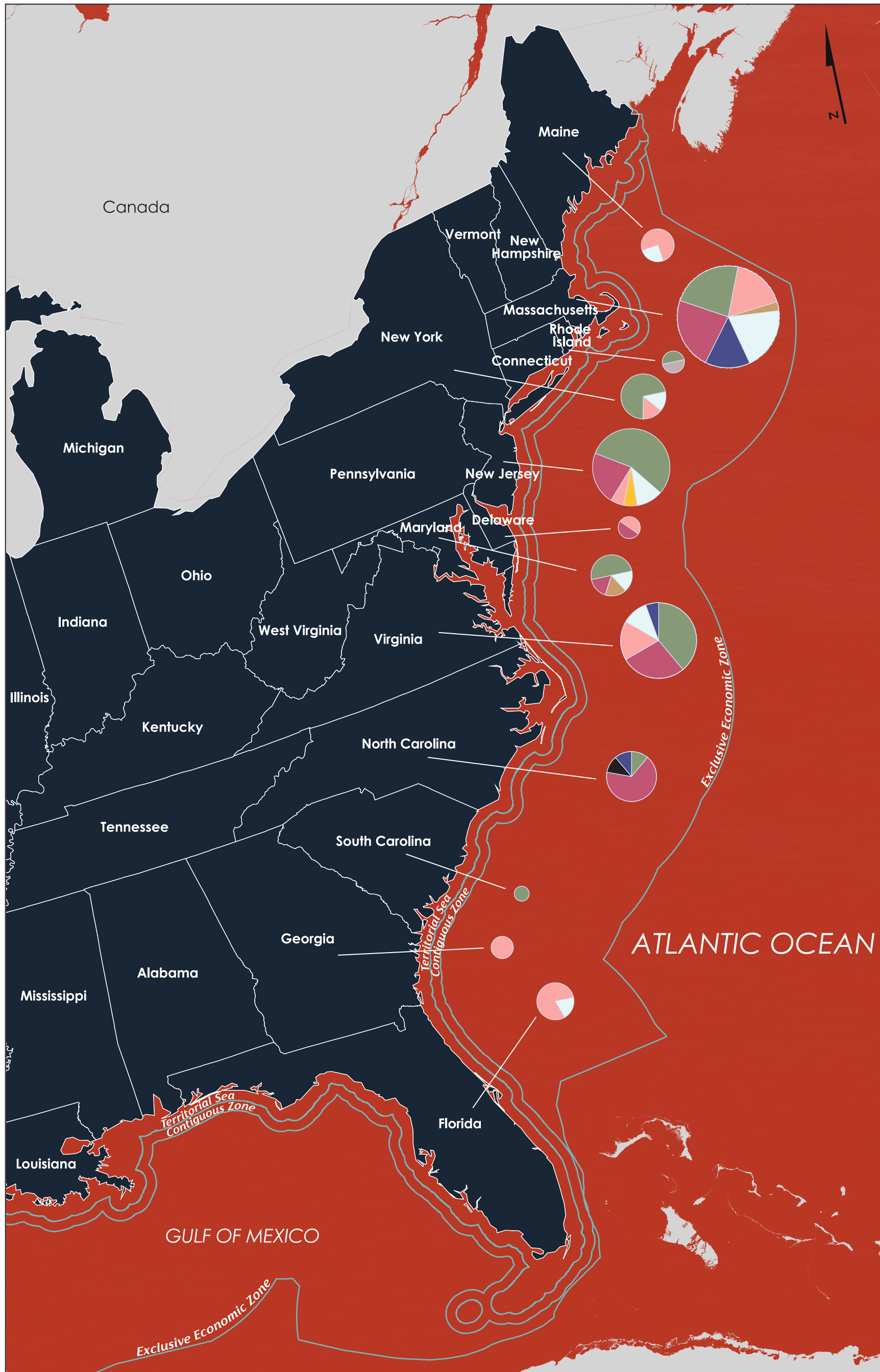
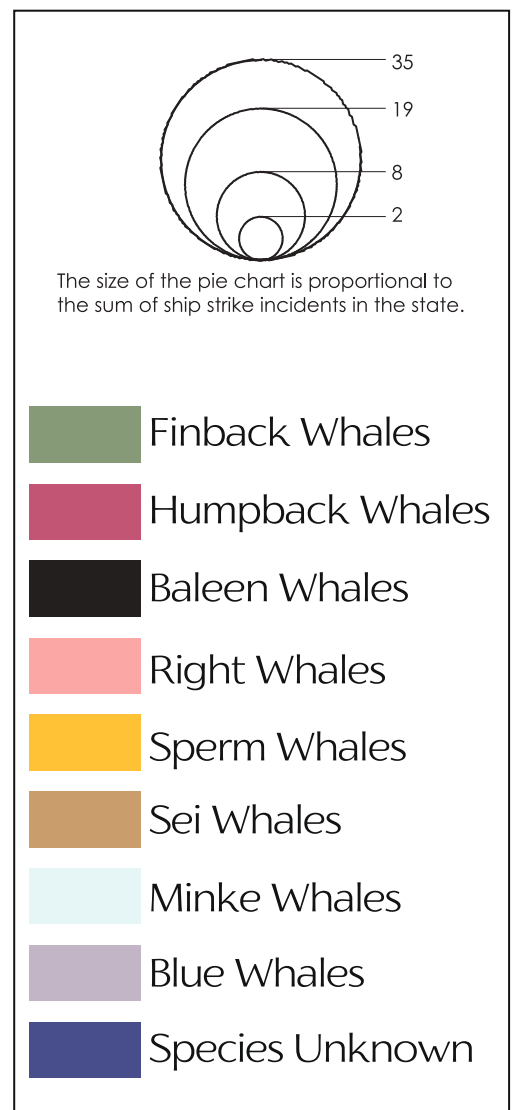


Large Whale Species Killed or Injured in Ship Strikes

from 1903 to 2002 near the US East Coast



In the last decade, organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund, NOAA, and International Whaling Commission, have started addressing the issue of ship strikes to protect whales around the world. NOAA and International Whaling Commission, for example, have collected information about ship strikes and encouraged the public to report these types of incidents. Marine biologists are looking for better methods to predict occurrences of whales in different areas and governments are beginning to impose speed limits to reduce ship strike mortality.



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Since the last century, a large number of whales have been injured or killed by collisions with vessels around the world. Due to the lack of equipment and proper technology, ship crews often fail to notice the presence of whales near shipping lanes. According to the Large Whales Ship Strike database released by NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), whale watching vessels, cargo ships, and navy vessels have all caused severe physical injuries and even death of large whales. This map provides information about the large whale species involved in ship strikes near the US East Coast between 1903 and 2002. The locations of these incidents, reported by ship crews or estimated by sites of discovery of the floating animals, have been classified according to the states they are in.