

# Estimated Range of Sea Turtles

77°W 76°W 75°W 74°W 73°W 72°W 71°W 70°W 69°W 68°W 67°W 66°W

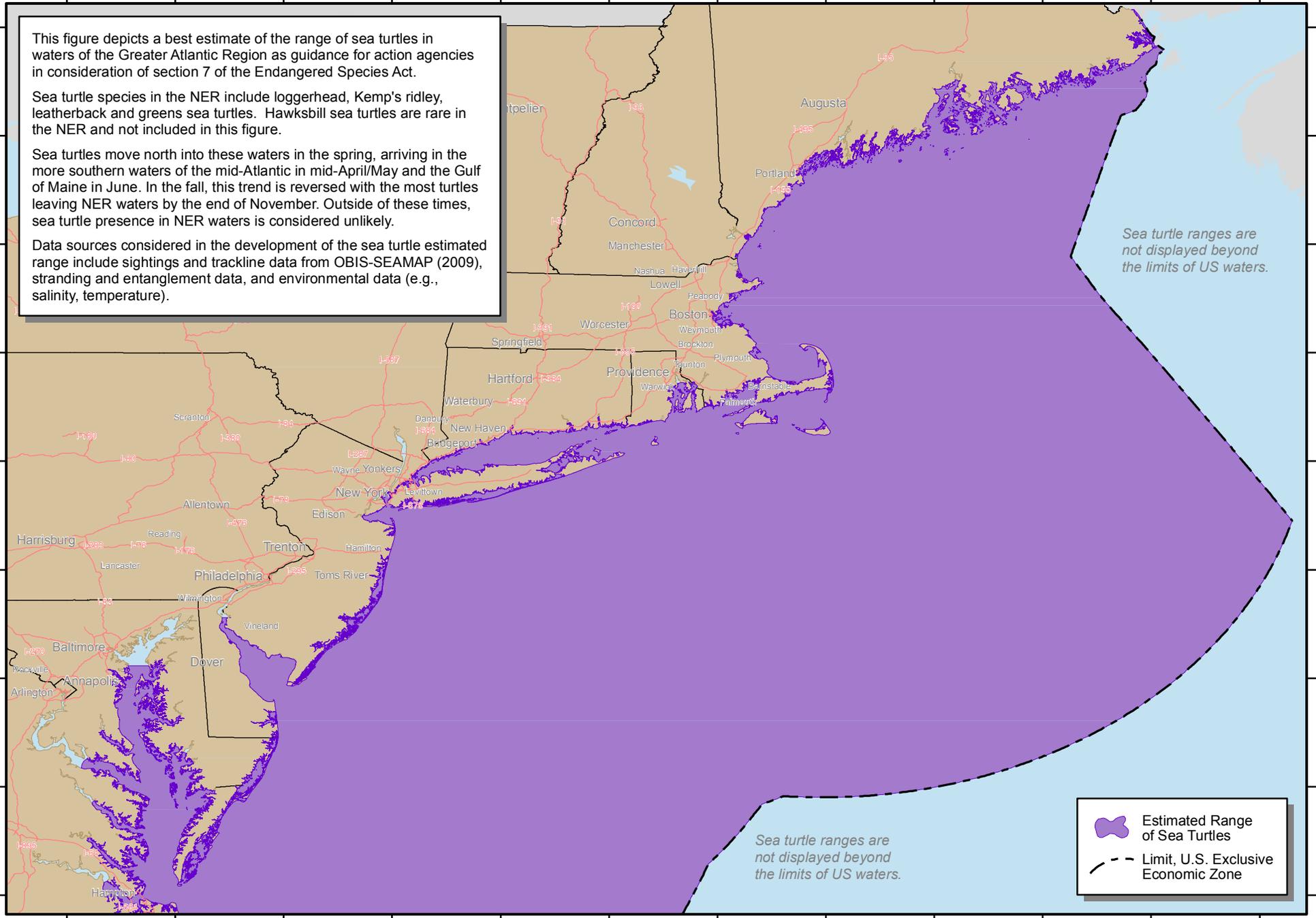
45°N  
44°N  
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37°N

This figure depicts a best estimate of the range of sea turtles in waters of the Greater Atlantic Region as guidance for action agencies in consideration of section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Sea turtle species in the NER include loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, leatherback and greens sea turtles. Hawksbill sea turtles are rare in the NER and not included in this figure.

Sea turtles move north into these waters in the spring, arriving in the more southern waters of the mid-Atlantic in mid-April/May and the Gulf of Maine in June. In the fall, this trend is reversed with the most turtles leaving NER waters by the end of November. Outside of these times, sea turtle presence in NER waters is considered unlikely.

Data sources considered in the development of the sea turtle estimated range include sightings and trackline data from OBIS-SEAMAP (2009), stranding and entanglement data, and environmental data (e.g., salinity, temperature).



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 Limit, U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone

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