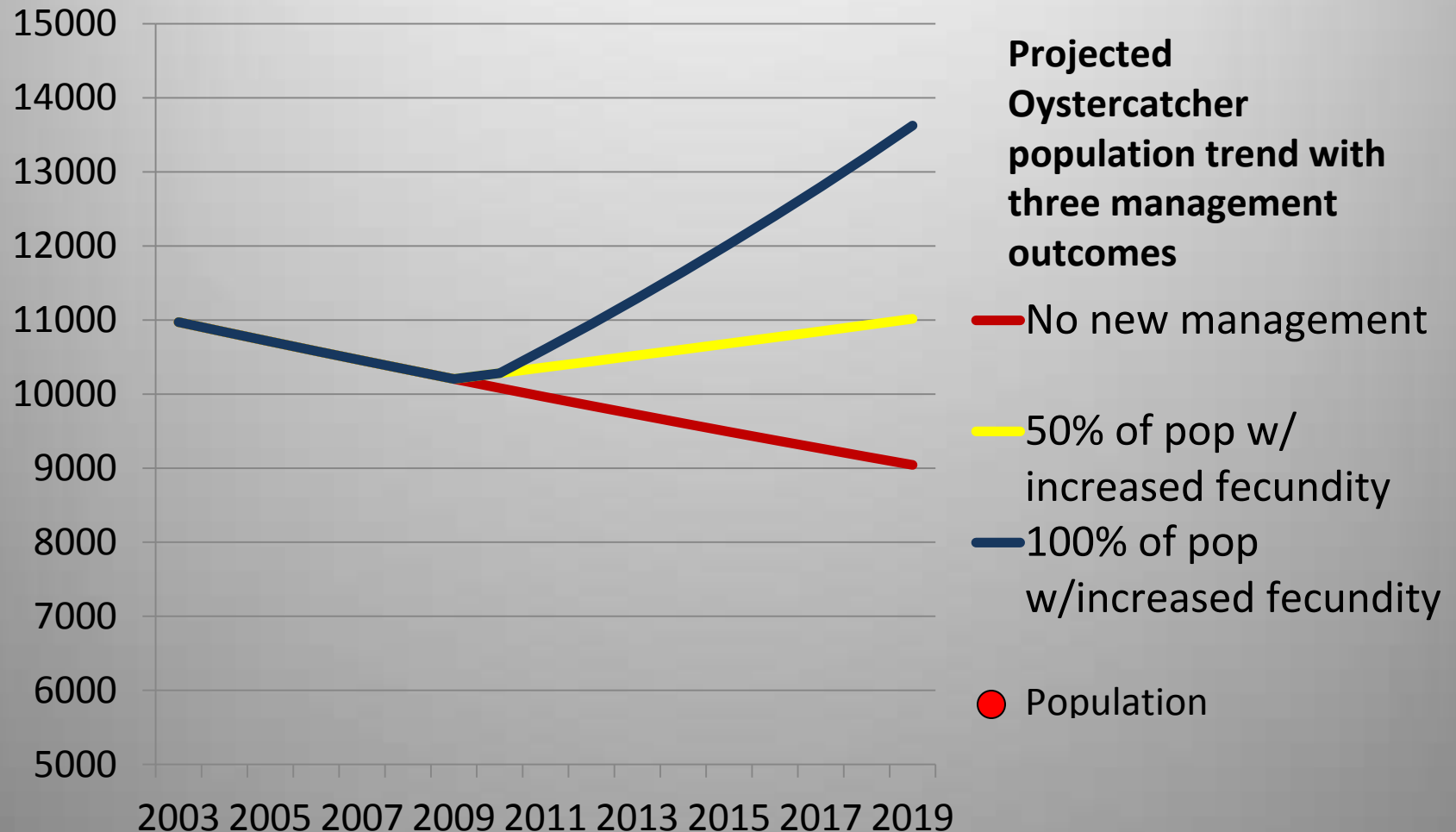
# 2014 productivity



# 2014 state data

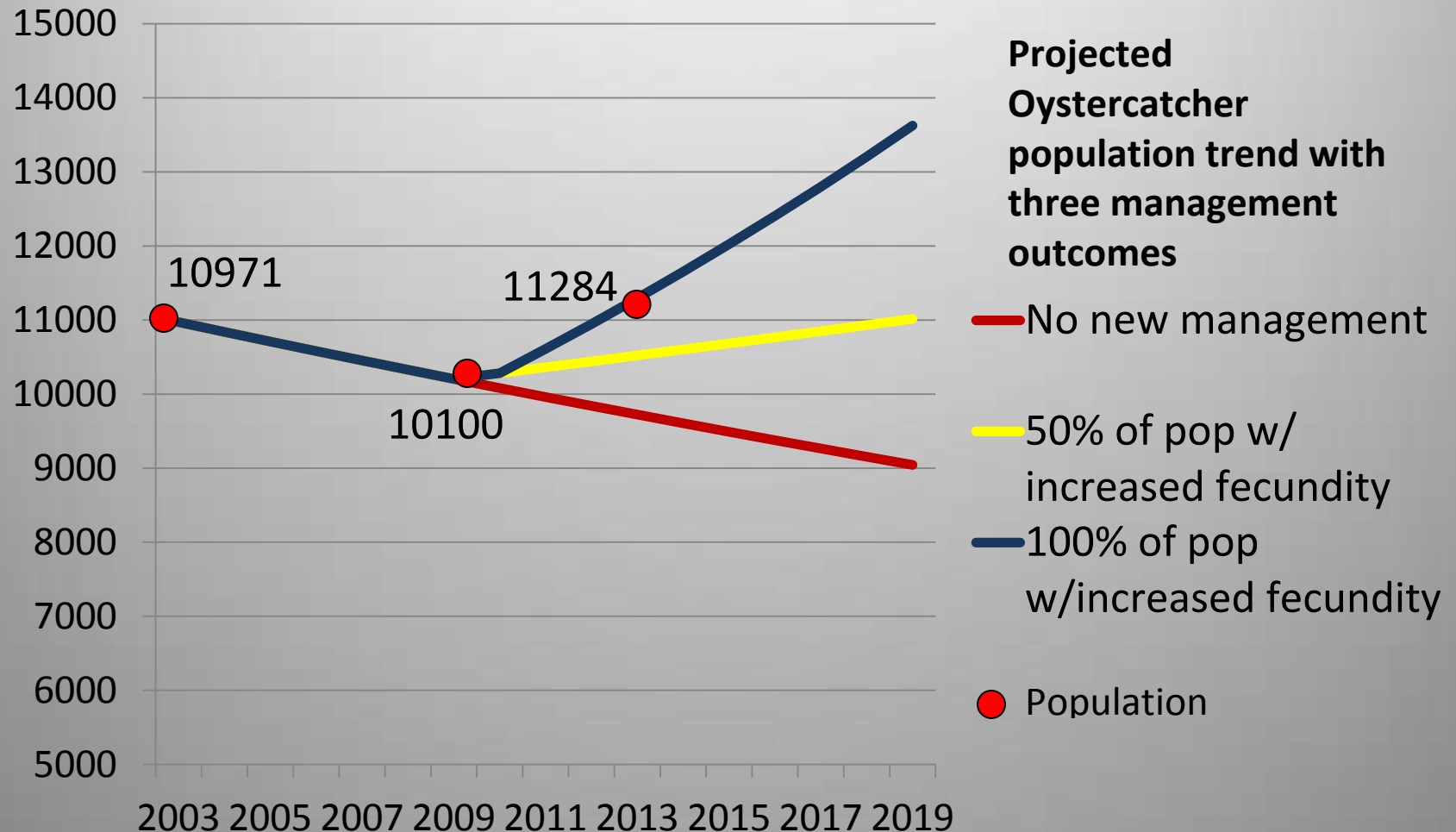
State	Pairs	Chicks	Productivity
ME	6	2	0.33
MA	101	87	0.86
RI			
CT	55	34	0.62
NY	29	28	0.97
NJ	103	40	0.39
DE			
MD			
VA	292	207	0.71
NC			
SC			
GA	121	27	0.22
FL Atlantic coast	23	7	0.30
FL Gulf coast	16	4	0.25
AL			
MS			
LA			
TX	49	26	0.53
	795	462	0.58

# Vital Signs: Population trend

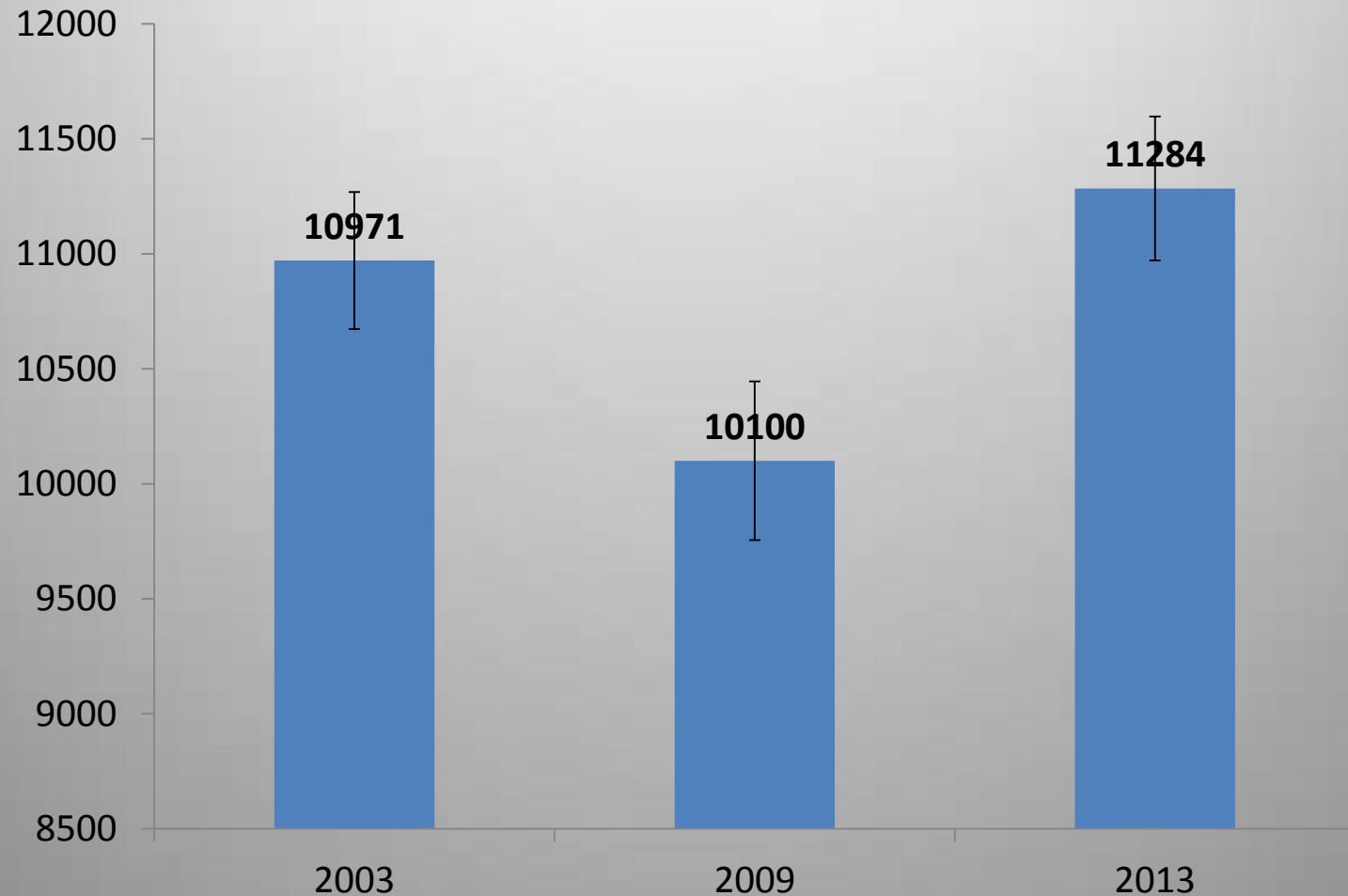




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# Vital signs

- Coordinated Management
  - Communication
  - Best Management Practices
- Coordinated Monitoring
  - Common metrics, survey standards, and reporting
- Habitat managed
  - ~850 miles of coastline managed
- Participation and support
  - 30+ partners in AMOY Working Group
  - Partners in every Atlantic and Gulf Coast state
  - Federal, State, and private support for the initiative
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Mexico AMOY working group