

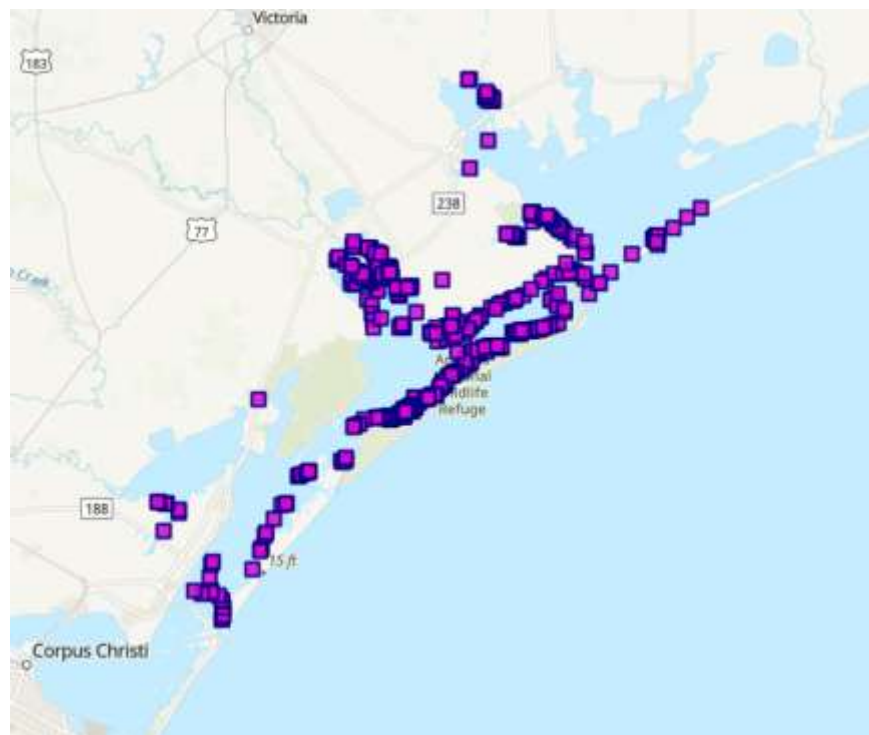


February 2025 Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program Status as of March 15, 2025

February 2025 - Implementation!

The closure period was Friday Feb 21 through Sun March 2, 2025

A cold front delayed the start Friday and Saturday, but crews began going out on Sunday Feb 23 continued through Friday Feb 28 when the search was completed. The map below indicates the locations of the traps removed per the Field Maps app.





The following summary results have been reported to TPWD:

Team's Affiliation	Participants	Hours on Water	Total Participant Hours	Boats	Total Traps Removed	Traps from San Antonio Bay	Traps from Matagorda Bay	Traps from Aransas Bay	Number of Loose Trap Floats	Number of Buckets or Tubs	Number of Crates
	180		851.5	58	1040	546	376	118	155	14	11
							confirm	1040			
By Bay:											
Aransas Bay	29		161	7							
Matagorda Bay	39		207	8							
SA Bay	112		483.5	43							

The table below provides recent historical trends for abandoned traps removed for the three Mid-Coast bay systems:

2020	1632
2021	1045
2022	1047
2023	997
2024	900
2025	1040

The increase from last year appears to be the result of a more comprehensive search in Matagorda Bay—both Aransas Bay and San Antonio Bay declined from last year.

The Field Maps data is being QC'd. A comprehensive analysis will be made to extract learnings and comparisons to previous years.

Overall, the program went very well. Despite the bad weather start, participation was excellent with representation from CCA chapters, GBRA, LNRA, Houston and Dallas Zoos, and the public. The search appears to be the most comprehensive yet.

Participants were treated with at a Celebration of a Cleaner Bay with a meal, refreshments, informative speakers, entertainment , and SWAG.

A formal report is being prepared that will look at the Field Maps data and trends.