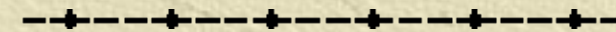


*St. Joseph Sound/Clearwater
Harbor in the Pinellas
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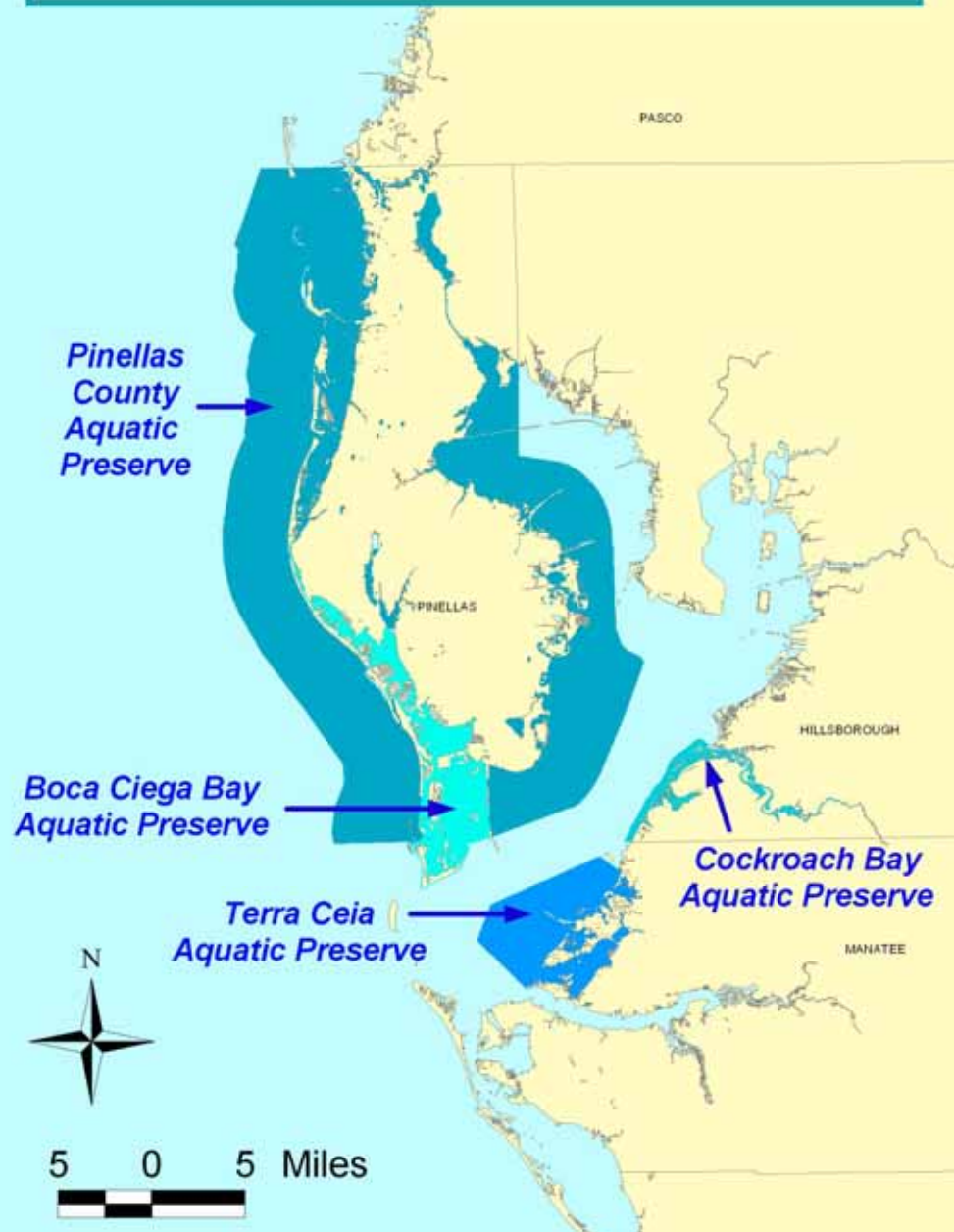


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Tampa Bay's Aquatic Preserves



TBAP Activities in Clearwater Harbor/St. Joseph Sound

- ✦ Regulatory Review
- ✦ Support for Compliance/Enforcement
- ✦ Island “Restoration”
- ✦ Education/Outreach

Regulatory Review According To...

- ✦ Part II. Chapter 258, Florida Statutes
- ✦ Chapter 18-20, Florida Administrative Code
- ✦ Chapter 72-663, Laws of Florida

Some key points of Ch. 18-20, FAC...

- ✦ Aquatic preserves shall be managed “primarily for the maintenance of essentially natural conditions.”
- ✦ Activities must be “clearly in the public interest.”
- ✦ Consideration must given to cumulative impacts.

Support for Compliance and Enforcement

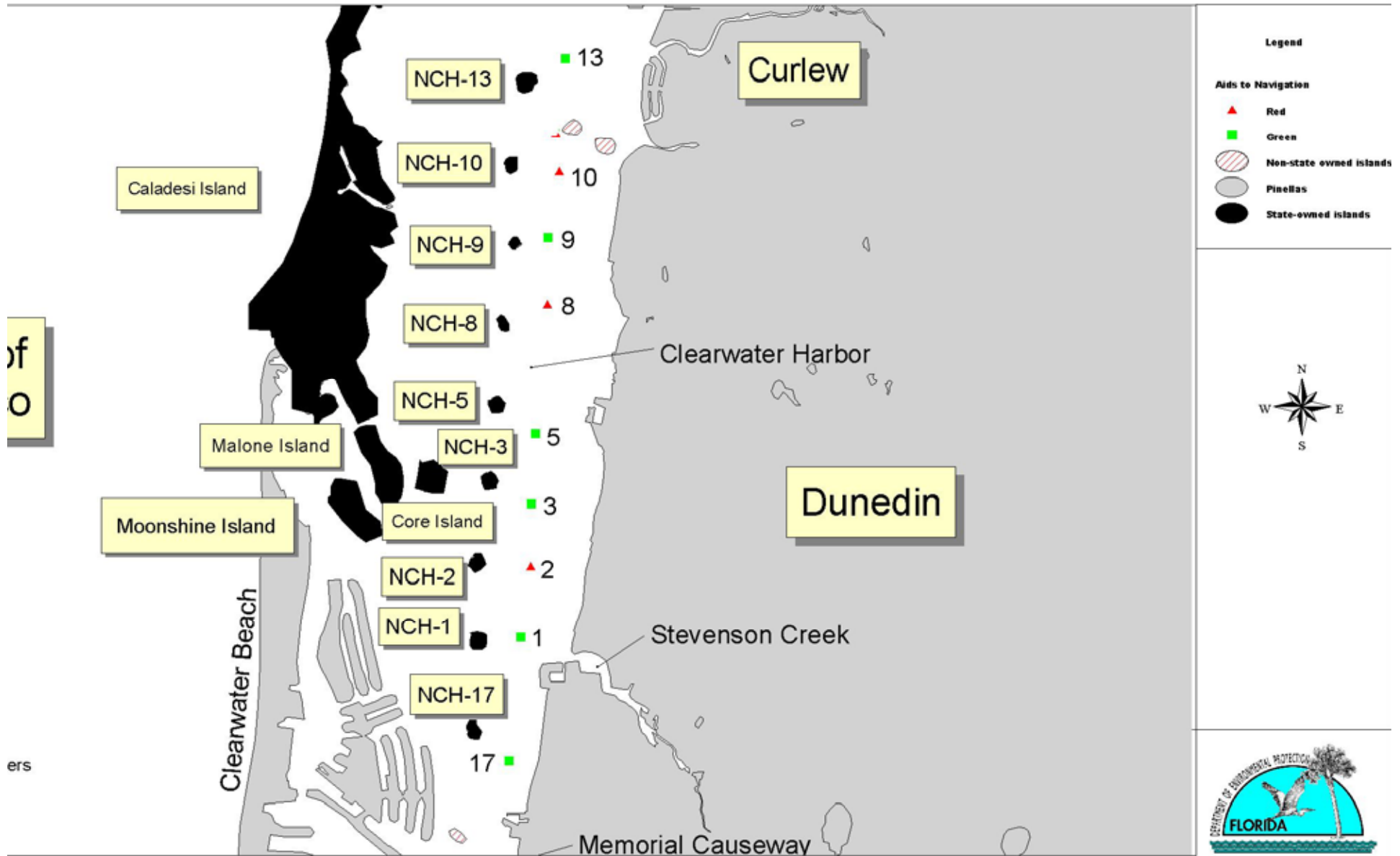




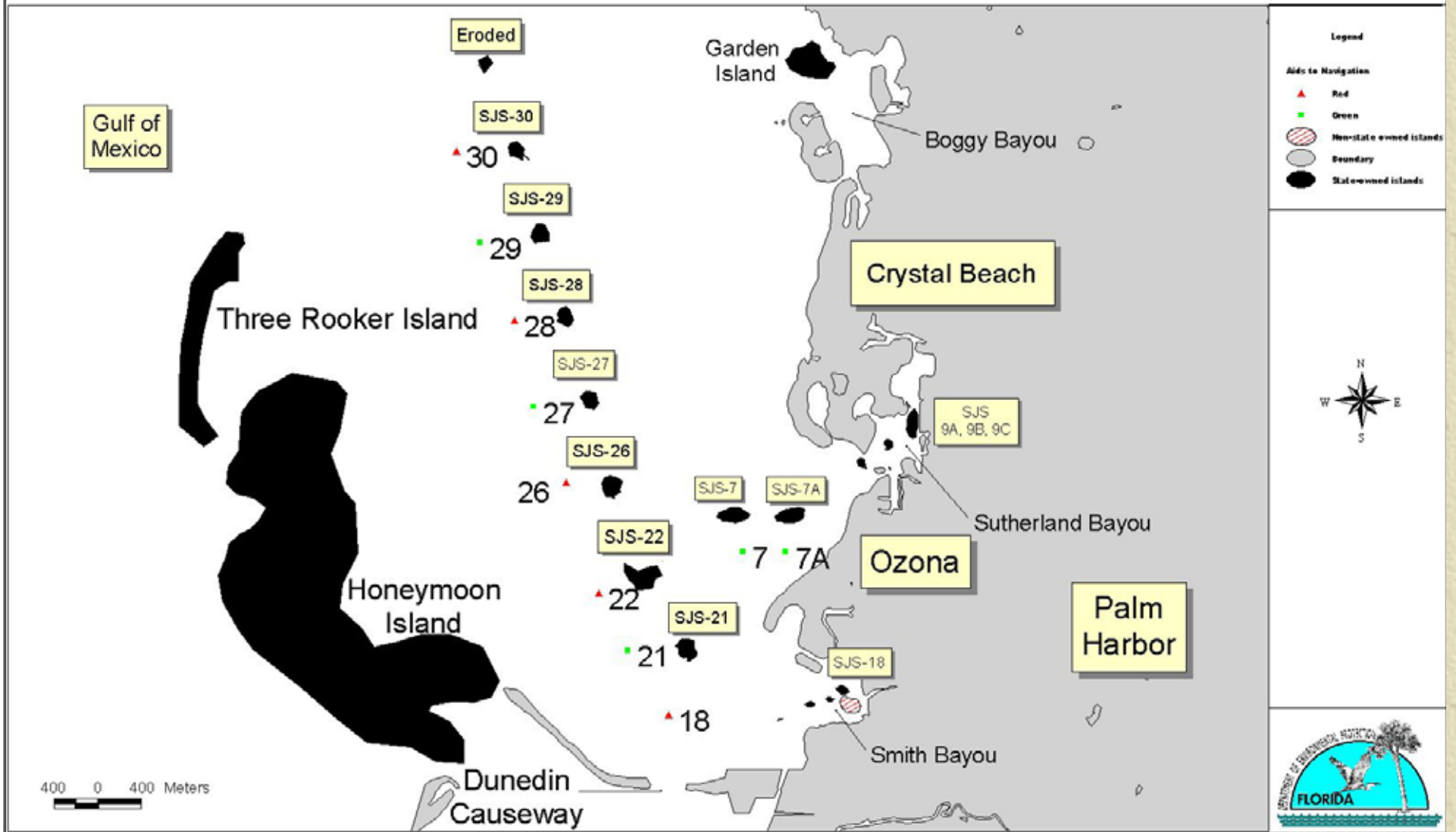
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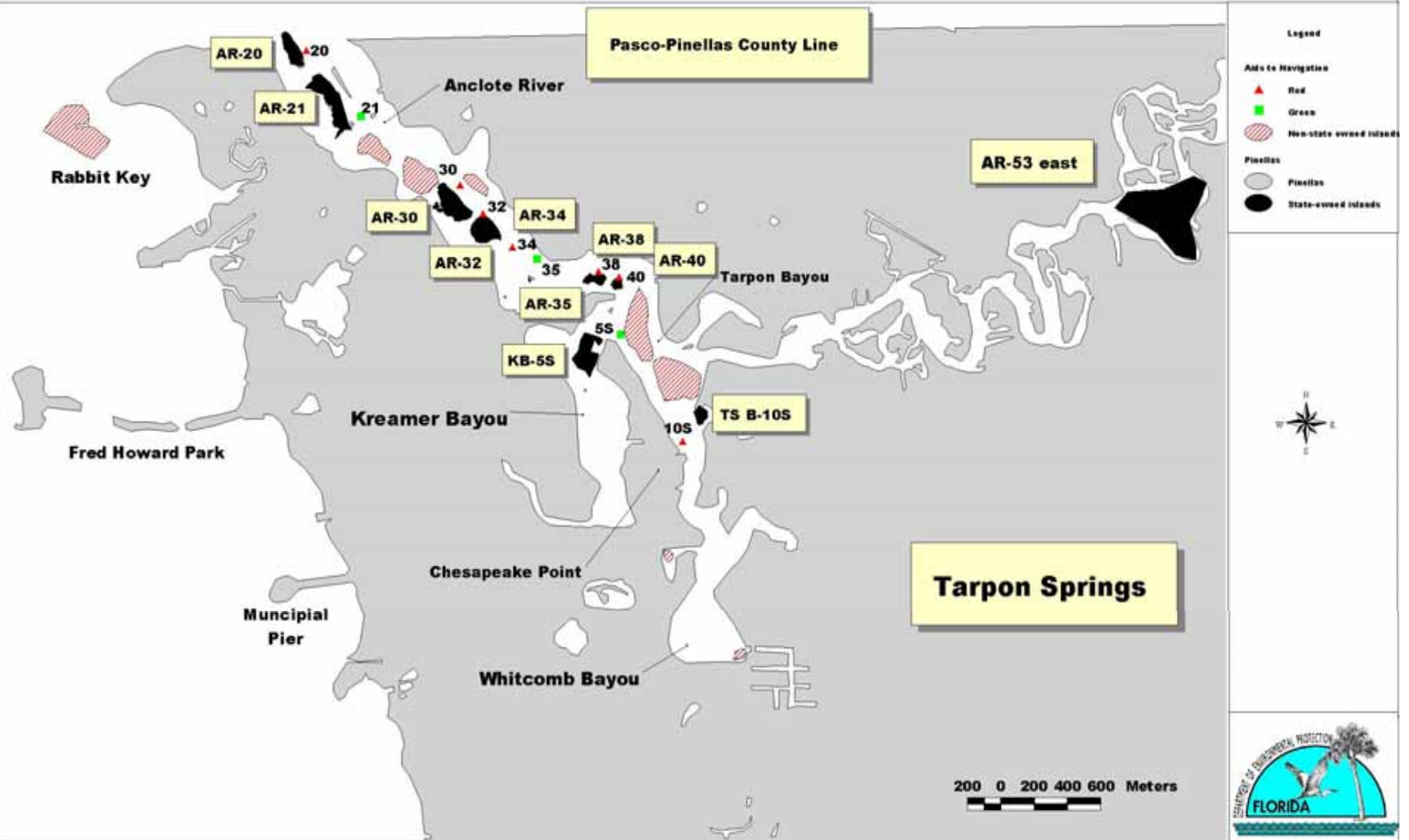
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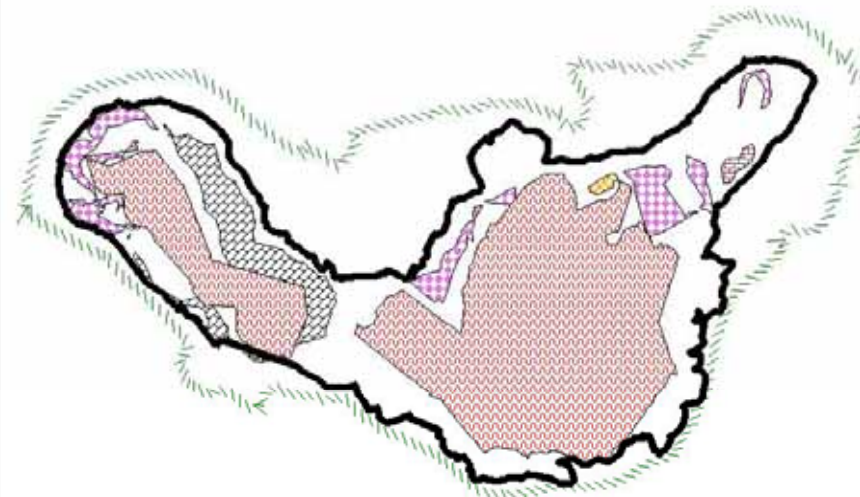
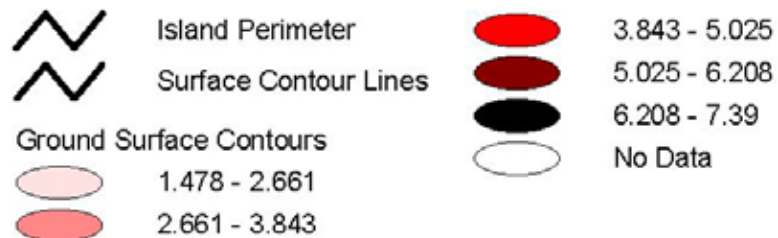
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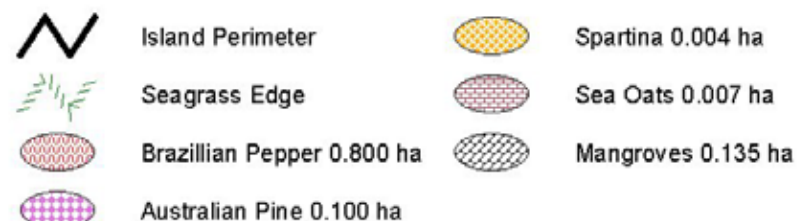
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Contour Map



Vegetation Map



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Education/Outreach

This Island is Your Island

Belongs to the Pacific County Agency, Florence. As part of the private, non-profit and the community-based and joint research supported by the Department of Environmental Protection's Tropical Agency, Protection and Use.




What's in a Name?

The name of each island reflects its location and the climate system marker for coastal, low island is called AN-20792410 in the National Water (AN), and it is near island marker AN-20792410.

Island Designations

- Conservation:** Land use on these islands is designed to protect sensitive body, mangrove, and bird habitats.
- Recreation:** These islands are used for recreational activities such as swimming, snorkeling, and fishing.
- Competition:** These islands provide local economic growth and environmental opportunities. Please be considerate of wildlife.



Please visit each and enclosed to explore naturally. By using the flag, you will be able to access to them.



Restoring Island Habitats



These islands provide the environment, the natural beauty, and many other great things to be enjoyed on the island. Wildlife are essential to the island's ecosystem. Please, as we working to restore the island's natural beauty, please be considerate of the island's wildlife.

How Exotic?



Aggressive, beautiful, and exotic plants are a problem on the island. These plants are a problem to the island's ecosystem. The plants are a problem to the island's ecosystem. The plants are a problem to the island's ecosystem.

Restoring Nature!



The native plants are being replaced with grass, wildflowers, mangroves and other plants native to the island.

Ways to Keep Your Island Healthy

- Avoid stepping on plants, especially when walking or snorkeling.
- Leave what you see.
- "Pick it up, Put it in the bin."
- Do not dump or dispose of any trash or debris.
- Follow the rules.
- Respect wildlife.



