



# Just the FACTs: Acoustic telemetry data aggregation and collaboration in the SE US

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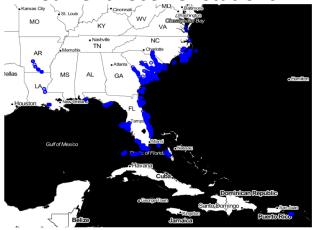
## The FACT Network

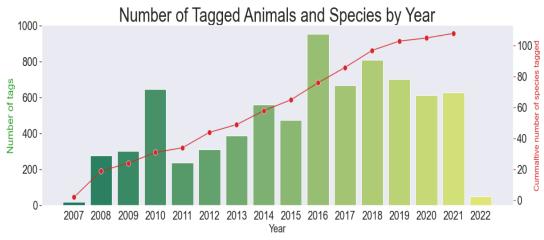
#### Community and a **Data Platform**



>280 members 94 organizations







158 projects from 55 institutions >225.6 million detections 108 species tagged to date 1,100+ active stations (total 2,167) 2,500+ active tags (total 8,409)

> \$4,700,000 US telemetry assets currently in the water







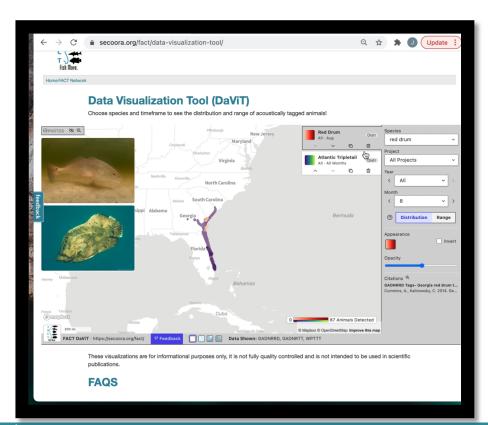




# Accomplishments

#### New web tool, the DaViT!

https://secoora.org/fact/data-visualization-tool/



#### New equipment loaner program!



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#### New student subsection!

Proceeds used for student travel awards

















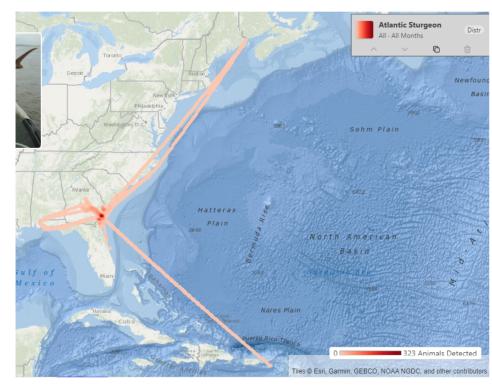
### **Challenges and Looking Ahead**

#### Challenges:

- Increasing need for species-level quality control rules integrated at the data processing stage.
- Understaffed to fully seize new growth opportunities.

#### Looking ahead:

- Maintain current programs including data aggregation.
- New partnerships with stakeholders, specifically to support diversity and inclusion in the acoustic telemetry community.



Snapshot of Atlantic Sturgeon distribution showing false detections in Canada and St. Croix.









## Georgia's Coastal Receiver Array

- Starting in 2018, Georgia's Coastal Receiver Array was funded by ATN-SECOORA to support the continued operation of telemetry infrastructure off Georgia's coast.
- The array consisted of 24 acoustic receivers deployed from 1-24 miles offshore to track the movement of marine animals tagged with Innovasea® telemetry tags.
- All telemetry data is shared within the research community via the FACT-SECOORA Data Node.
- Data from this project are providing new and exciting discoveries in the movements and migrations of marine animals.
- To date, 569 individual tagged animals representing 23 different species have been detected, matched, and shared with over 46 different research groups from 10 different state, federal, and nongovernmental organizations.

