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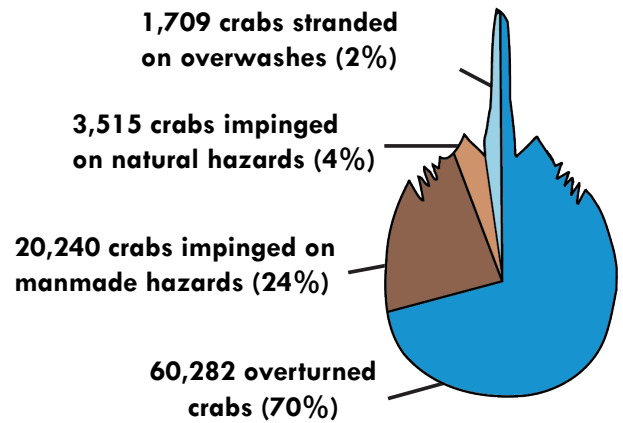
2018 Results

The Delaware Bay is host to the largest concentration of spawning horseshoe crabs on the Atlantic Coast. As their population struggles to recover from overharvest in the 1990s, many crabs also face challenges when they spawn. When overturned by waves or stuck in rubble or other hazards they are at risk for predation and desiccation.

Since 2013, hundreds of volunteers, with the support of reTURN the Favor partners, have rescued stranded crabs in New Jersey, saving the lives of over 360,000 crabs and inspiring their friends and family to also take action.

85,746 Horseshoe Crabs Rescued
100 Walk Leaders
2,084 Volunteer Hours
698 Rescue Walks

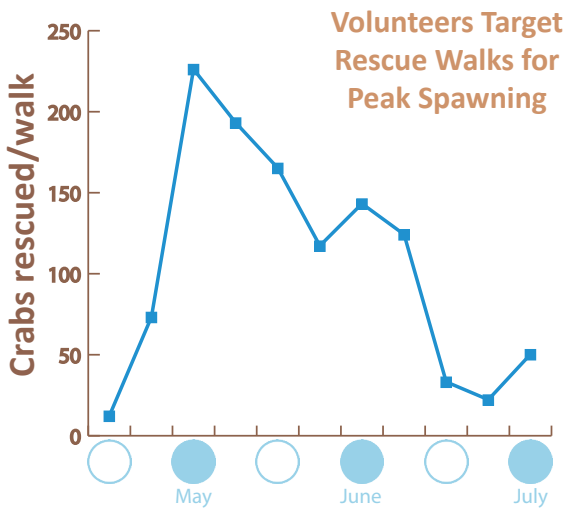
Baking in the Sun & Trapped in Hazards



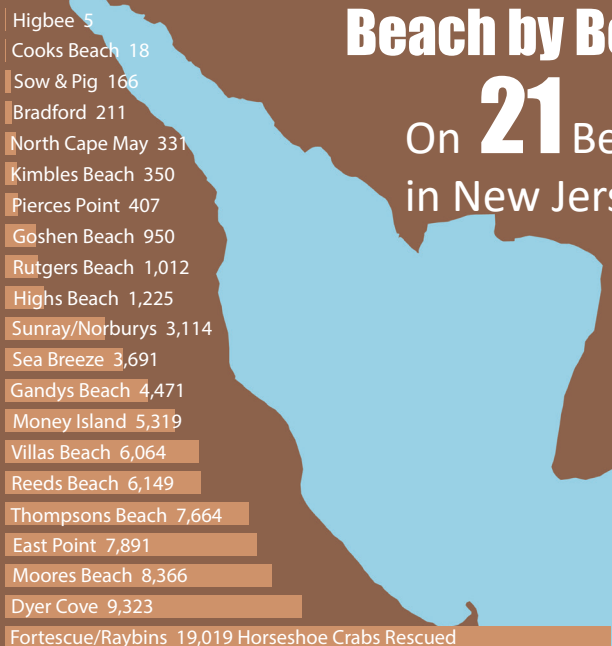
Overturned crabs make up the majority of crabs rescued, but with over 20,000 crabs impinged in manmade hazards, the need for continued restoration is clear.

Horseshoe Crabs: A Lunar Schedule

Spawning peaks on the full and new moons when the tide is at its highest. Rescue data reflects this as the number of crabs rescued per walk is higher on the full and new moons.



Beach by Beach On 21 Beaches in New Jersey



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