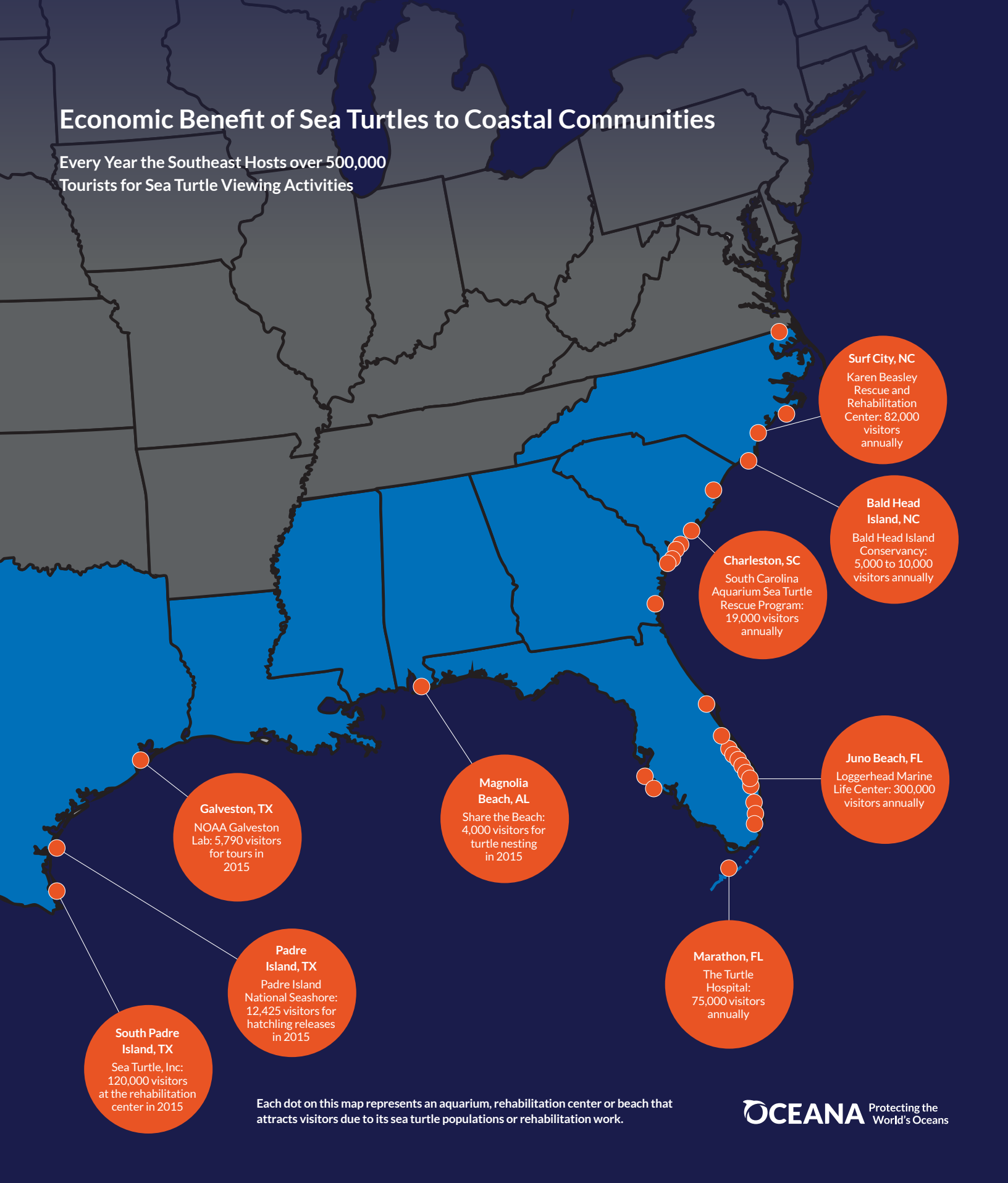


# Economic Benefit of Sea Turtles to Coastal Communities

Every Year the Southeast Hosts over 500,000 Tourists for Sea Turtle Viewing Activities



## Surf City, NC

Karen Beasley  
Rescue and  
Rehabilitation  
Center: 82,000  
visitors  
annually

## Bald Head Island, NC

Bald Head Island  
Conservancy:  
5,000 to 10,000  
visitors annually

## Charleston, SC

South Carolina  
Aquarium Sea Turtle  
Rescue Program:  
19,000 visitors  
annually

## Juno Beach, FL

Loggerhead Marine  
Life Center: 300,000  
visitors annually

## Marathon, FL

The Turtle  
Hospital:  
75,000 visitors  
annually

## Magnolia Beach, AL

Share the Beach:  
4,000 visitors for  
turtle nesting  
in 2015

## Galveston, TX

NOAA Galveston  
Lab: 5,790 visitors  
for tours in  
2015

## Padre Island, TX

Padre Island  
National Seashore:  
12,425 visitors for  
hatchling releases  
in 2015

## South Padre Island, TX

Sea Turtle, Inc:  
120,000 visitors  
at the rehabilitation  
center in 2015

Each dot on this map represents an aquarium, rehabilitation center or beach that attracts visitors due to its sea turtle populations or rehabilitation work.