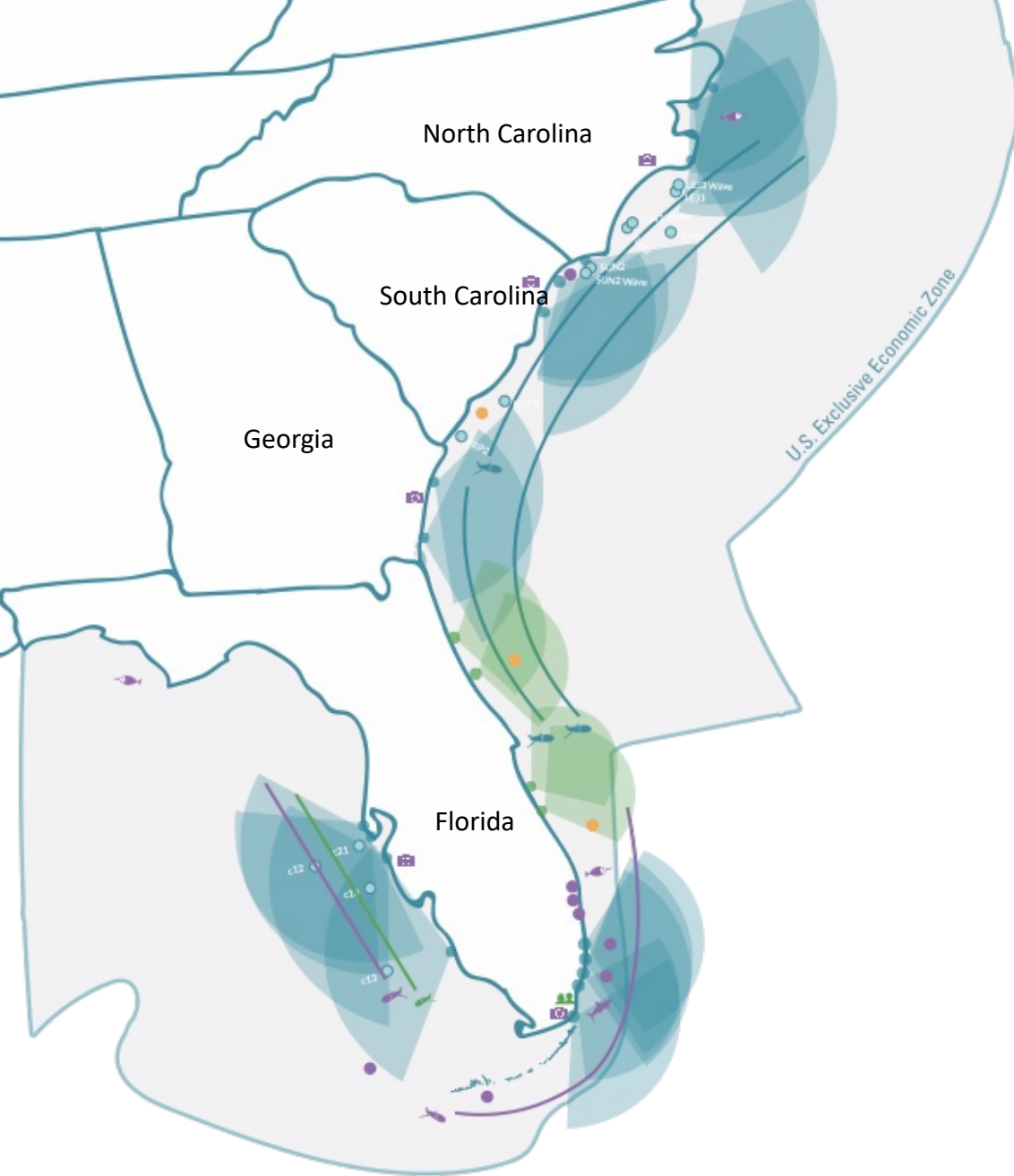


# LET'S GET TOGETHER: THE FACT NETWORK

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# Overview of the Project – FACT Network

The FACT Network is a collaboration dedicated to improving the conservation of aquatic animals by facilitating data management among researchers using acoustic telemetry, providing a community for scientists, and building stakeholder partnerships.

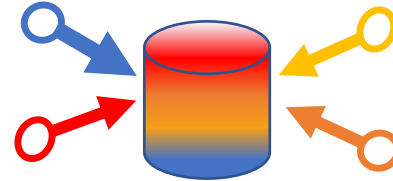
## Collect Data

Receivers record unique tag IDs, date and time



## Aggregate data

Researchers contribute receiver data and tag data



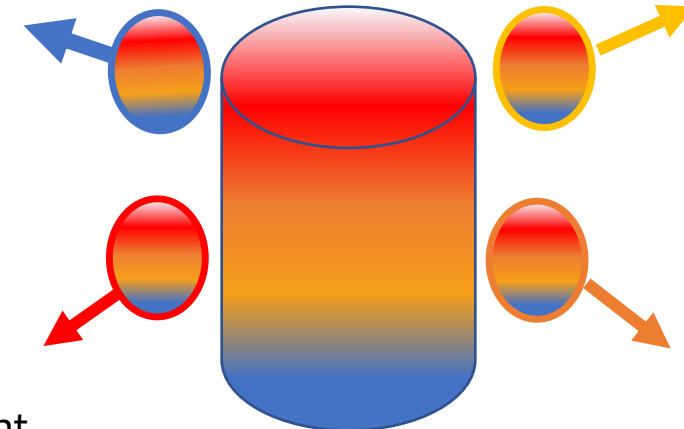
## Community



- Student Group
- Loaner program
- Buoy of Opportunity
- Contact Point
- Meetings

## Process Data

QA/QC, match detection to tag metadata



# Accomplishments – FACT Network

## Website improvements

Become A Member



A Collaboration of Scientists and Stakeholders

FACT is made of a diverse group of individual members and partners, including federal, state, and local governments, academia, for-profit and not-for profit institutions, and citizen scientists.

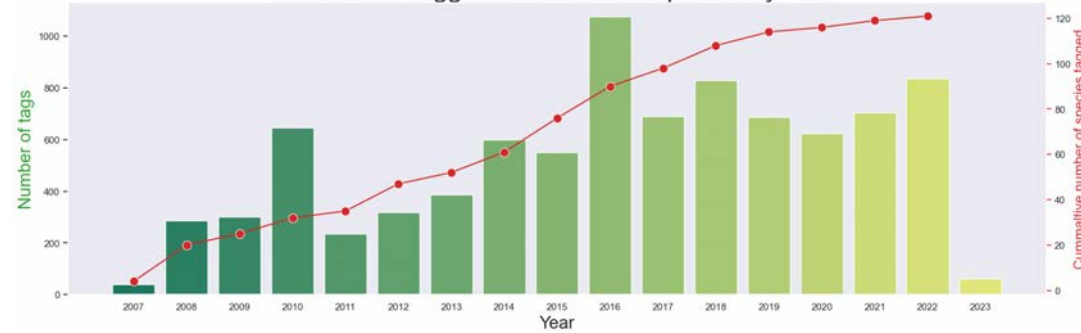
There are two ways to get engaged with FACT

Become a Scientific Member

Become a Partner

## Database Growth

Number of Tagged Animals and Species by Year

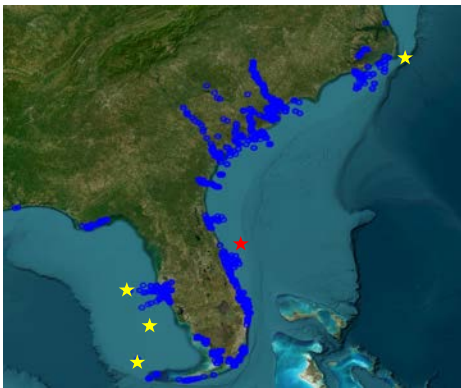


## Student led-webinars and workshops

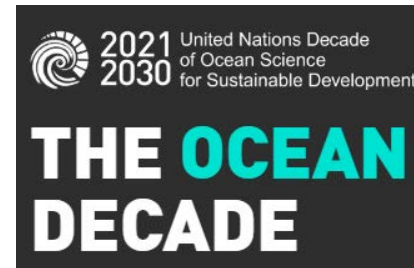
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## Expanded moorings of opportunity



## Facilitated national and international initiatives



## Expanded equipment loaner program





# Challenges Looking Ahead – FACT Network



- Maintaining the culture and programs with **continual growth**.
- Identify what other ways we can better integrate with national and international organizations.
- Produce data products that capitalize on the system and successes of FACT.
- Adapt and respond to the needs of the telemetry and management communities.

Describe FACT in 3 words:

