



Texas Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program



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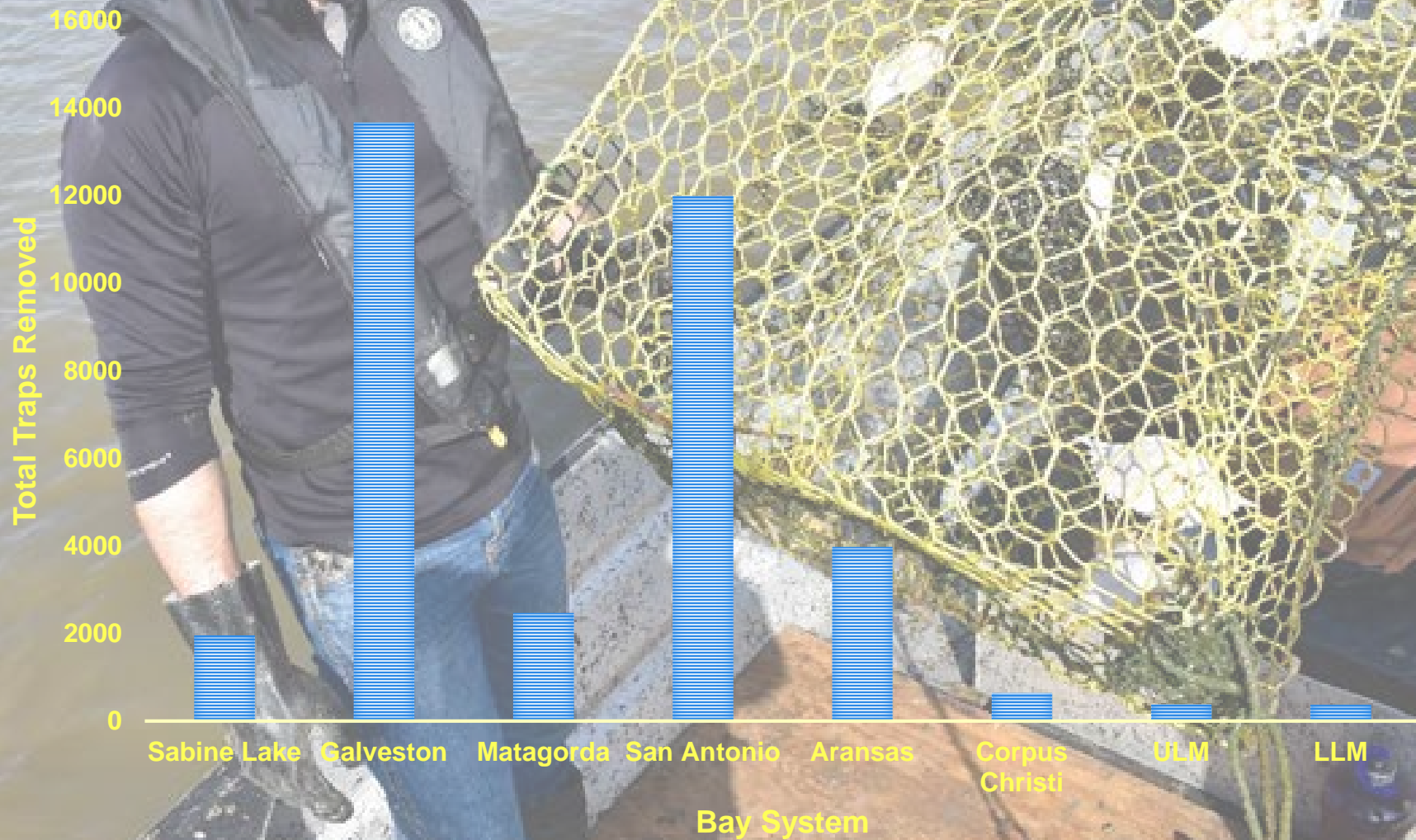
- Senate Bill 1410 - Passed during 77th Legislative session (2001)
 - Mandated 10-day closure period in February
- Conducted annually since 2002
 - ~ 12,000 voluntary hours (> 3,000 volunteers)
 - > 1,000 vessels
 - > 35,000 traps!

Resource Benefits

- Reduces “Ghost Fishing”
 - Blue crabs are dominant species followed by stone crab and sheepshead
 - > 500,000 blue crab saved to date
 - Over 40 different species have been freed
- Protects sensitive habitats (Seagrasses)
- Improves aesthetics



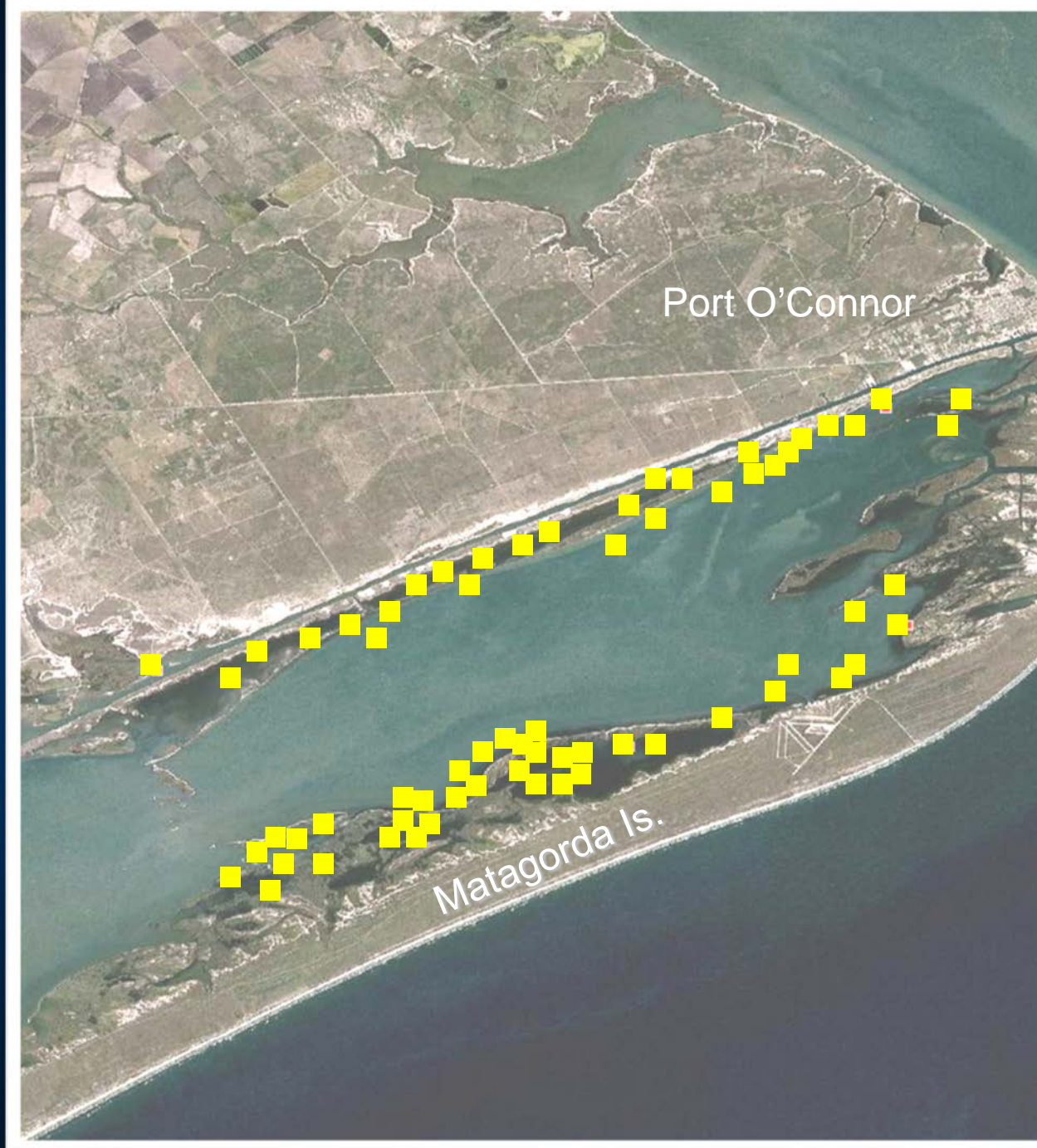
Total Traps Removed by Bay (2002-2018)



Espiritu Santo Bay

February 2002

Aerial Survey



Espiritu Santo Bay

February 2005

Aerial Survey



Total Traps Removed Coastwide (2002-2018)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2018 Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program

February 17, 2018 8am-12pm

Come out and make a difference!

Help us remove abandoned, lost or derelict crab traps from our coastal bays. Volunteers will help to collect, unload and count crab traps. Those with boats are also needed!

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/conservation/Crab_trap/Crab_trap.phtml

For specific details on collection sites or for more information about the program and how you can help, please contact:

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Questions?



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