



2023 Florida Heat Stress Response Activities

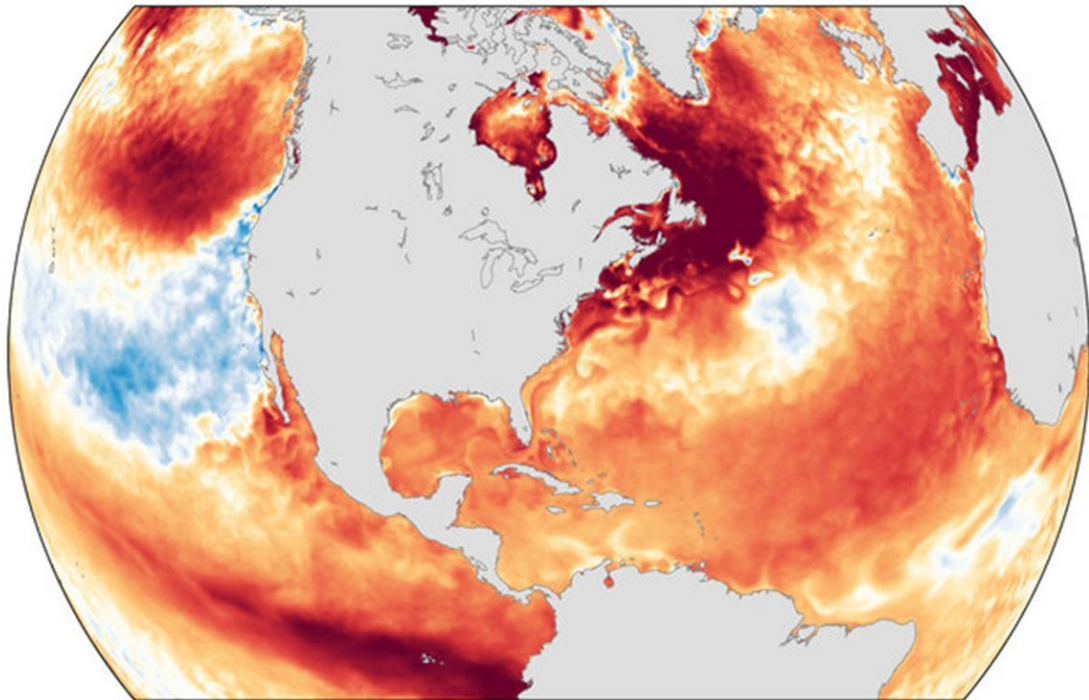


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ICONIC REEFS

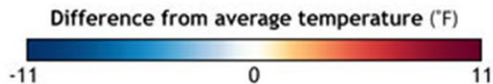
Summer 2023

MARINE HEAT WAVE

Most of the North Atlantic warmer than average in July



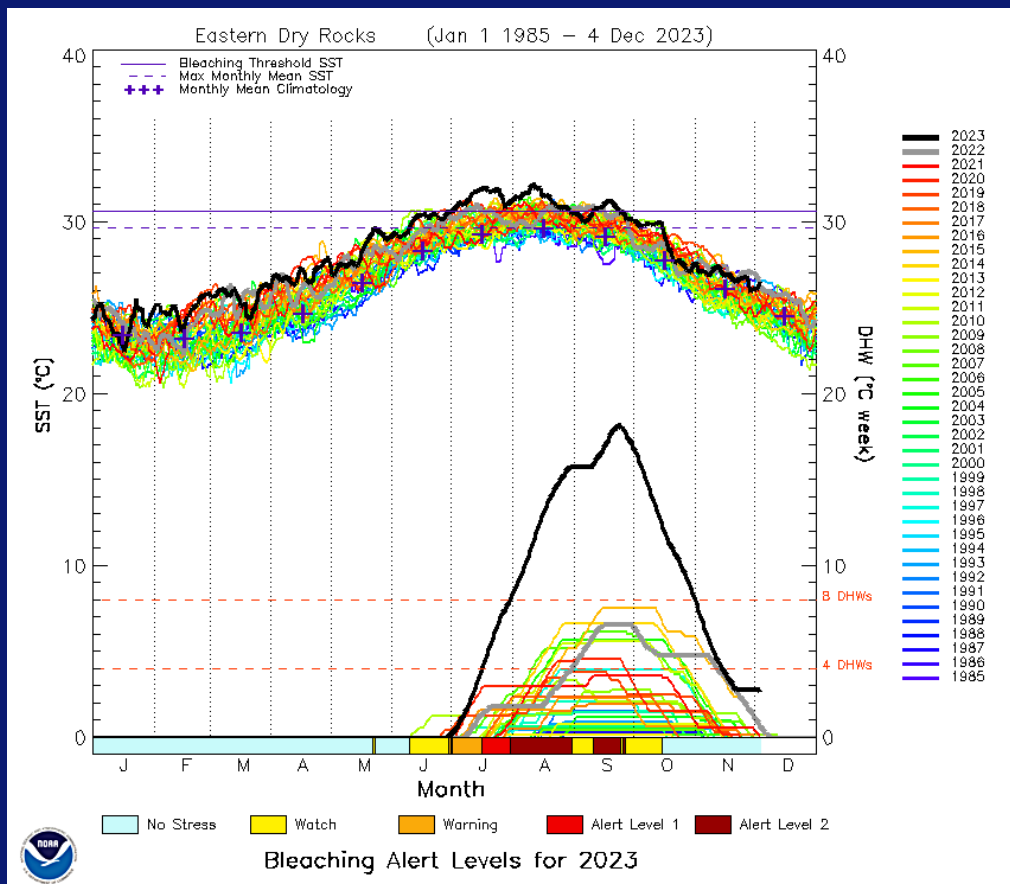
July 17-23, 2023
Compared to 1985-1993*



NOAA Climate.gov/NNVL
Data: Coral Reef Watch

Much of the global ocean was warmer than average in July 2023. Nearly the entire North Atlantic was warmer than average (red colors) during the week of July 17-23. NOAA Climate.gov image, based on Coral Reef Watch data from [NOAA View](#).

SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURES AND HEAT STRESS



Heat stress causes

CORAL BLEACHING



During- and Post-Event

SYNOPTIC MONITORING



Credit: Shedd Aquarium



Credit: NOAA



Credit: Ben Edmonds

Acroporid Gene Bank Rescue

ALL HANDS ON DECK



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Coral Nursery Biomass

RESCUED TO LAND BASED FACILITIES



Credit: Scott Atwell

Nursery Evacuations

ON LAND AND DEEPER



Credit: Florida Keys News Bureau

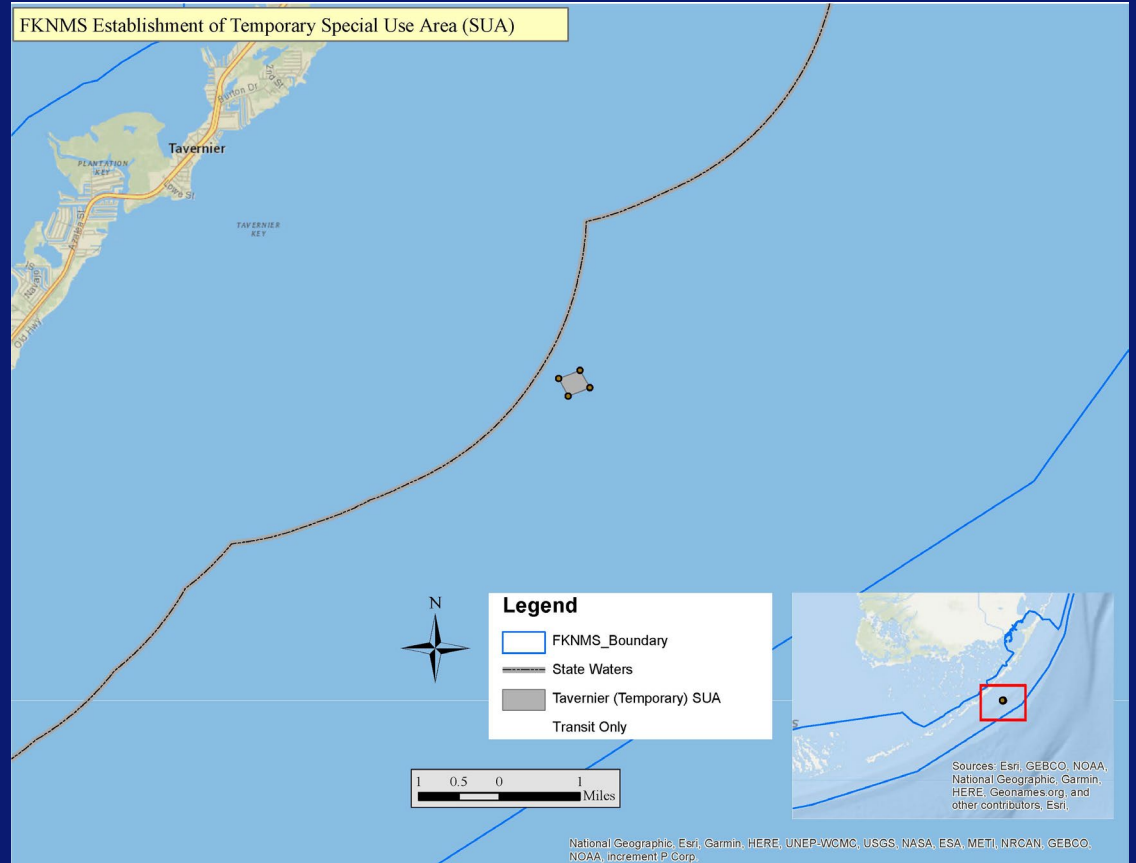


Credit: RRUSA

2023/07/31

EMERGENCY RULE

- Temporary Special Use Area
- 60 days with potential for one, 60-day extension
- Entry prohibited except for conducting restoration activities under permit
- Continuous transit without interruption allowed
- First emergency rule since 2003



Pilot Testing

INTERVENTIONS



Credit: CFK



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Florida ocean temps surge to 100 degrees as mass coral bleaching event is found in some reefs

By Eric Zerke, CNN
Updated 9:56 AM EDT, Wed July 26, 2023

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Coral reefs off coast of Florida bleached as water temperatures top 100 degrees Fahrenheit

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CORAL REEFS

'Not all corals are going to die': Florida Keys nursery moves coral to cooler waters amid high water temps

The relocation is a preventative measure to help protect the corals from hot water temperatures, which can cause coral bleaching.

Human Dimensions of the Heat Stress

SURVEY OF RECREATIONAL USERS



Jay Clue

An aerial photograph showing the aftermath of a disaster, likely a hurricane. Several houses with light-colored roofs are visible, many of which are severely damaged or destroyed. Debris, including pieces of metal roofing and wood, is scattered across the green lawns. A paved road runs along the top edge of the image. The overall scene is one of significant destruction.

FAU survey finds Floridians believe in climate change and want government action

The latest edition of the Florida Climate Resilience Survey found that 90% of respondents believe climate change is happening

by The FAU Center for Environmental Studies — October 27, 2023 in [Public opinion](#)

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Additional Funding and Capacity

THE WORK WILL CONTINUE



Katey Lesneski

With Cooler Temperatures

CORALS ARE RECOVERING

July 30



Aug 18



Sept 20



What's next?

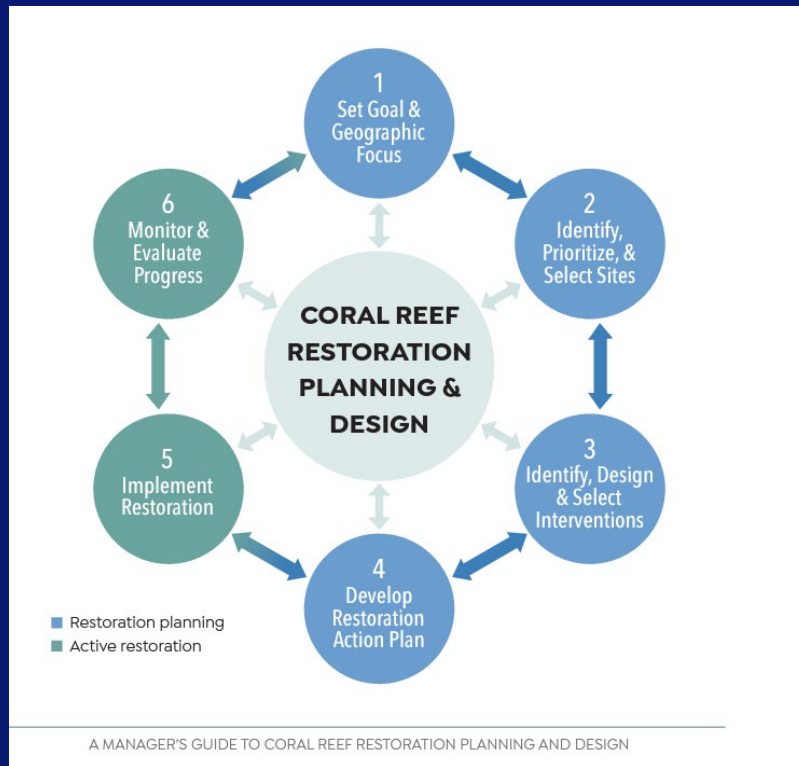
LEARNING AND ADAPTING



 **RESTORING SEVEN ICONIC REEFS**
A MISSION TO RECOVER THE CORAL REEFS OF THE FLORIDA KEYS









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