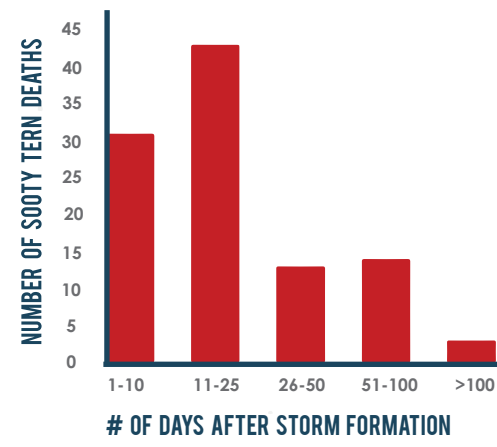
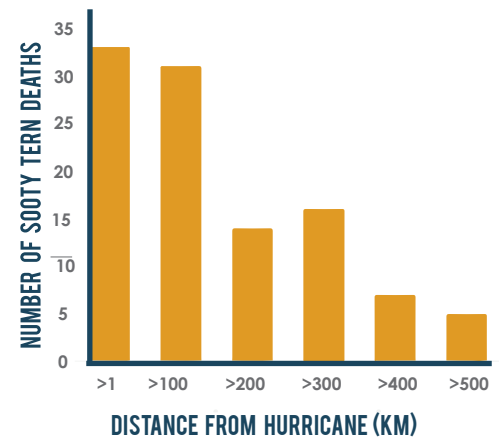
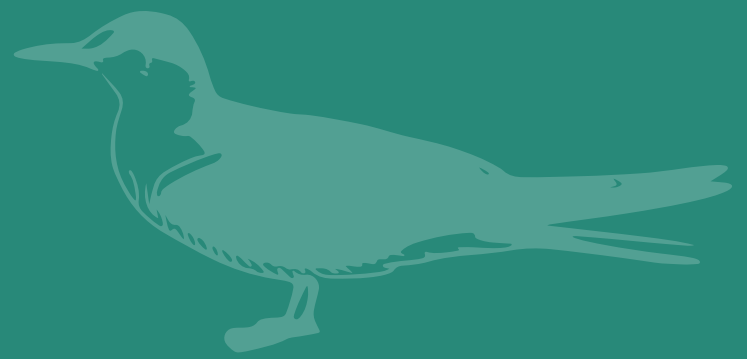


THE IMPACT OF HURRICANES ON SOOTY TERNS

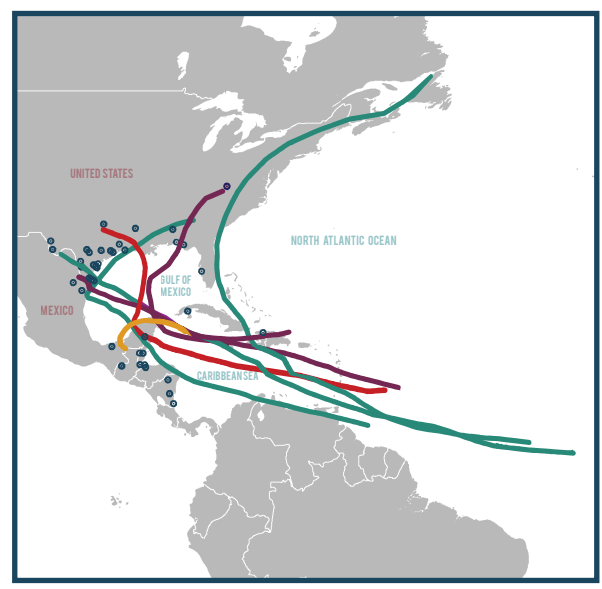
Every year, over 80,000 sooty terns land at the Dry Tortugas National Park in the Florida Keys to breed from January to June. After leaving the islands, they migrate through the Caribbean and spend winter off the coast of Brazil.



Most dead terns are found close to and immediately after a storm has passed.



MIGRATION MAP OF TRACKED SOOTY TERNS



MAJOR HURRICANES AND SOOTY TERN DEATHS IN THE 1970'S

- CATEGORY 1
- CATEGORY 2
- CATEGORY 3
- CATEGORY 4
- CATEGORY 5
- TERN DEATHS

Sooty terns are more likely to die during migrations when facing more hurricanes and stronger winds.

