



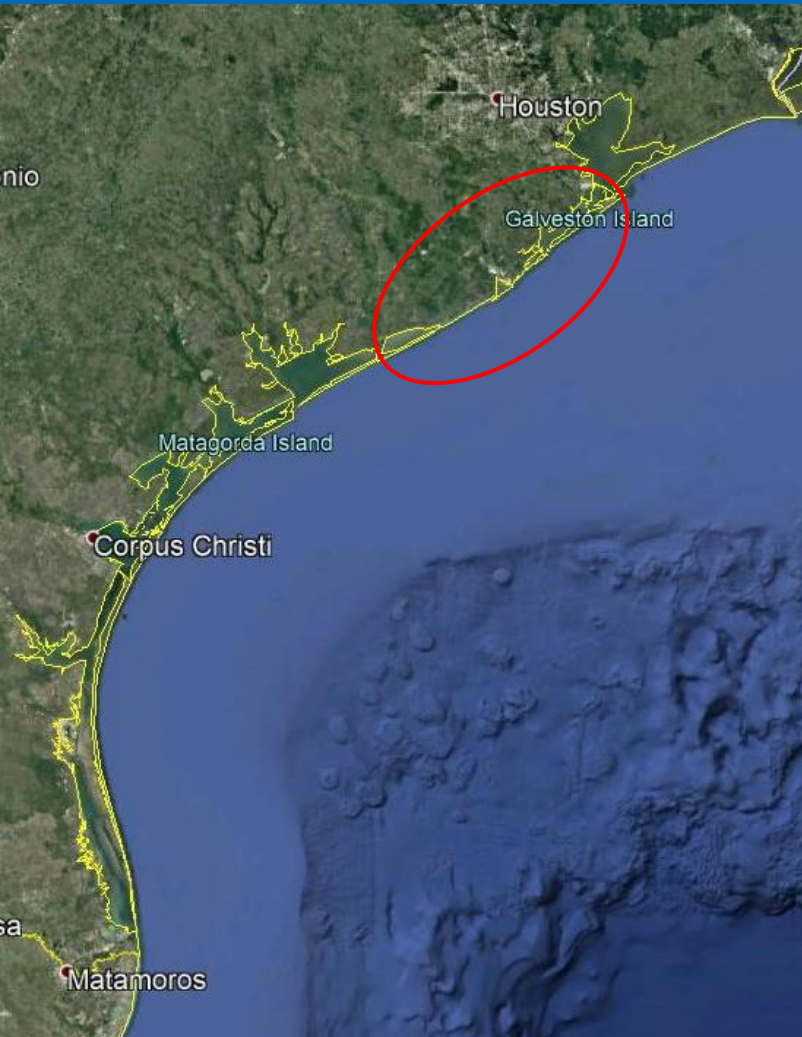
American Oystercatchers in Texas



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2020 Season

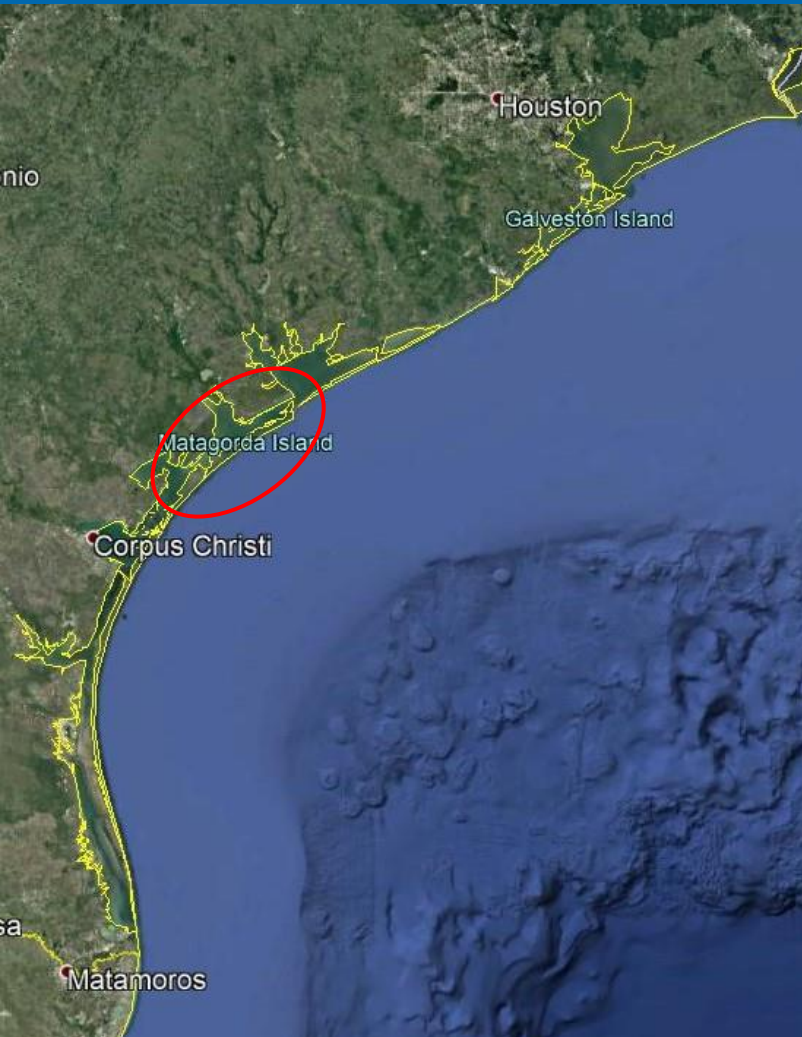


- GCBO monitored 40 pairs
- 55 nests
- 22 chicks fledged
- 3 pairs fledged 3 chicks!
- Overall productivity = .58





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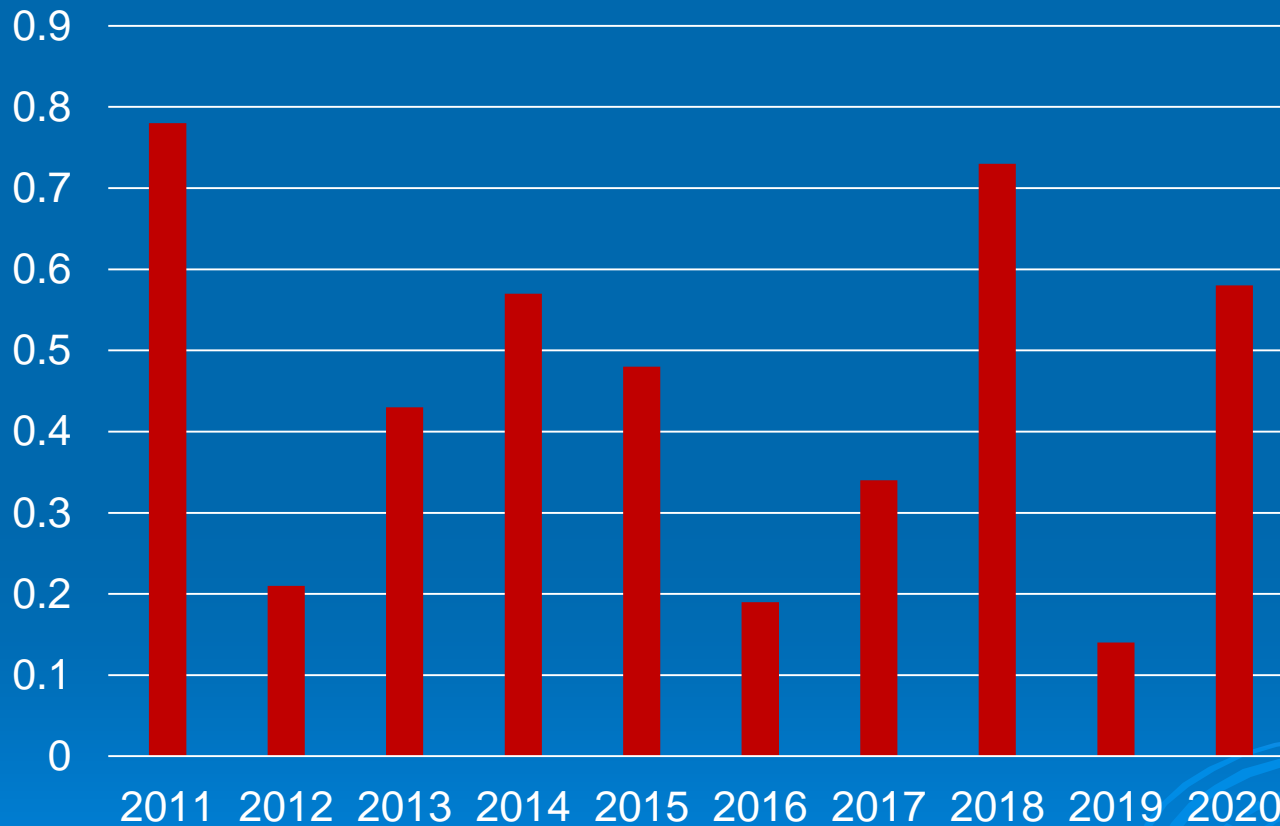


- Volunteers monitored another 13 pairs
- 22 nests
- 4 chicks fledged
- Overall productivity = .30





Historical Productivity



Average = .45

Banding Data

- Banded 4 new adults and 21 chicks
- 64 banded adults in the monitored population (106 adults total)
- Includes 12 birds banded as chicks from 2011 (6), 2012 (1), 2013 (1), 2014 (3), and 2017 (1).
- Over 10 years we have banded 228 adults and 210 chicks

Covid Impacts

- Upper coast surveys accomplished with GCBO staff and one volunteer
- Because of lock downs we couldn't monitor as often as we usually do
- Because of people off work, kids out of school, and many forms of entertainment closed, there was more boat traffic and likely more disturbance

