

2022

Virgin Islands National Park  
SEA TURTLE PROGRAM

SEASON  
REPORT



**Virgin Islands National Park**



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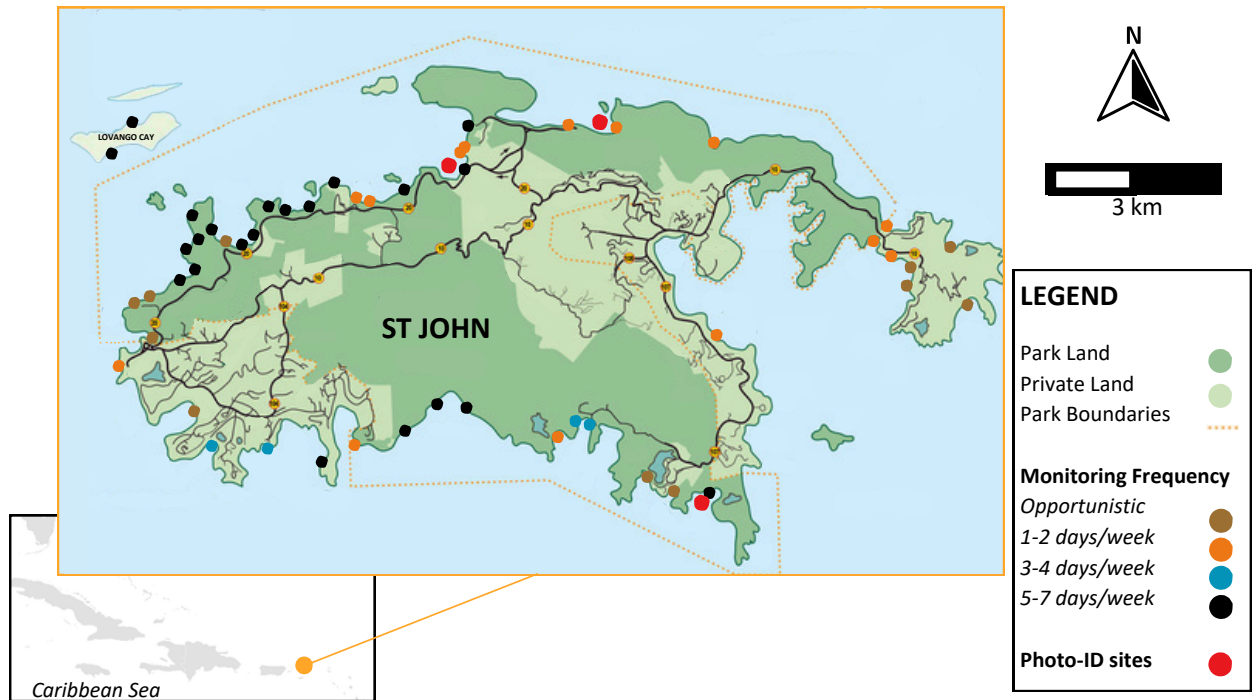


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Since 2015, the Virgin Islands National Park Sea Turtle Program, funded by the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park (FVINP) and collaborating with the Virgin Islands National Park (VIIS), has been coordinating sea turtle monitoring and protection efforts on the island of St. John, USVI.

## VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK SEA TURTLE PROGRAM STUDY SITES



### MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- Document nesting activity
- Promote conservation through education and outreach
- Mitigate threats to sea turtles that utilize the beaches and waters of the Virgin Islands National Park and Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument

### THIS REPORT COVERS:

- Nest Monitoring and Protection
- Volunteer Engagement
- Education and Outreach Initiatives
- In-water Research
- Sea Turtle Assistance and Rescue (STAR)
- Networking and Collaborations

### SPECIES STUDIED:

HAWKSBILL (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)



GREEN (*Chelonia mydas*)



LEATHERBACK (*Dermochelys coriacea*)



# SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

AT A GLANCE



Sarah Swan

**7**  
green  
nests  
NEW  
RECORD



**44**  
nests  
(laid in season)  
NEW RECORD

**45**  
new  
turtles  
IDed in  
water

**3,597**  
hatchlings  
to sea  
NEW RECORD

**417**  
education and  
outreach hours  
reaching over  
**3,700**  
people





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# NEST MONITORING & PROTECTION

# OVER THE YEARS

Due to the year-round activity across multiple beaches, our program relies heavily on volunteer-based beach monitoring to document, monitor, and protect sea turtle nests.

To date, volunteer numbers have stabilized to around 75-95 volunteers monitoring 45 beaches.

The increase in volunteer efforts over time has shown a direct correlation with an increase in the number of nesting activities documented.

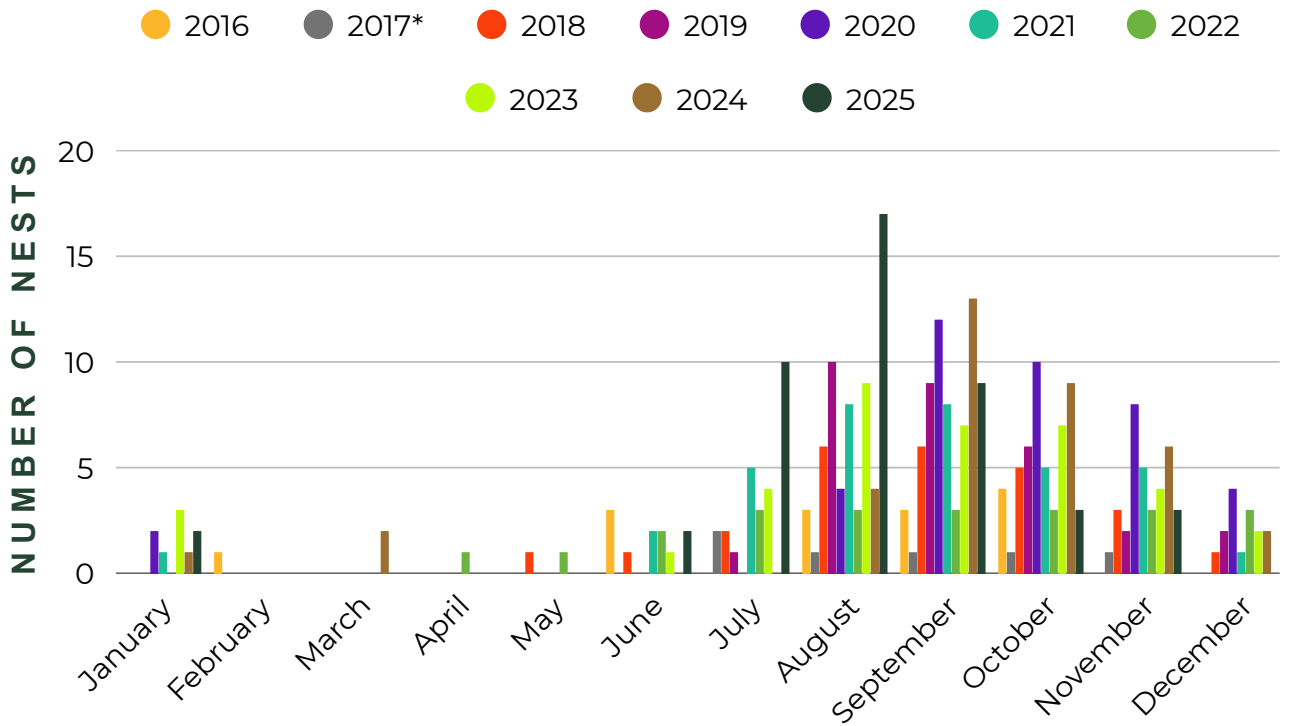
Number of beaches surveyed, number of volunteers, and number of nests over time from 2016-2025. Nest counts represented by **calendar year**.

YEAR	NO. OF VOLUNTEERS	NO. OF BEACHES SURVEYED	NO. OF NESTS		
			HAWKSBILL	GREEN	LEATHERBACK
2016	38	14	13	-	1
2017*	39	40	4	2	-
2018	45	37	24	1	-
2019	32	36	29	1	-
2020	99	47	40	-	-
2021	100	47	35	-	-
2022	67	47	18	2	2
2023	90	42	34	3	-
2024	95	45	37	-	-
2025	75	45	39	7	-

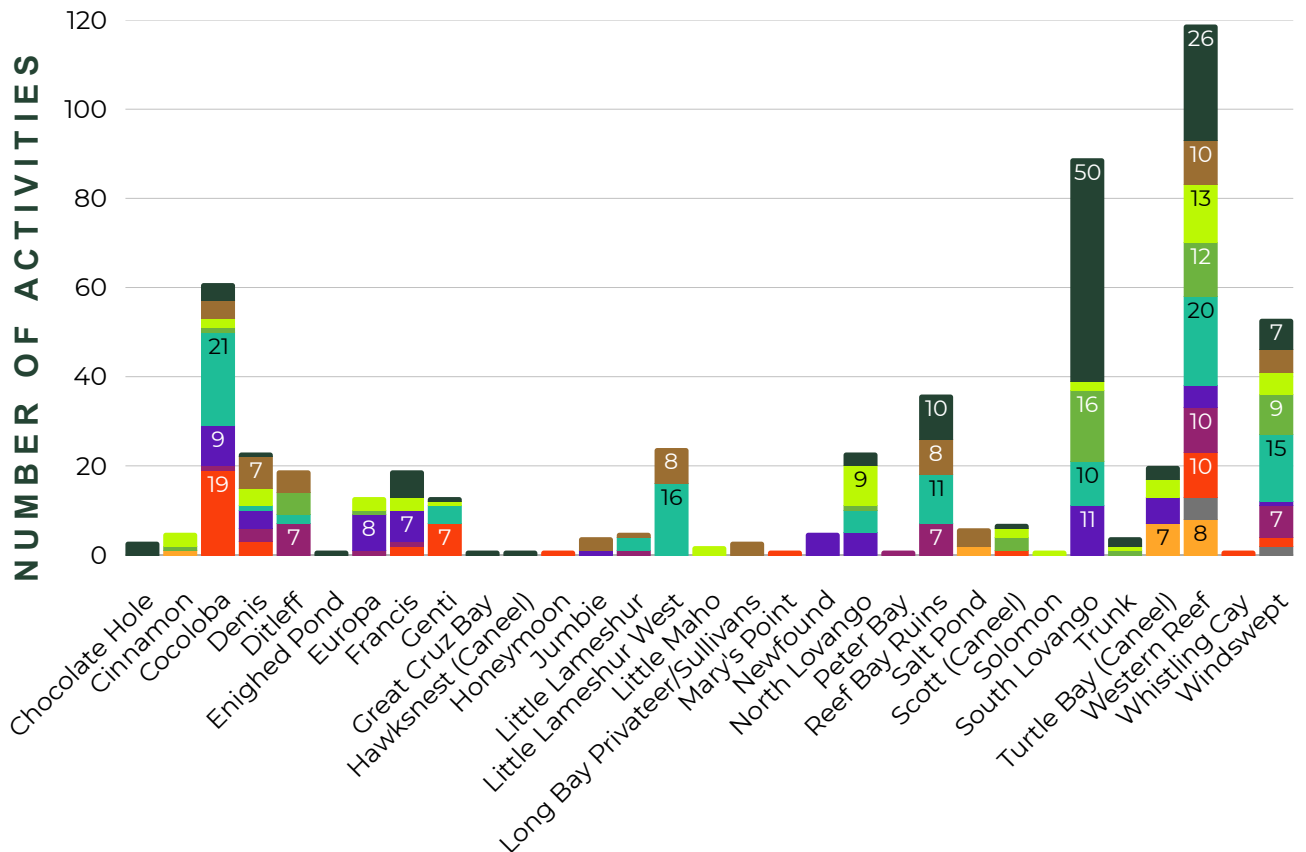
\*Monitoring efforts ended 9/4/2017 due to hurricanes Irma and Maria. Monitoring efforts are not consistent across beaches between 2016-2020. 6

Our research over the past decade has revealed sea turtle nesting activities on **over 31 beaches** on the island of St. John and associated offshore cays during every month of the year.

## CONFIRMED NUMBER OF NESTS BY MONTH FROM JUNE 2016 - DECEMBER 2025



## NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES PER BEACH PER SEASON 2016-2025



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# 2025 SEASON

**SEASON:** Data presented represents a timeframe of March 2025-April 2026.

**FIRST NEST:** June 30, 2025

**FINAL NEST EXCAVATED:** February 19, 2026

**SPECIES:** Hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and green (*Chelonia mydas*)

**EFFORT:** Peak season (July-November) 45 beaches regularly monitored by 75 volunteers; Low season (December-June) 20 beaches monitored by 25 volunteers

Nests and non-nesting emergences (NNE) per species for each beach with documented sea turtle activity for the 2025 season.

BEACH	HAWKSBILL		GREEN	
	Nests	NNE	Nests	NNE
Caneel-Hawksnest	1	0	0	0
Caneel-Scott	1	0	0	0
Caneel-Turtle Bay	3	0	0	0
Chocolate Hole	1	2	0	0
Cocoloba	0	4	0	0
Denis	0	0	1	0
Enighed Pond	-	1	-	-
Francis	5	1	0	0
Genti	0	0	1	0
Great Cruz Bay	1	0	0	0
North Lovango	2	1	0	0
Reef Bay Ruins	2	8	0	0
South Lovango	7	43	0	0
Trunk	2	0	0	0
Western Reef	8	3	5	10
Windswept	4	3	0	0
TOTALS	37	66	7	10
	120			

# NEST PROTECTION 2025

## SCREENING

- 4 x 4 foot plastic mesh
- 2 inch openings allowing hatchlings to escape
- Deters predators

## MONGOOSE ERADICATION

- Contracted services through USDA
- **427 mongoose removed**
- Pre-trapping and targeted trapping
  - Based on nesting activity and mongoose population density
  - All North Shore beaches
  - Reef Bay and Lameshur beaches

**When used in conjunction, these methods have proven to be effective at increasing nest success.**



## RELOCATION

**TOTAL NESTS RELOCATED: 1**

**LOCATION:** Western Reef Bay

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Nest is located in imminent danger of inundation or erosion
- Site located within 12 hours of deposition
- Maintain egg orientation

**NEW SITE:**

- Similar to the environmental conditions of the original nest
- Confidence in safety of new site
- Mimics egg chamber dimensions

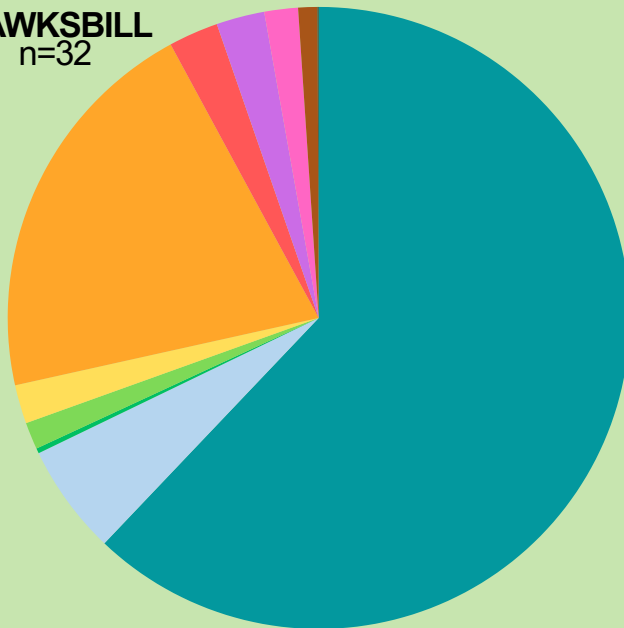
# NEST SUCCESS 2025 SEASON

Nests are excavated within 5 days of emergence to document the contents and evaluate hatch and emergence success

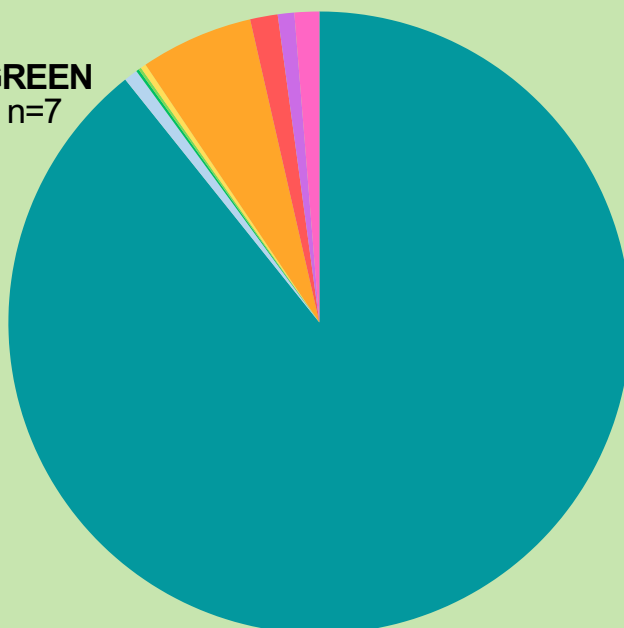
- **39** nests inventoried: 32 *hawksbill*; 7 *green*
- **5,252** eggs
- **3,597** hatchlings to the sea
- **301** hatchlings found alive in nests and released
- **47** genetic samples collected



**HAWKSBILL**  
n=32



**GREEN**  
n=7



## NEST CONTENTS

- Hatched shells in nest
- Live in nest
- Pipped live
- Dead in nest
- Pipped Dead
- Undeveloped unhatched with no obvious embryo
- Unhatched embryo; early stage
- Unhatched embryo with pigmentation; body mass <50% of total egg mass
- Unhatched term embryo; body mass >50% of egg mass
- Depredated egg in nest (crab)
- Other

# NEST SUCCESS 2025 SEASON

The table below shows the incubation time, number of eggs, hatchlings (live and dead), hatchlings to reach the sea (live only), hatch success and emergence success for all species grouped as well as hawksbill and green individually.

		TOTAL	AVERAGE	STD. DEV	MIN	MAX
<b>ALL SPECIES (n=39)</b>	Incubation	-	55.9	5.3	49	72
	Total eggs	5252	138.2	30.7	83	201
	Total hatchlings	3689	97.1	42.7	0	162
	Hatchlings to sea	3597	92.2	45.2	0	161
	Hatch success	-	68.7	30.1	0	97.5
	Emergence success	-	62.3	32.3	0	97.5
<b>HAWKSBILL (n=32)</b>	Incubation	-	57	5.4	50	72
	Total eggs	4559	147.1	26.5	101	201
	Total hatchlings	3064	98.8	47.1	0	162
	Hatchlings to sea	2973	92.9	49.9	0	161
	Hatch success	-	63.9	31.2	0	97.5
	Emergence success	-	56.4	32.8	0	97.5
<b>GREEN (n=7)</b>	Incubation	-	51.9	2.8	49	57
	Total eggs	693	99	9.2	83	114
	Total hatchlings	625	89.3	8.6	77	98
	Hatchlings to sea	624	89.1	8.7	77	98
	Hatch success	-	90.4	6.7	80.7	97
	Emergence success	-	89.2	6.4	79.8	96.1

*Four of the 32 hawksbill nests did not hatch, reducing hatch and emergence success rates*

# BEACH PROFILING

Volunteers submitted standardized photographs across 16 nesting beaches in an effort to document changes in beach profiles, sand accumulation, erosion, and sargassum abundance.



September 4, 2025



October 20, 2025



November 3, 2025



August 18, 2025



October 13, 2025



November 17, 2025



December 15, 2025



Documentation of erosional areas aids in future relocation and nest management decisions





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# VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Our “Turtle Team” consists of 75 dedicated members of the island community that advocate for the sea turtles of St. John

**TRAINED VOLUNTEERS IN 2025 (CALENDAR YEAR):**

- Conducted early morning turtle patrols
- Performed beach cleanups
- Engaged interested beachgoers
- Assisted with outreach events



**2,737**  
beach surveys

**1,321**  
beach cleanups

**1,736**  
hours logged



**VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT AND CONTINUED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Annual training sessions for new and returning volunteers
- 2 STAR training workshops (NEW)
- Weekly update emails
- Monthly presentations
- 5 group nest excavations that were well received and attended

**MVP AWARD**

Each season one volunteer is awarded the MVP necklace, honoring and celebrating their efforts.

The 2025 MVP was awarded to Trisha Capuano who has been involved with the program since 2018. Trisha participates in education and outreach events in addition to patrolling multiple beaches for nesting activity.



2020  
Lani Clark



2021  
Rafe Boulon



2022  
Kiko Posada



2023  
Luke McCain



2024  
Beverly Melius



2025  
Trisha Capuano

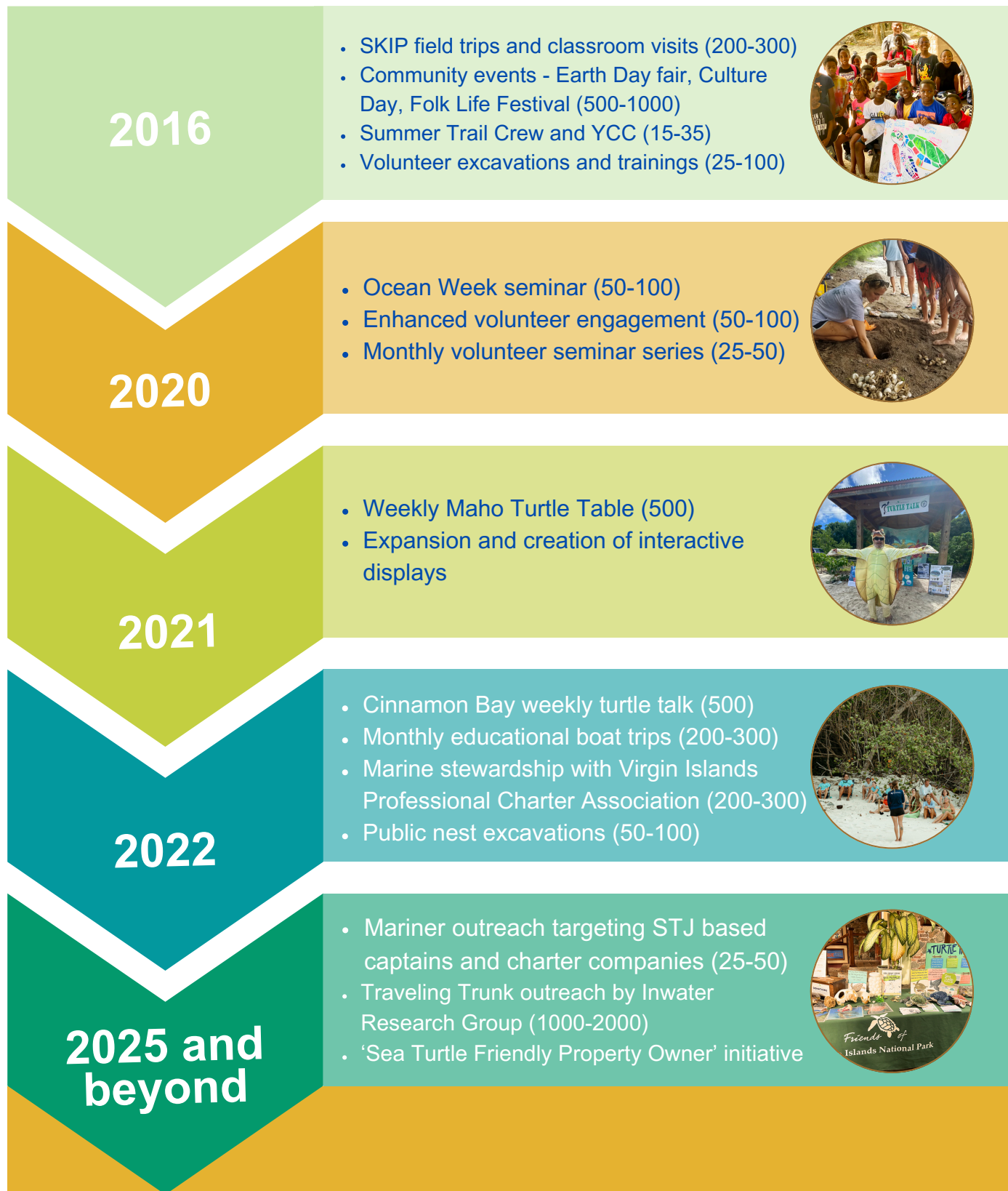


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# EDUCATION & OUTREACH

# OVER THE YEARS

Our education and outreach initiatives continue to grow and develop over time. The timeline below shows the beginning dates for various continual programs with the numbers in parentheses representing the number of people engaged on an annual basis.



# SCHOOL KIDS IN THE PARK

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

The SKIP sea turtle field trip incorporates various topics on sea turtle ecology, life cycle, nesting and threats as we strive to foster a fun and interactive learning experience while teaching on a national park beach. The following initiatives were accomplished during the 2025 calendar year.



204

pre-K to 12th grade students from 8 schools reached through 14 field trips

191

children reached through 12 summer camp sessions

67

students reached through 4 in-class presentations

1040

children reached through Earth Day Fair & Culture Day

20

young adults reached through the Youth Conservation Corps and Summer Trail Crew



The YCC found the first nest of the season on July 1st!



# COMMUNITY & VISITOR OUTREACH

## EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

- Visitor outreach initiatives are geared towards **informing the public about general sea turtle biology, mineral based sunscreen, snorkeling etiquette and best practices.**
- Our continued goal is to spread conservation messaging virtually and in-person with scheduled seminars, events, interactive displays and a charismatic sea turtle mascot!



### MAHO TABLE

- Informative booth with interactive games
- Tuesdays 9-11am (December-May)
- Exposing **hundreds** of beachgoers and directly engaging **498** interested beachgoers in 2025

### CINNAMON CAMPGROUND CHATS

- 4th year running
- Monday evenings (November-May)
- 'Turtle 101' presentation
- Reach between **10-50** people each week
- **668** participants in 2025

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Earth Day Fair (**469 students**)
- Culture Day (**571 students**)
- FVINP Annual Meeting
- Bizarre Bazaar
- Toast to Turtles
- Interactive turtle table engaged over **1,305** community members in 2025

## TRAVELING TRUNK

- Inwater Research Group *Traveling Trunks* are standard-aligned educational programs designed to bring highly engaging sea turtle biology, science, and conservation topics to classrooms and communities
- **1,731 people reached over 33 occasions**
- Used for various audiences and events on St. John
- Graciously donated by the UCF Marine Turtle Research Group



# MARINE STEWARDSHIP

## SEA TURTLE BOAT & SNORKELING TRIP

- Unique boat trip provided by Ocean Surfari
- Marine experts Jeff Miller and Kaitlyn Cummings share their knowledge of turtle, fish, and coral biology
- Monthly from December-May for a fourth year running
- 145 people reached in 2025



## MARINER OUTREACH

*We strive to foster an appreciation and awareness for the marine environment through mariner specific education and outreach in an effort to promote better on-the-water awareness and protection of sea turtles.*

- *Captains and Crew Sea Turtle Talk* given to 20 interested participants
  - General life history and biology of sea turtles
  - Sea turtle safe boating practices
  - Review of no-wake zones
  - Increase STAR awareness
  - Interest in a future *Captains for Sea Turtles* Program
- Future collaboration with STJ based mariners and charter companies planned for 2026



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IN - WATER  
RESEARCH

# PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION

Since 2016, the foraging population of green sea turtles in Maho Bay has been regularly photographed in an effort to identify individuals for subsequent monitoring. In 2025, study sites expanded into Francis, Leinster, and Salt Pond Bay. Photographic 'tagging' of sea turtles is a non-invasive and sustainable alternative to traditional tagging techniques such as flipper tags.



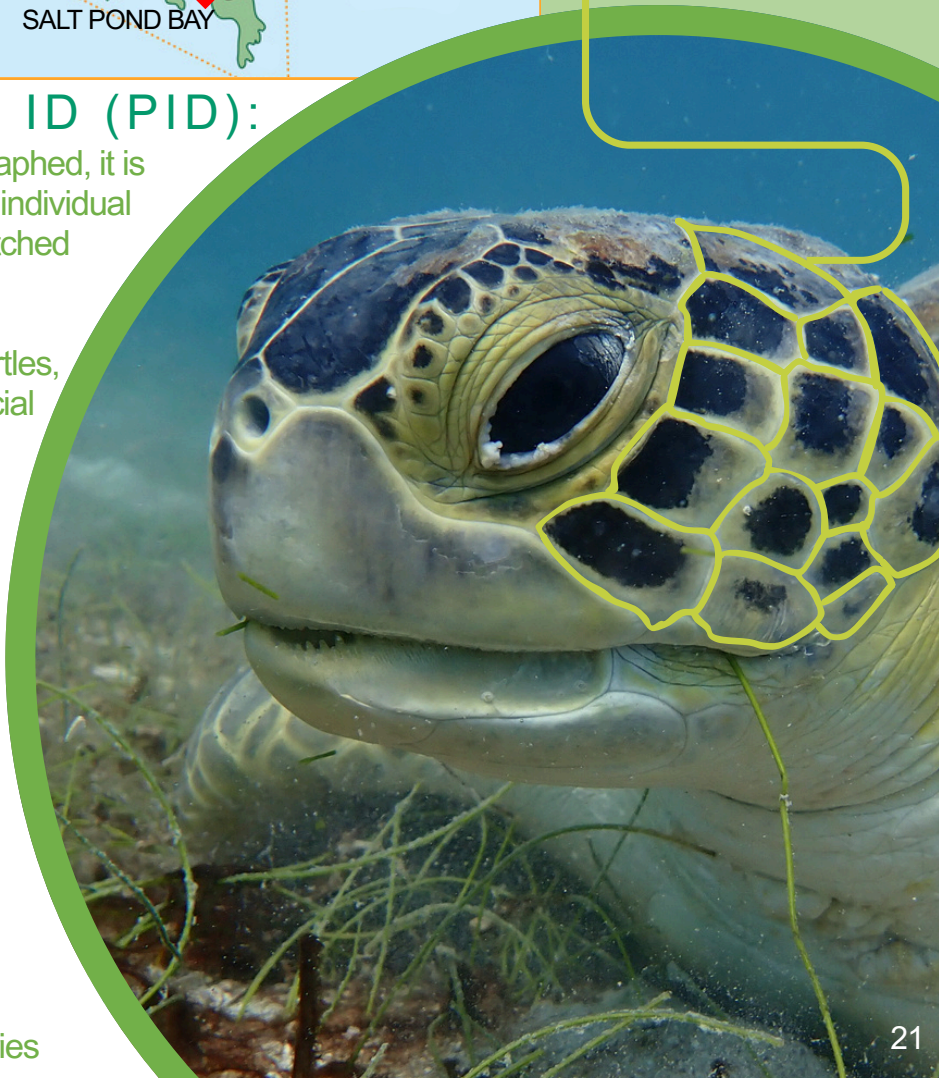
Each turtle has a unique facial scale pattern that can be used for identification, much like a human fingerprint.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC ID (PID):

- Each time a turtle is photographed, it is manually compared to each individual in our catalog and either matched or given a new ID
- Subsequently uploaded and verified on the Internet of Turtles, an online database using facial recognition to identify turtles

## STANDARDIZED PHOTOS

- Opportunistic encounters by trained personnel
- Aim to capture the following angles:
  - Right side
  - Left side
  - Anterior (front)
  - Posterior (back)
  - Ventral (bottom)
  - Dorsal (top)
- Additional notes are kept on physical anomalies and injuries



# PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION

## 2025 NUMBERS

**43**

SURVEYS

Maho: 26  
Francis: 5  
Leinster: 9  
Salt Pond: 3

**45**

NEW TURTLES IDENTIFIED

Maho: 7  
Francis: 6  
Leinster: 22  
Salt Pond: 10

**133**

ENCOUNTERS

Maho: 69  
Francis: 7  
Leinster: 41  
Salt Pond: 16



Gary Murza

## COMPLETE CATALOG

TOTAL NUMBERS FOR ALL BAYS 2012-2025

**651**

ENCOUNTERS

**506**

RECAPTURE ENCOUNTERS

**77%**

RECAPTURE RATE

**142**

INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED

RESEARCH

# FIBROPAPILLOMATOSIS DOCUMENTATION & MONITORING

Fibropapillomatosis (FP) is a panzootic disease affecting sea turtles worldwide, primarily green turtles. This neoplastic disease presents as both external and internal tumors that can interfere with an individual's sight, ability to swim, reproduce, forage, and evade predators. We continue to monitor and document FP using PID.



RESEARCH

## MARINE TURTLE NEWSLETTER (MTN) PUBLICATION

- Our research was published in the MTN, *Issue Number 169* in October of 2025
- The paper discusses:
  - Evaluating the efficacy of using PID to monitor FP status
  - Prevalence and severity of FP in the foraging population
  - Monitoring tumor growth and remission over time
  - Providing a baseline and recommendations for future studies
  - *Read here:* <https://friendsvinp.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/FP-Paper-MTN169.pdf>

### Marine Turtle Newsletter

Issue Number 169

October 2025



Juvenile green sea turtle from returning to the ocean after successful rehabilitation in Guatemala. See pages 26-28. Photograph: Sofia Pineda.

#### Articles

Guest Editorial: Conservation Translocations of Clutches Northward May Prevent Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Extinction	C. Callout Jr. & B. Galloway
Evidence for Post-Release Survivorship Among Captive-Reared Hawkbill Turtles ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ) in the Florida Keys, USA	L. Boyd & L. Wood
Using Photo-ID to Monitor Fibropapillomatosis in Green Turtles at Mabo Bay, St. John, US Virgin Islands	A. Anderson & W. Melamet
First Documented Nesting of Kemp's Ridleys ( <i>Lepidochelys kempi</i> ) in Mississippi	T. Madrigal et al.
Occurrence of Worm Lizard ( <i>Amphisbaena rufipes</i> ) in Green Sea Turtle Nests	RNMS Ventura et al.
Tracking and Genetic Analysis of a Rehabilitated Loggerhead Turtle in the Mediterranean	J. Neves et al.
Unseen Threats: Enhancing Detection of Bycatch in Stranded Sea Turtles	D. Wrobel Goldberg et al.
The Journey Back to the Ocean: Crush Rehabilitation from a Skull Fracture	A. Garcia Laj
Exceptional Occurrence of a Leatherback Sea Turtle in the Baltic Sea	S. Pilme et al.

#### Reports

Recent Publications

# PID HIGHLIGHTS

STAR reports and strandings (see 'Sea Turtle Assistance and Rescue' section) are compared to our PID database, often yielding matches and supplying additional information on the individual.

"Slumpy" STJ0092 was entangled in monofilament line and assisted at Leinster Bay (see pg. 29) by the STAR team. Comparisons to the PID database revealed a match to an individual photographed at Maho Bay in 2024. *This is the first photographic documentation of travel between Maho and Leinster Bays.* While the turtle currently exhibits FP tumors, they appear to have reduced in size since the 2024 encounter.



"Pippa" (STJ0096) was first reported to STAR in August 2024 with a boat strike injury at Trunk Bay. Given the ability of the turtle to swim and dive and the state of the injuries sustained, the turtle was left at sea. They were reencountered a couple weeks later at Maho Bay and encountered again in July of 2025 for the first time since. We were pleased to see that they are diving and able to feed.

On 7/12/2025, this turtle was unfortunately found floating near Pebble Beach on Ram Head trail. The cause of death was determined to be a fatal boat strike. STJ0116 was first photographed at Salt Pond in April of 2025.





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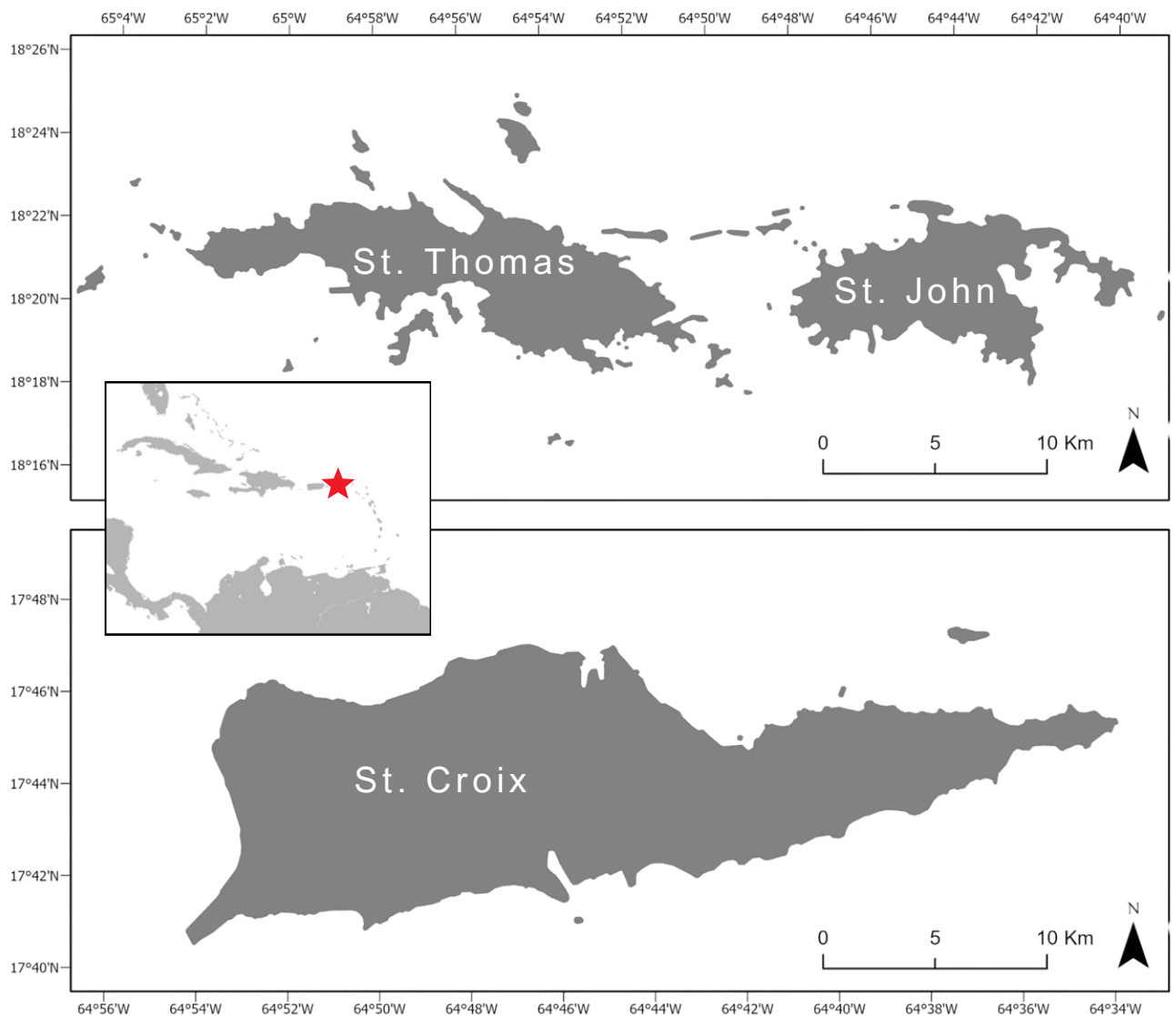
SEA TURTLE  
ASSISTANCE & RESCUE

# U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

## SEA TURTLE STRANDING NETWORK

A sea turtle **STRANDING** refers to any sea turtle found dead, injured, sick, or alive but displaying abnormal behavior or showing signs of distress.

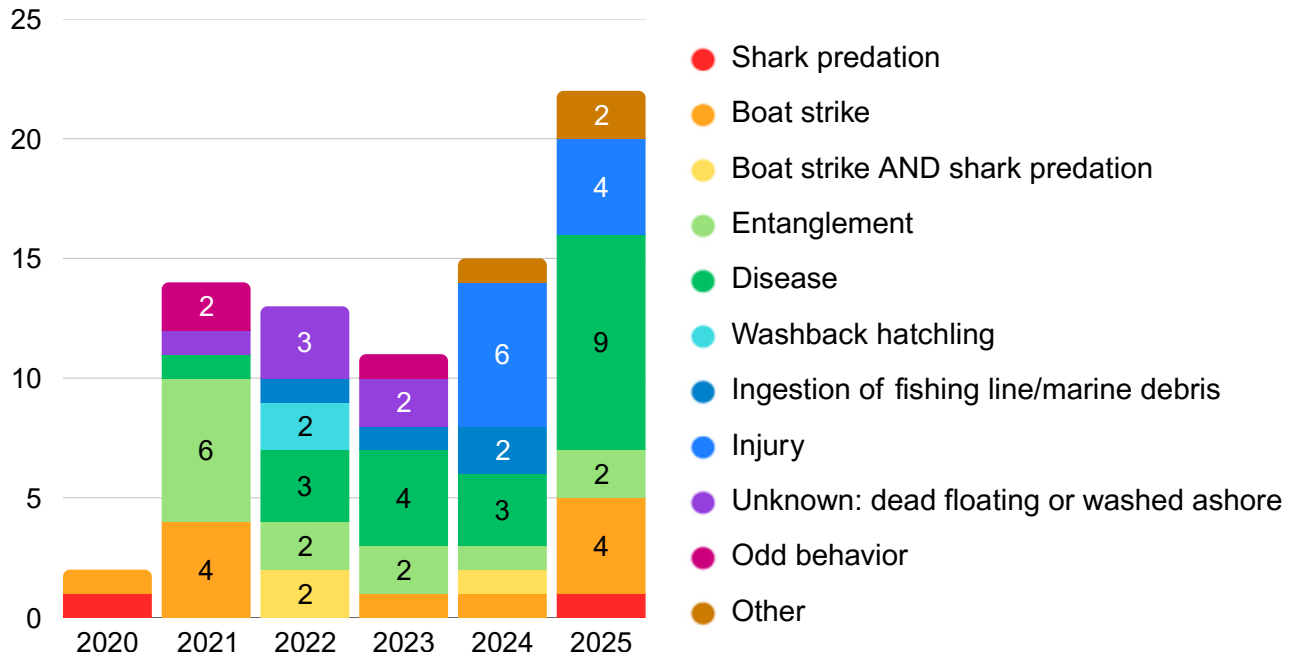
The collaborative efforts of the Sea Turtle Assistance and Rescue (STAR) network is an invaluable resource that provides rescue and stranding response for sea turtles on **all three U.S. Virgin Islands**. Beginning in 2004 and officially becoming a non-profit in 2019, STAR is a network of territorial and federal government agencies, veterinarians, local non-profits and community volunteers that are trained to respond and document sea turtle stranding events of sick, injured, distressed, and deceased turtles in the USVI.



The US Virgin Islands - St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix, with an inset showing the USVI within the wider Caribbean region (source: STAR Training Manual)

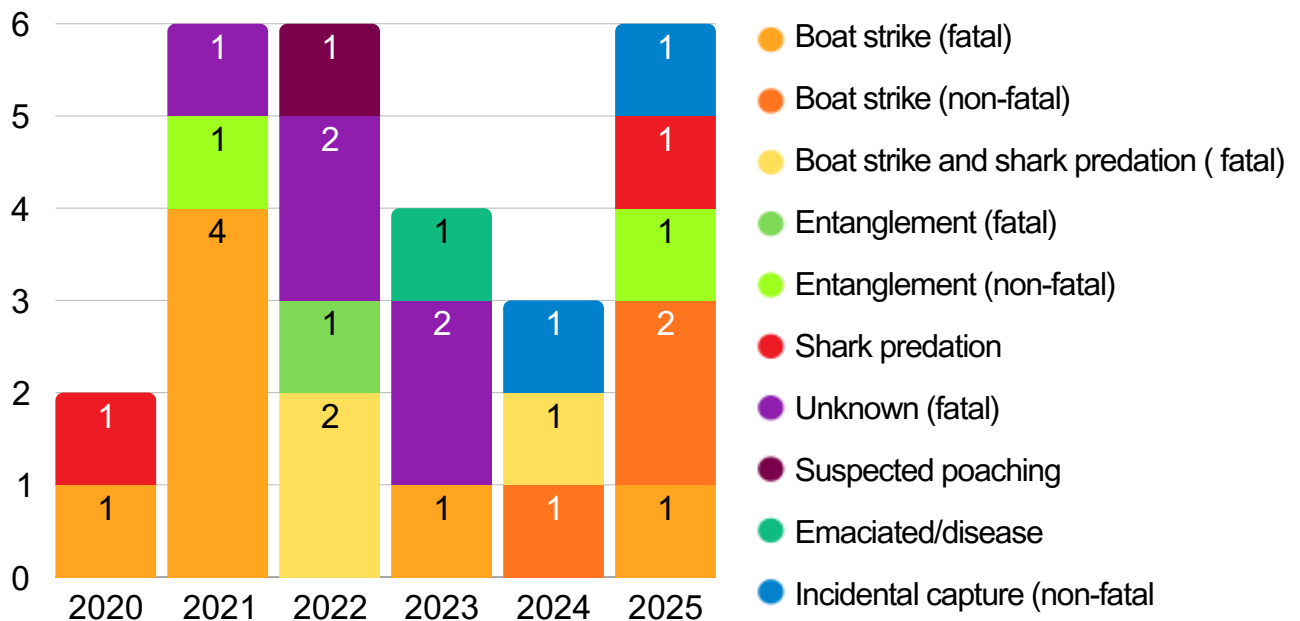
The Virgin Islands National Park Sea Turtle Program coordinators became permitted responders for the STAR network beginning in 2020 and participated in an effort to expand awareness of the hotline across the island. Since then, the STAR hotline has proven to be an extremely valuable tool in reporting and responding to stranding events on the island of St. John.

### NUMBER OF REPORTINGS PER YEAR, ST. JOHN, USVI\*



\*Note: Not all reportings resulted in a *stranding* and some reports were repeat encounters. Data displayed showing “cause of reporting” although not all cases could be verified.

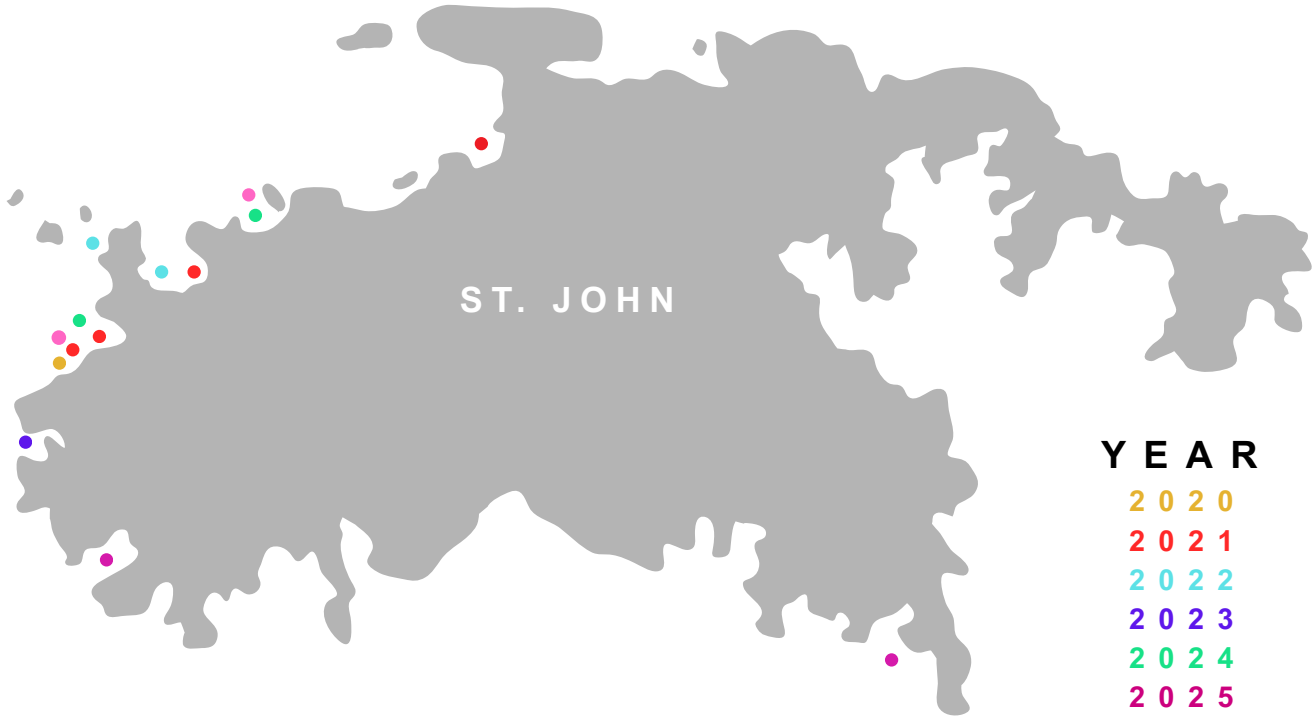
### CAUSE OF STRANDINGS PER YEAR, ST. JOHN, USVI



Data represents strandings with documented STSSN reports, detailing the cause of stranding per year.

Boat strikes are the leading cause of sea turtle strandings in the USVI and the main cause of mortality documented on St. John.

**BOAT STRIKE LOCATIONS**



DATE	LOCATION	FATE
12/09/2020	Solomon	Fatal
04/05/2021	Honeymoon/Caneel	Fatal
05/01/2021	Honeymoon	Fatal
08/08/2021	Maho	Fatal
12/17/2021	Hawksnest	Fatal
09/12/2022	Turtle Bay, Caneel	Fatal
12/20/2022	Hawksnest, Caneel	Fatal
03/29/2023	Cruz Bay Channel	Fatal
08/02/2024	Trunk Bay	Non-fatal
6/17/2024	Caneel	Fatal
02/19/2025	Great Cruz Bay	Non-fatal
06/28/2025	Honeymoon Bay	Non-fatal
07/12/2025	Pebble Beach	Fatal
7/23/2025	Trunk Bay	Fatal

# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



On October 31, 2025 a video was sent to the STAR network of a turtle that appeared to have fishing line coming from its mouth and wrapping around its front flipper. Upon the sixth search of the bay, a team of trained STAR responders were able to successfully capture the turtle and remove the monofilament line constricting the left front flipper. Two subsequent encounters have shown the laceration to be healing.



## STAR TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Two STAR Training Workshops were held in June and November 2025 reaching 30 people.

The training workshops covered:

- Stranding response and protocols
- USVI stranding data
- Hands-on group activities
- St. John specific stranding scenarios
- Hosted by Sea Turtle Stranding Coordinator Natalie Monnier and FVINP





## Building a STJ BASED STRANDING TEAM

*The makings of a community sea turtle rescue team*

**STJ STAR TEAM** consists of 31 team members with representation from the following:

- Friends of Virgin Islands National Park
  - Sea Turtle Program
- DPNR-DFW
- Virgin Islands National Park
- CWORI-Coral World
- St. John Rescue
- St. John Wildlife Rehabilitation



Continued training and team building planned for 2026



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# NETWORKING & COLLABORATIONS

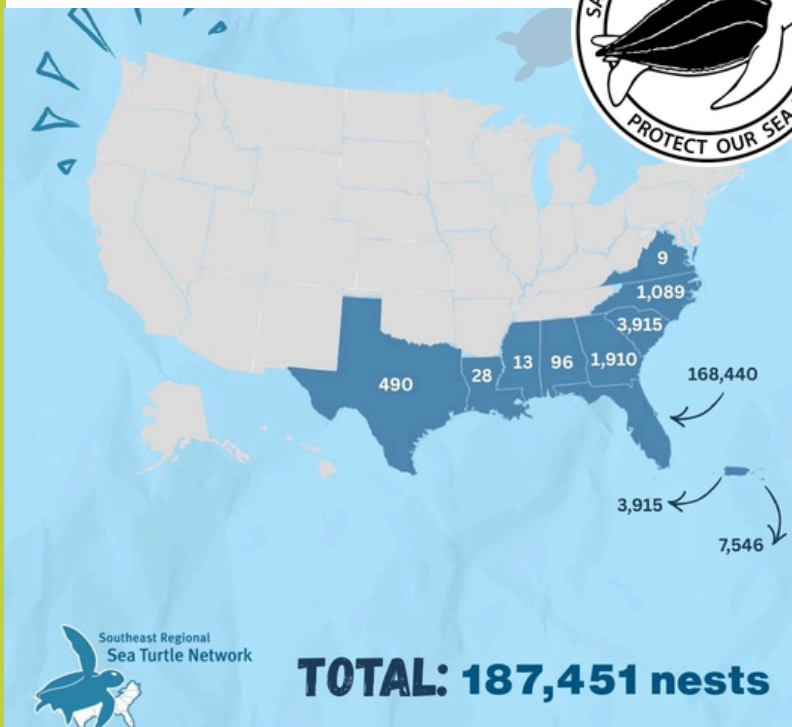
Continued collaboration within the territory promotes the sharing of valuable data, integrated reporting, and cooperation through the STAR network. Collaboration is an integral component to the recovery of the species as well as the enhancement of our program.

### FIELD TRAINING IN ST. CROIX

- In October, the Program Coordinator had the opportunity for a work visit and training at Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge, St. Croix
- Participated in both morning and night patrols with a focus on fieldwork training and gaining green nesting experience
- Acquired new methods of data recording with the goal of standardizing methods
- Thank you to the St. Croix Sea Turtle Project for sharing your knowledge



Sabrina Sorace



### 2025 SOUTHEAST REGIONAL NESTING NUMBERS

- The Southeast regional nesting totals for 2025 resulted in the USVI being number two with **7,546 nests** being documented for the USVI combined

### GENETIC SAMPLING

In collaboration with the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI), the Ocean Foundation, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southwest Fisheries Science Center, tissue samples were taken from deceased hatchlings or deceased full-term embryos upon excavation for each applicable nest.

- **47 hawksbill tissue samples** taken from 23 nests
- Provide insight into the population demographics and structure of nesting hawksbills in the Virgin Islands



Max Koestenblatt

# THANK YOU

FVINP is the official philanthropic partner of the Virgin Islands National Park, with the Sea Turtle Program being overseen by VIIS, two part-time FVINP staff, and community volunteers. **Thank you** to the continued partnership of VIIS and FVINP, donors of FVINP, the community of St. John, and our dedicated volunteer team **for making this important conservation work possible.**



PAUL M. ANGELL  
FAMILY FOUNDATION



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**Mark Getswickski:** Friends Program Director

**Willow Melamet:** Sea Turtle Program Coordinator 2020-present

**Adren Anderson:** Program Coordinator July 2016-May 2023, December 2023-present Data Management & Research

**Kaitlyn Cummings:** Education Outreach Specialist November 2023-present

## VOLUNTEERS

Alasdair Dunlap-Smith

Amy Roberts

Angela Ebner

Aubrey Logsdon

Ayn Riehle

Beth Nolan

Beverly Melius

Bob Hooven

Bruce Elliot

Carol Beckowitz

Caroline Baum

Caroline Rogers

Carrie Butcher

Carrie Hoffman

Chandler Minner

Craig Morris

Crystal Christy

Dale Miller

Dan Boyd

Darcie Logsdon

Debbie Proffitt

Denise Carey

Dianne Cameron

Donn Watson

Duane Bolken

Fernando Ramos

Fiona Russell

Ella Granger

Eric Fales

Erin Hudson

Francisco Posada

Gary Murza

Isabella Oesteregaard

Jamie Merashoff

Jay Bishop

Jay Melamet

Jean Lynn

Jeannie Bishop

Jodi Jackson

John Van de water

Karen Granger

Kate Swan

Katherine Hooven

Kathy Guidi

Kathy Hilliard

Katie Day

Kayla Hoffman

Keleigh Rees

Lani Clark

Leslie McGibben

Lila Uzzell

Lindsey Elliot

Liz Hoffing

Lori Graham

Luke McCain

Margie Kemp

Mary Vargo

Miles Stair

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Rob Whritenour

Ruby Ramos

Sarah Swan

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