

ENGAGING people with animals, INSPIRING appreciation for our seas, and SUPPORTING wildlife conservation

## Texas State Aquarium - Today

- Official Aquarium of Texas
- Largest aquarium in Texas
- Voted 5<sup>th</sup> best aquarium in the US
- 514,000 guests in 2022





#### Aquarium's Economic Impact

- \$151 million economic impact on the Corpus Christi area in 2021
- Supported 1,186 area jobs with \$42.9 million in salaries
- \$11.6 million in revenues for city, county, and other taxing districts
- \$7 million in tax revenues for state







#### Vision

Wildlife Resiliency on the Texas Gulf Coast

Mission

Conserving Wildlife and Developing Science Advocates to Build a

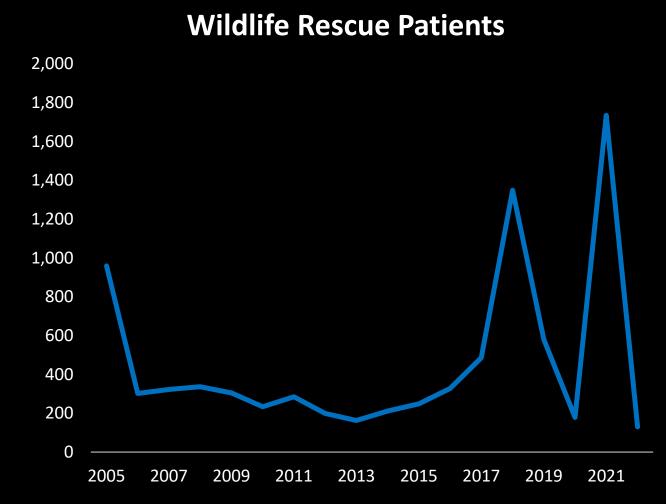
Resilient Texas Gulf Coast

### Wildlife Rescue Along the Texas Gulf Coast

 Prepare – develop wildlife professionals to respond to wildlife disasters

 Respond – operate the most comprehensive wildlife rescue center in Texas

 Recover – build resilient wildlife habitats and populations







#### Wildlife Rescue Program

- Largest coastal center in Texas
- Only Texas facility permitted for marine mammals, birds, & sea turtles
- Have released over 3,869 animals back into the wild

#### Rescue Patient Numbers 2005-2022

	Intake		
Marine mammals	23		
Aves	5,007		
Sea turtles	<u>3,383</u>		
	8,413		















# Port of Corpus Christi Center for Wildlife Rescue

- Wildlife Operations Center
- 3,000 sea turtle capacity
- Wildlife CT scanner
- Manatee Rescue Partnership











for the Official Grand Opening of

the Port of Corpus Christi Center for Wildlife Rescue at the Texas State Aquarium

03.02.23 at 10.30 a.m.

