

The Nature
Conservancy



Rhode Island



BI Marine Field Season 2018

An aerial photograph of Great Salt Pond. The foreground shows a sandy beach and a marshy area with green vegetation and small pools of water. The middle ground is filled with numerous sailboats anchored in the blue water. In the background, a coastal town with houses and trees is visible under a clear blue sky.

Great Salt Pond

60
seines





50 finfish species

28,139 total individuals

196 fish trap hauls





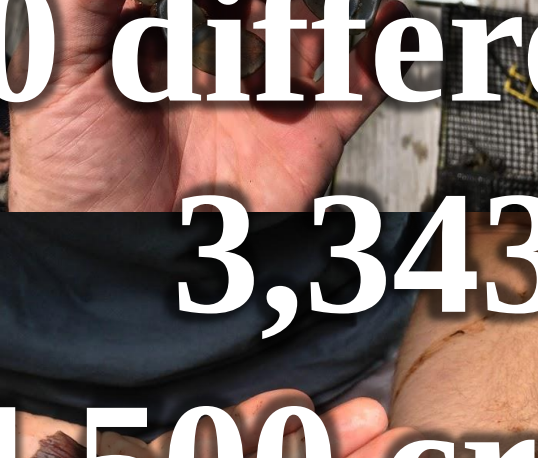
12 different species

1,445 fishes

3,467 crustaceans

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Block Island

588 eel pot hauls



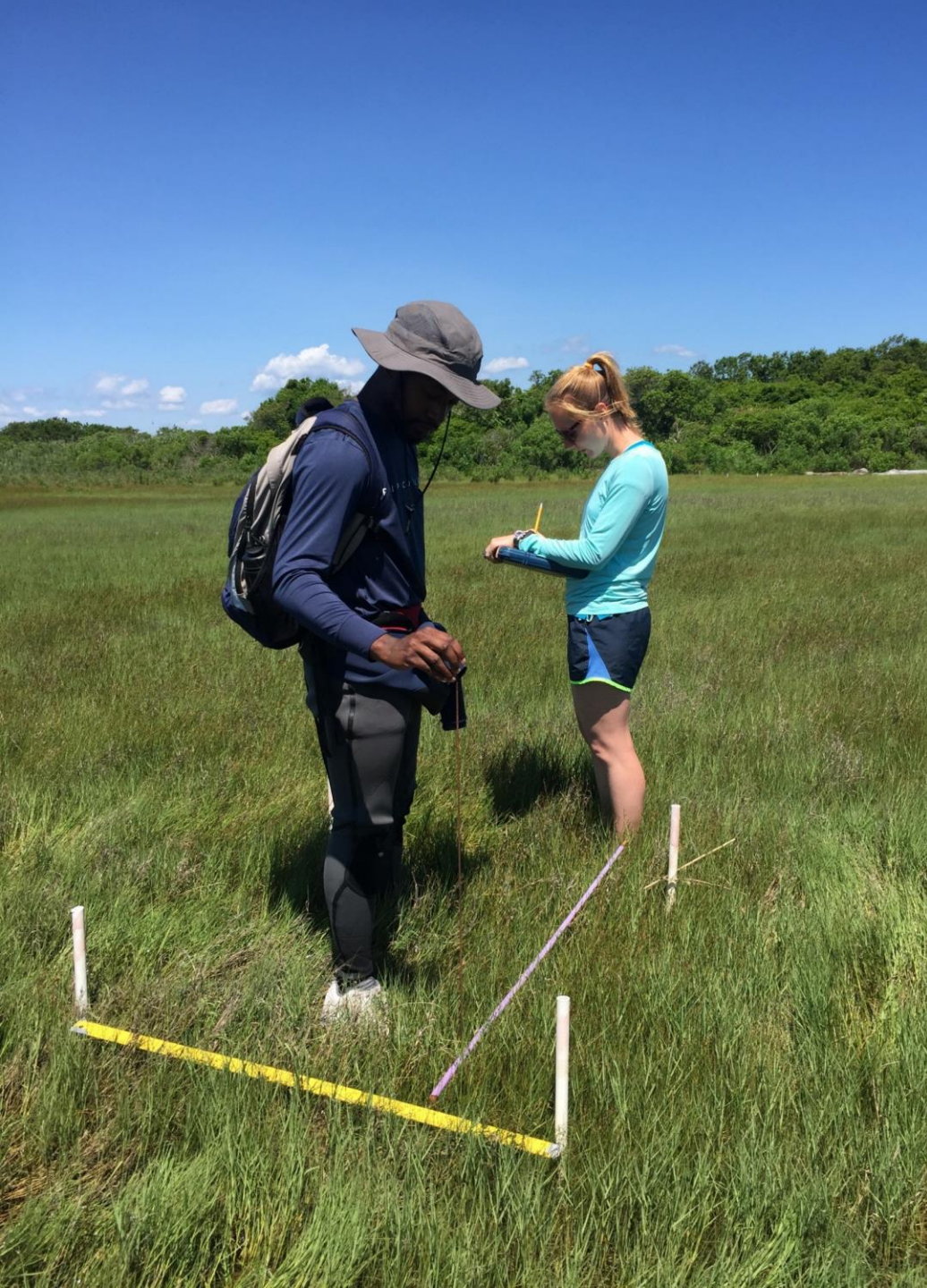
20 different species
3,343 fishes
4,500 crustaceans



3 months WQ data

**355
bay
scallops
measured**





24 veg plots
surveyed

17 nekton species identified



16 bird count surveys



A large horseshoe crab is the central focus, lying on a wet, pebbly beach. Its dark, textured carapace is heavily encrusted with numerous small, light-colored barnacles. The crab's long, spiny legs are partially visible. In the background, another horseshoe crab is partially submerged in the shallow water. The scene is captured in bright, natural light, creating clear reflections on the wet sand and water.

**50
horseshoe
crabs
tagged**

>1,800 boats counted July 4th



28 citizen science programs



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LEAF
interns



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GLOBE
interns

Outcomes

Our work supports and contributes to coastwide management of sustainable populations of important recreational and commercial fish

Our time series datasets accrue valuable information to help us better understand the GSP and its ecological function over time

