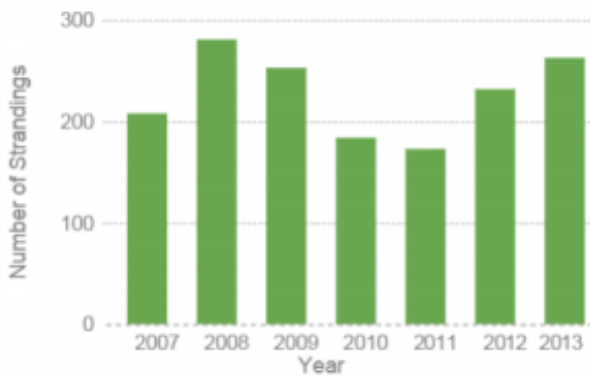


Sea Turtles in Virginia



Thousands of juvenile and adult sea turtles, mainly loggerheads, arrive in the Chesapeake Bay each summer from offshore wintering grounds to feed on prey, such as crabs.



About 100-300 stranded sea turtles wash up on Chesapeake Bay beaches each year.

However, each year, hundreds of turtles wash up injured or dead on local beaches. Whether injured or dead, we refer to these turtles as **stranded turtles**.



Scientists are concerned about the high number of turtles that wash up dead in Virginia's waterways because cause of death is largely unknown.

What is being done to help?



The Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center Stranding Response Program responds to stranding events and investigates why and how stranded turtles die

Currently, research at the **Virginia Institute of Marine Science** is being conducted to determine locations of sea turtle deaths in the Bay.



Find a sea turtle?

Call
it in!



The Virginia Stranding Response Team responds to any live or dead stranded marine mammal or sea turtle in Virginia. Immediately call the 24-hour hotline to report a stranding:

(757) 385-7575