

# Guana River Marsh Aquatic Preserve

## SEACAR Habitat Analyses

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## Threshold Filtering

Threshold filters, following the guidance of Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (*FDEP*) Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration (*DEAR*) are used to exclude specific results values from the SEACAR Analysis. Based on the threshold filters, Quality Assurance / Quality Control (*QAQC*) Flags are inserted into the *SEACAR\_QAQCFlagCode* and *SEACAR\_QAQC\_Description* columns of the export data. The *Include* column indicates whether the *QAQC* Flag will also indicate that data are excluded from analysis. No data are excluded from the data export, but the analysis scripts can use the *Include* column to exclude data (1 to include, 0 to exclude).

Table 1: Continuous Water Quality threshold values

Parameter Name	Units	Low Threshold	High Threshold
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	-0.000001	50
Dissolved Oxygen Saturation	%	-0.000001	500
Salinity	ppt	-0.000001	70
Turbidity	NTU	-0.000001	4000
Water Temperature	Degrees C	-5.000000	45
pH	None	2.000000	14

Table 2: Discrete Water Quality threshold values

Parameter Name	Units	Low Threshold	High Threshold
Ammonia, Un-ionized (NH3)	mg/L	-	-
Ammonium, Filtered (NH4)	mg/L	-	-
Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin	ug/L	-	-
Chlorophyll a, Uncorrected for Pheophytin	ug/L	-	-
Colored Dissolved Organic Matter	PCU	-	-

Parameter Name	Units	Low Threshold	High Threshold
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	-0.000001	25
Dissolved Oxygen Saturation	%	-0.000001	310
Fluorescent Dissolved Organic Matter	QSE	-	-
Light Extinction Coefficient	m^-1	-	-
NO2+3, Filtered	mg/L	-	-
Nitrate (NO3)	mg/L	-	-
Nitrite (NO2)	mg/L	-	-
Nitrogen, organic	mg/L	-	-
Phosphate, Filtered (PO4)	mg/L	-	-
Salinity	ppt	-0.000001	70
Secchi Depth	m	0.000001	50
Specific Conductivity	mS/cm	0.005000	100
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/L	-	-
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	-	-
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	-	-
Total Phosphorus	mg/L	-	-
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	-	-
Turbidity	NTU	-	-
Water Temperature	Degrees C	3.000000	40
pH	None	2.000000	13

Table 3: Quality Assurance Flags inserted based on threshold checks listed in Table 1 and 2

SEACAR QAQC Description	Include	SEACAR QAQCFlagCode
Exceeds maximum threshold	0	2Q
Below minimum threshold	0	4Q
Within threshold tolerance	1	6Q
No defined thresholds for this parameter	1	7Q

## Value Qualifiers

Value qualifier codes included within the data are used to exclude certain results from the analysis. The data are retained in the data export files, but the analysis uses the *Include* column to filter the results.

### STORET and WIN value qualifier codes

Value qualifier codes from *STORET* and *WIN* data are examined with the database and used to populate the *Include* column in data exports.

Table 4: Value Qualifier codes excluded from analysis

Qualifier Source	Value Qualifier	Include	MDL	Description
STORET-WIN	H	0	0	Value based on field kit determination; results may not be accurate
STORET-WIN	J	0	0	Estimated value
STORET-WIN	V	0	0	Analyte was detected at or above method detection limit
STORET-WIN	Y	0	0	Lab analysis from an improperly preserved sample; data may be inaccurate

### Discrete Water Quality Value Qualifiers

The following value qualifiers are highlighted in the Discrete Water Quality section of this report. An exception is made for **Program 476 - Charlotte Harbor Estuaries Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Network** and data flagged with Value Qualifier **H** are included for this program only.

**H** - Value based on field kit determiniation; results may not be accurate. This code shall be used if a field screening test (e.g., field gas chromatograph data, immunoassay, or vendor-supplied field kit) was used to generate the value and the field kit or method has not been recognized by the Department as equivalent to laboratory methods.

**I** - The reported value is greater than or equal to the laboratory method detection limit but less than the laboratory practical quantitation limit.

**Q** - Sample held beyond the accepted holding time. This code shall be used if the value is derived from a sample that was prepared or analyzed after the approved holding time restrictions for sample preparation or analysis.

**S** - Secchi disk visible to bottom of waterbody. The value reported is the depth of the waterbody at the location of the Secchi disk measurement.

**U** - Indicates that the compound was analyzed for but not detected. This symbol shall be used to indicate that the specified component was not detected. The value associated with the qualifier shall be the laboratory method detection limit. Unless requested by the client, less than the method detection limit values shall not be reported

### Systemwide Monitoring Program (SWMP) value qualifier codes

Value qualifier codes from the *SWMP* continuous program are examined with the database and used to populate the *Include* column in data exports. *SWMP* Qualifier Codes are indicated by *QualifierSource=SWMP*.

Table 5: SWMP Value Qualifier codes

<i>Qualifier Source</i>	<i>Value Qualifier</i>	<i>Include</i>	<i>Description</i>
SWMP	-1	Yes	Optional parameter not collected
SWMP	-2	No	Missing data
SWMP	-3	No	Data rejected due to QA/QC
SWMP	-4	No	Outside low sensor range
SWMP	-5	No	Outside high sensor range
SWMP	0	Yes	Passed initial QA/QC checks
SWMP	1	No	Suspect data
SWMP	2	Yes	Reserved for future use
SWMP	3	Yes	Calculated data: non-vented depth/level sensor correction for changes in barometric pressure
SWMP	4	Yes	Historical: Pre-auto QA/QC
SWMP	5	Yes	Corrected data

## Water Column

The water column habitat extends from the water's surface to the bottom sediments, and it's where fish, dolphins, crabs and people swim! So much life makes its home in the water column that the health of marine and coastal ecosystems, as well as human economies, depend on the condition of this vulnerable habitat. Local patterns of rainfall, temperature, winds and currents can rapidly change the condition of the water column, while global influences such as [El Niño/La Niña](#), large-scale fluctuation in sea temperatures and climate change can have long-term effects. Inputs from the prosperity of our day-to-day lives including farming, mining and forestry, and emissions from power generation, automobiles and water treatment can also alter the health of the water column. Acting alone or together, each input can have complex and lasting effects on habitats and ecosystems.

SEACAR evaluates water column health with several essential parameters. These include nutrient surveys of nitrogen and phosphorus, and water quality assessments of salinity, dissolved oxygen, pH, and water temperature. Water clarity is evaluated with Secchi depth, turbidity, levels of chlorophyll a, total suspended solids, and colored dissolved organic matter. Additionally, the richness of nekton is indicated by the abundance of free-swimming fishes and macroinvertebrates like crabs and shrimps.

## Seasonal Kendall-Tau Analysis

Indicators must have a minimum of five to ten years, depending on the habitat, of data within the geographic range of the analysis to be included in the analysis. Ten years of data are required for discrete parameters, and five years of data are required for continuous parameters. If there are insufficient years of data, the number of years of data available will be noted and labeled as "insufficient data to conduct analysis". Further, for the preferred Seasonal Kendall-Tau test, there must be data from at least two months in common across at least two consecutive years within the RCP managed area being analyzed. Values that pass both of these tests will be included in the analysis and be labeled as *Use\_In\_Analysis = TRUE*. Any that fail either test will be excluded from the analyses and labeled as *Use\_In\_Analysis = FALSE*. The points for all Water Column plots displayed in this section are monthly averages. Trend significance will be denoted as "Significant Trend" (when  $p < 0.05$ ), or "Non-significant Trend" (when  $p \geq 0.05$ ). Any parameters with insufficient data to perform Seasonal Kendall-Tau test will have their monthly averages plotted without a corresponding trend line.

## Water Quality - Discrete

The following files were used in the discrete analysis:

- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_Chlorophyll\_a\_corrected\_for\_pheophytin-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_Chlorophyll\_a\_uncorrected\_for\_pheophytin-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_Colored\_dissolved\_organic\_matter\_CDOM-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_Dissolved\_Oxygen-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_Dissolved\_Oxygen\_Saturation-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_pH-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_Salinity-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_Secchi\_Depth-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_Total\_Nitrogen-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_Total\_Phosphorus-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_Total\_Suspended\_Solids\_TSS-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_Turbidity-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_Water\_Temperature-2024-Dec-08.txt*

# Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin - Discrete Water Quality

## Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis

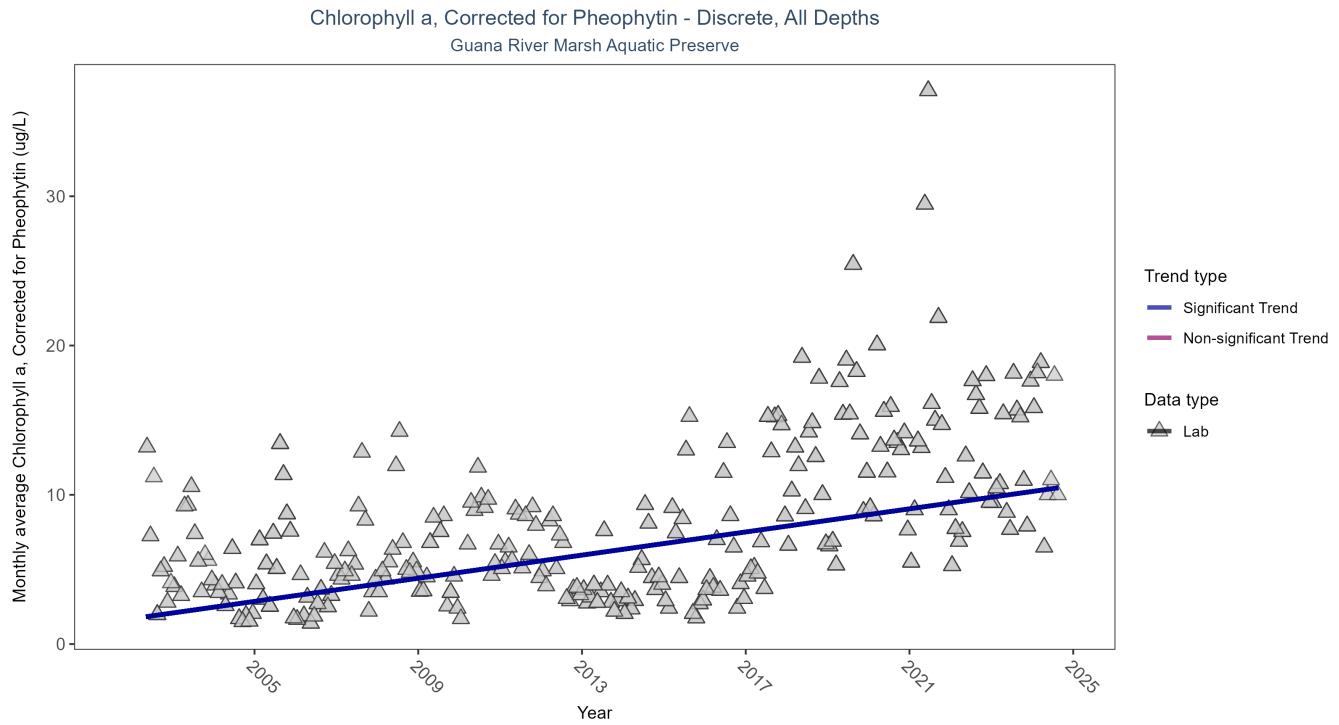


Figure 1: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin - Discrete

Table 6: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis for Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin

RelativeDepth	N-Data	N-Years	Median	Independent	tau	p	SennSlope	SennIntercept	ChiSquared	pChiSquared	Trend
All	1633	23	5.4	TRUE	0.4298	0	0.3877	1.6941	7.516	0.7559	1

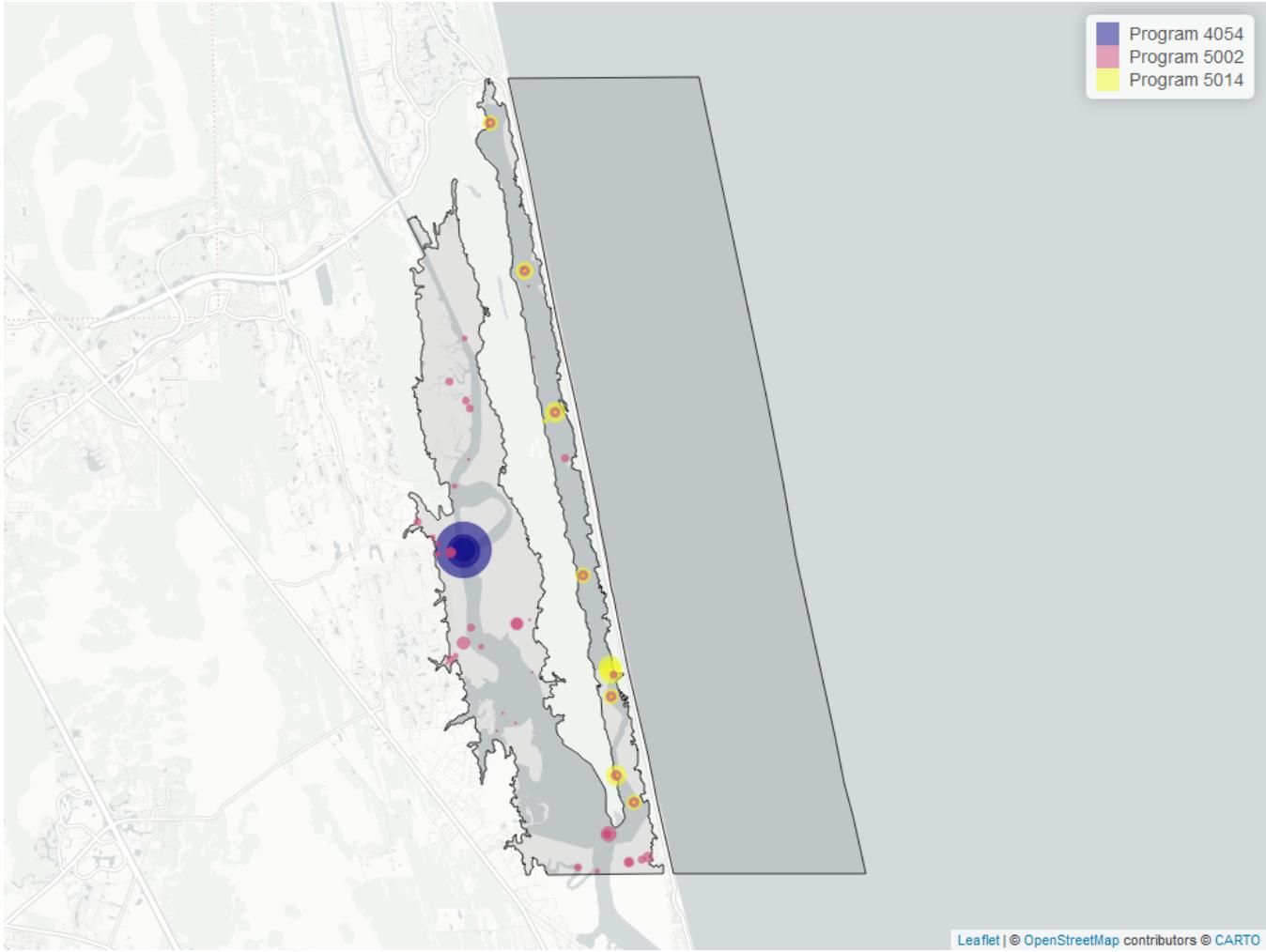


Figure 2: Map showing location of Discrete sampling sites for Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin. The bubble size on the maps below reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Table 7: Programs contributing data for Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin

<i>ProgramID</i>	<i>N_Data</i>	<i>YearMin</i>	<i>YearMax</i>
4054	717	2002	2024
5014	588	2017	2024
5002	354	2002	2024

#### Program names:

4054 - Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve System-Wide Monitoring Program<sup>1</sup>

5002 - Florida STORET / WIN<sup>2</sup>

5014 - Guana River and Guana Lake Water Quality Monitoring<sup>3</sup>

#### Chlorophyll a, Uncorrected for Pheophytin - Discrete Water Quality

#### Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis

Chlorophyll a, Uncorrected for Pheophytin - Discrete, All Depths  
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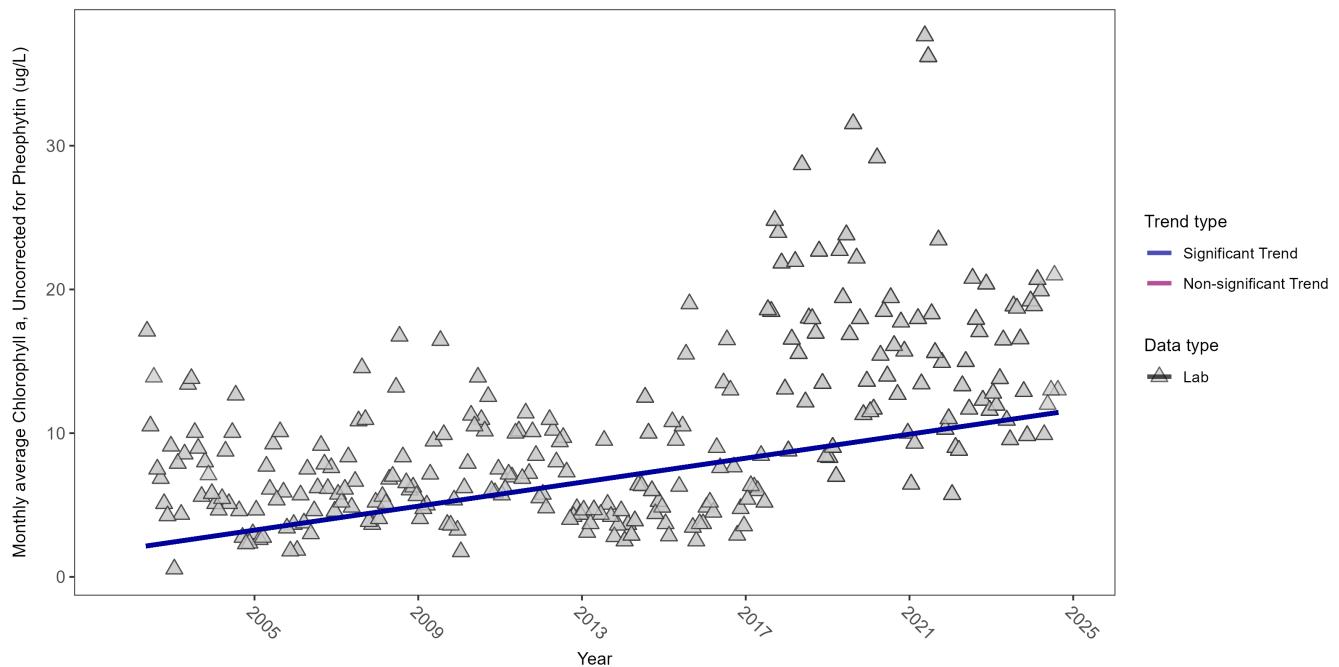


Figure 3: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for Chlorophyll a, Uncorrected for Pheophytin - Discrete

Table 8: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis for Chlorophyll a, Uncorrected for Pheophytin

RelativeDepth	N-Data	N-Years	Median	Independent	tau	p	SennSlope	SennIntercept	ChiSquared	pChiSquared	Trend
All	1312	23	7.7	TRUE	0.408	0	0.4172	2.0013	6.515	0.8369	1

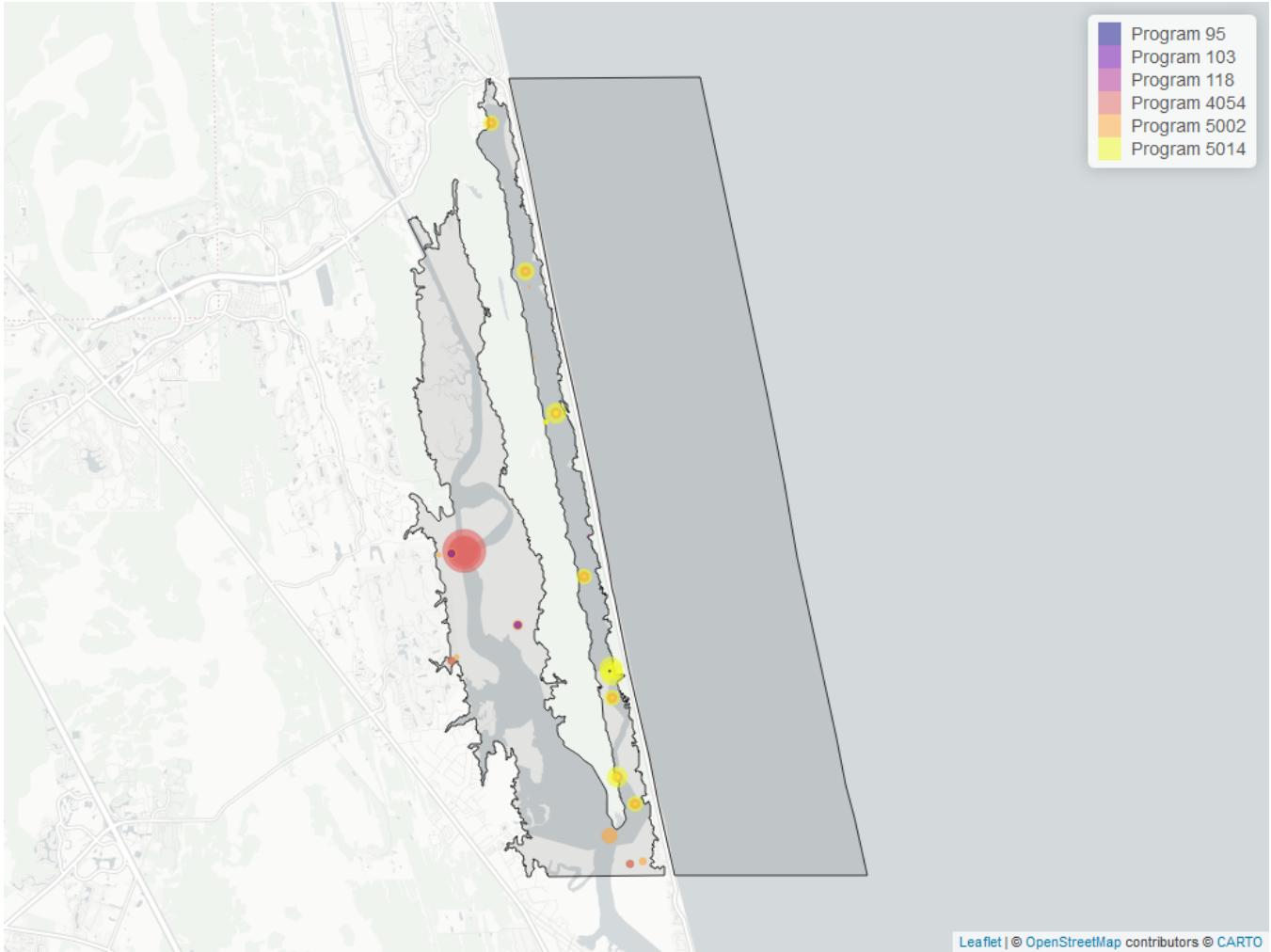


Figure 4: Map showing location of Discrete sampling sites for Chlorophyll a, Uncorrected for Pheophytin. The bubble size on the maps below reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Table 9: Programs contributing data for Chlorophyll a, Uncorrected for Pheophytin

<i>ProgramID</i>	<i>N_Data</i>	<i>YearMin</i>	<i>YearMax</i>
5014	636	2017	2024
4054	586	2002	2024
5002	120	2019	2024
103	40	2021	2021
118	1	2006	2006
95	1	2012	2012

#### Program names:

95 - Harmful Algal Bloom Marine Observation Network<sup>4</sup>

103 - EPA STOrage and RETrieval Data Warehouse (STORET)/WQX<sup>5</sup>

118 - National Aquatic Resource Surveys, National Coastal Condition Assessment<sup>6</sup>

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## Colored Dissolved Organic Matter - Discrete Water Quality

### Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis

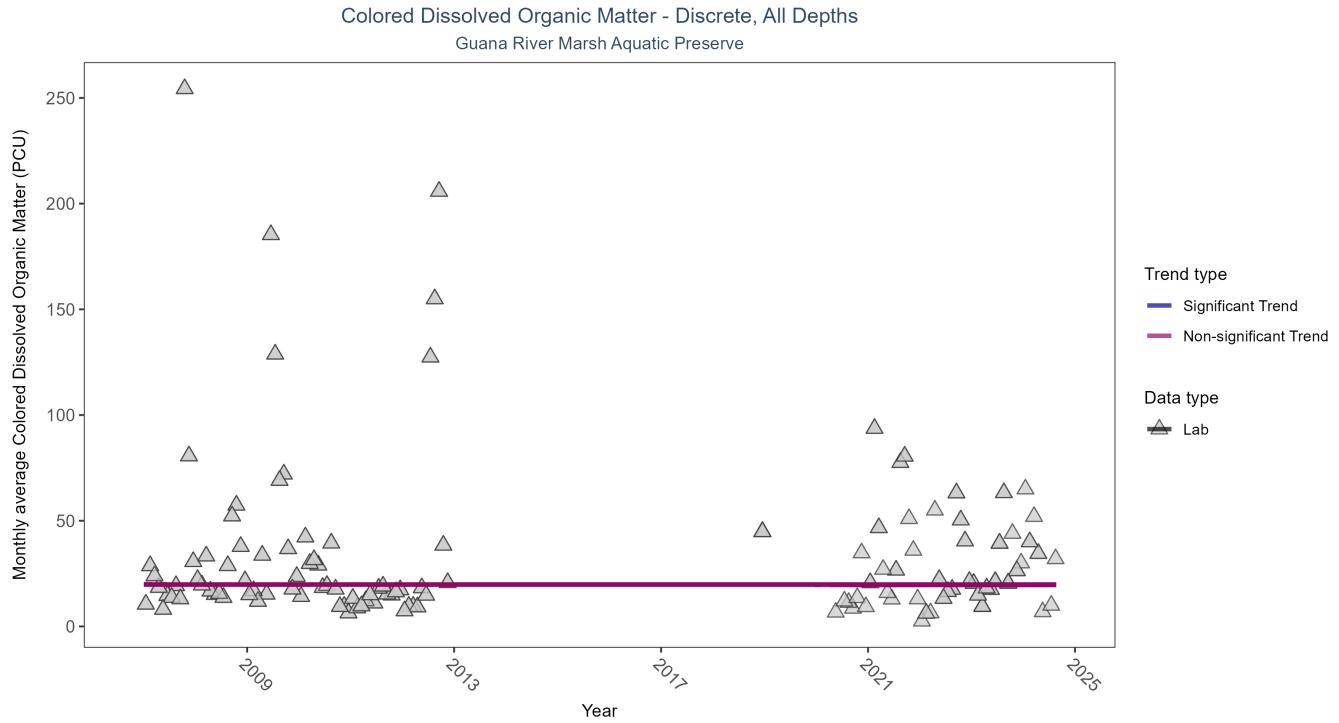


Figure 5: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for Colored Dissolved Organic Matter - Discrete

Table 10: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis for Colored Dissolved Organic Matter

RelativeDepth	N-Data	N-Years	Median	Independent	tau	p	SennSlope	SennIntercept	ChiSquared	pChiSquared	Trend
All	234	12	19.35	TRUE	-0.0045	0.98	-0.0053	19.8503	1.8941	0.9988	0

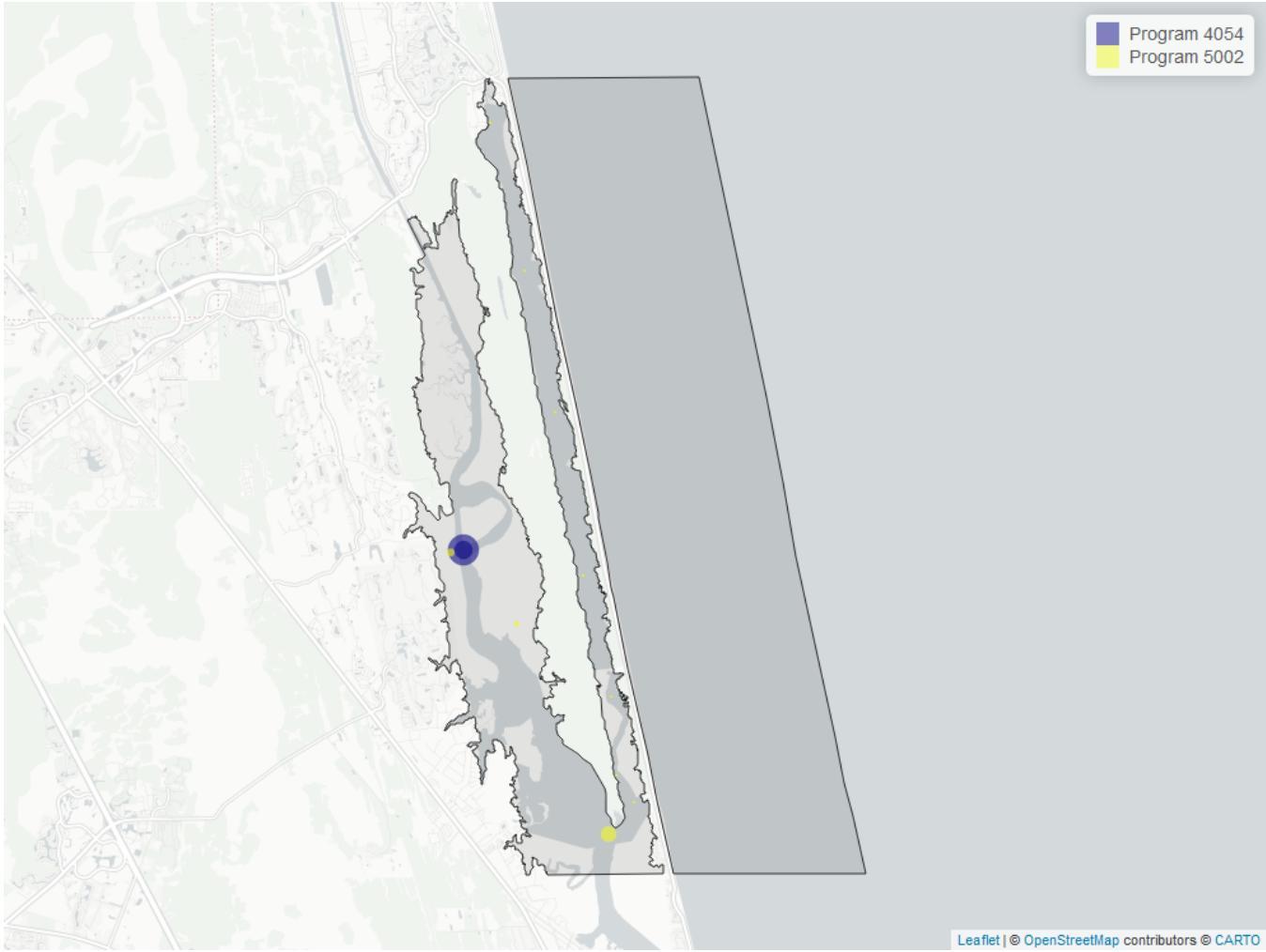


Figure 6: Map showing location of Discrete sampling sites for Colored Dissolved Organic Matter. The bubble size on the maps below reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Table 11: Programs contributing data for Colored Dissolved Organic Matter

<i>ProgramID</i>	<i>N_Data</i>	<i>YearMin</i>	<i>YearMax</i>
4054	185	2007	2024
5002	43	2020	2024
5014	7	2018	2018

#### Program names:

4054 - Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve System-Wide Monitoring Program<sup>1</sup>

5002 - Florida STORET / WIN<sup>2</sup>

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#### Dissolved Oxygen - Discrete Water Quality

#### Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis

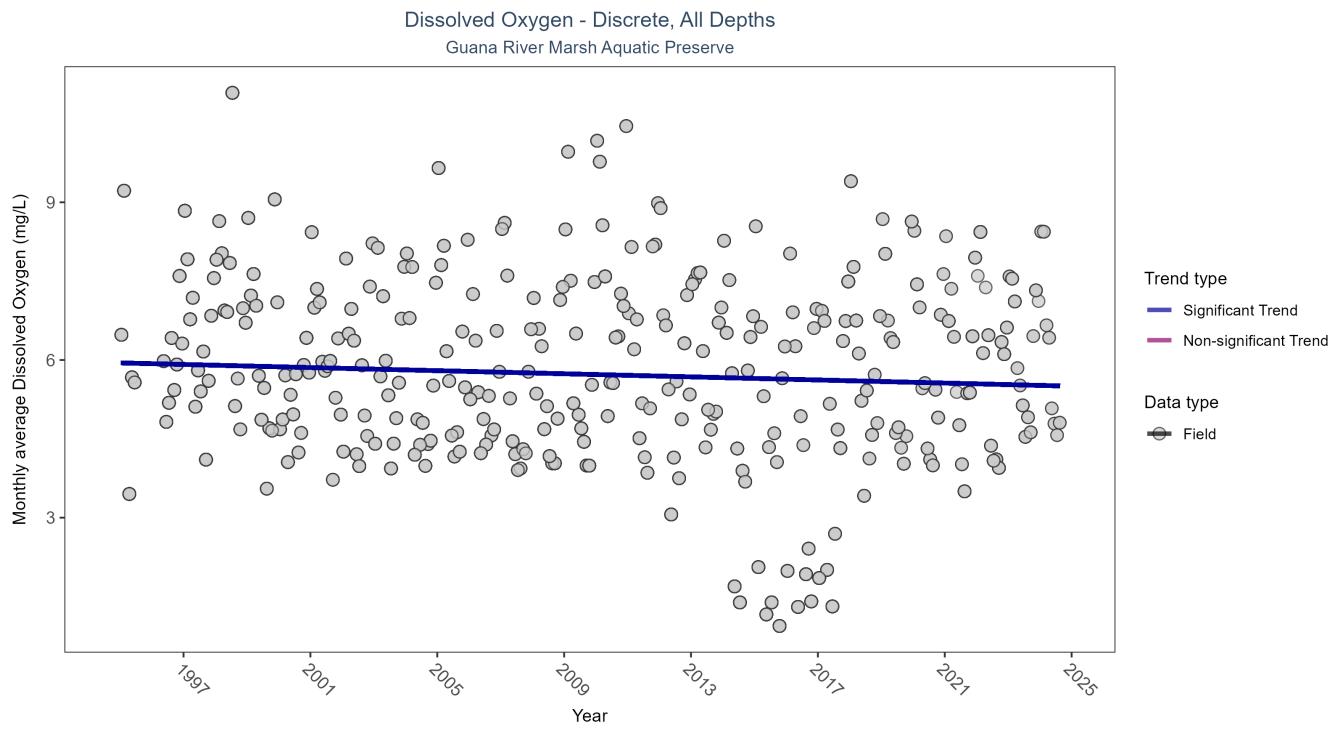


Figure 7: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for Dissolved Oxygen - Discrete

Table 12: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis for Dissolved Oxygen

RelativeDepth	N-Data	N-Years	Median	Independent	tau	p	SennSlope	SennIntercept	ChiSquared	pChiSquared	Trend
All	7608	30	5.7	TRUE	-0.0876	0.02	-0.0148	5.9443	10.6736	0.471	-1

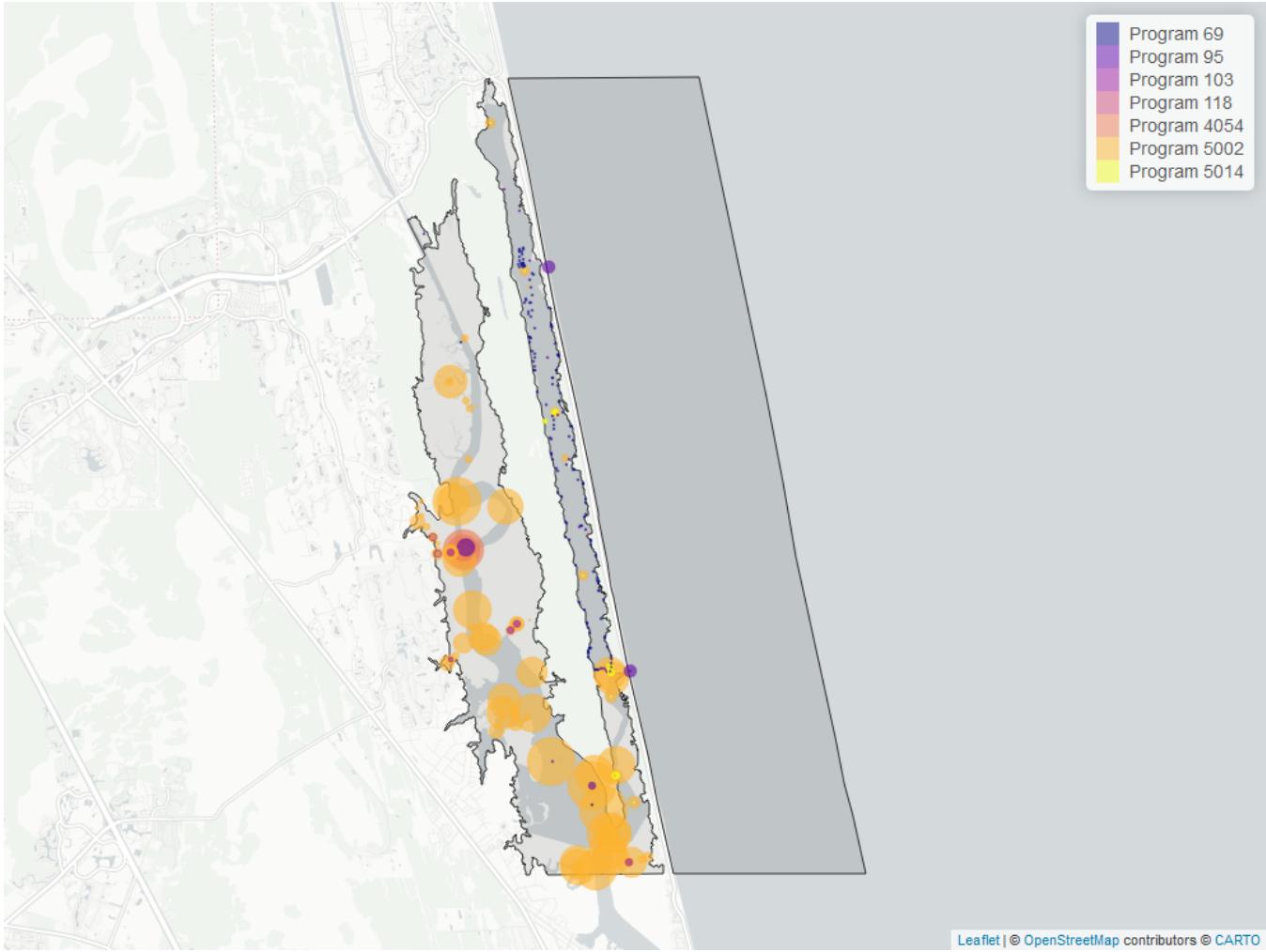


Figure 8: Map showing location of Discrete sampling sites for Dissolved Oxygen. The bubble size on the maps below reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Table 13: Programs contributing data for Dissolved Oxygen

<i>ProgramID</i>	<i>N_Data</i>	<i>YearMin</i>	<i>YearMax</i>
5002	6612	1995	2024
4054	503	2002	2024
5014	239	2017	2022
69	150	2001	2010
95	130	2007	2018
103	57	2021	2021
118	1	2006	2006

#### Program names:

69 - Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) Program<sup>7</sup>

95 - Harmful Algal Bloom Marine Observation Network<sup>4</sup>

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## Dissolved Oxygen Saturation - Discrete Water Quality

### Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis

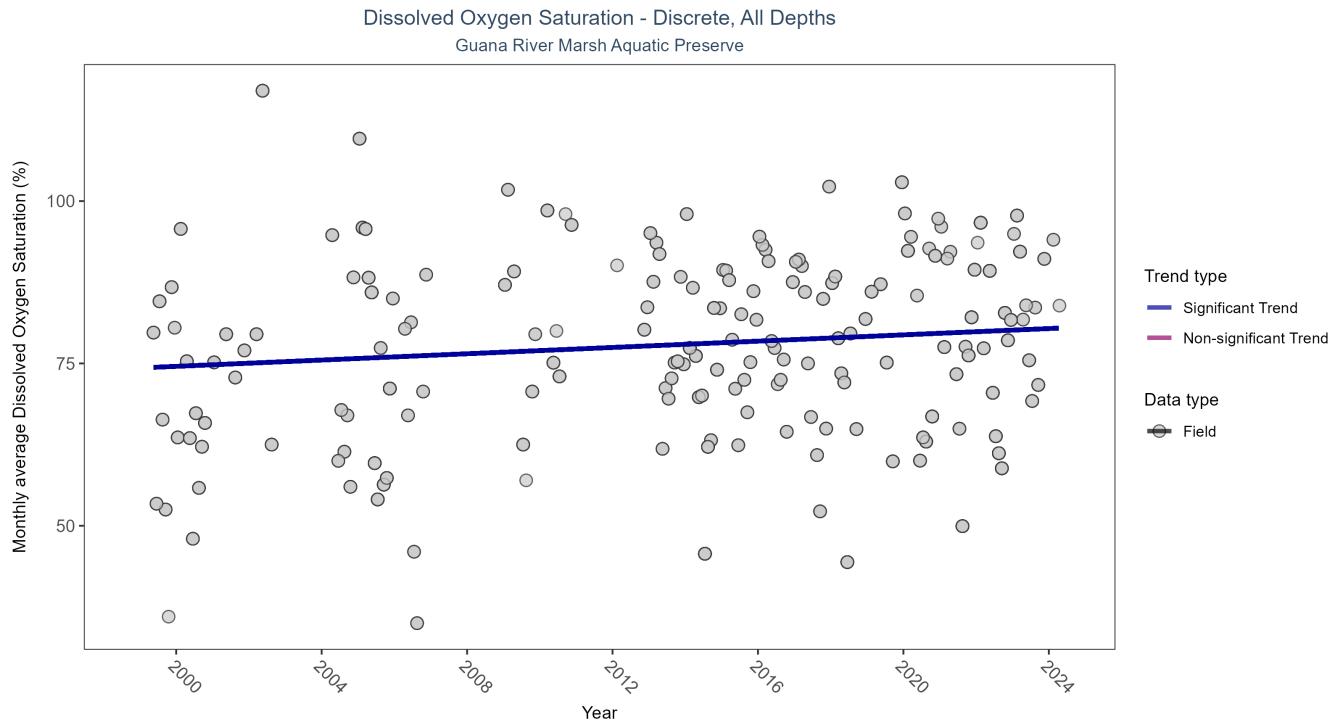


Figure 9: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for Dissolved Oxygen Saturation - Discrete

Table 14: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis for Dissolved Oxygen Saturation

RelativeDepth	N-Data	N-Years	Median	Independent	tau	p	SennSlope	SennIntercept	ChiSquared	pChiSquared	Trend
All	1170	22	78.35	TRUE	0.1177	0.0389	0.2424	74.3079	9.9038	0.5391	1

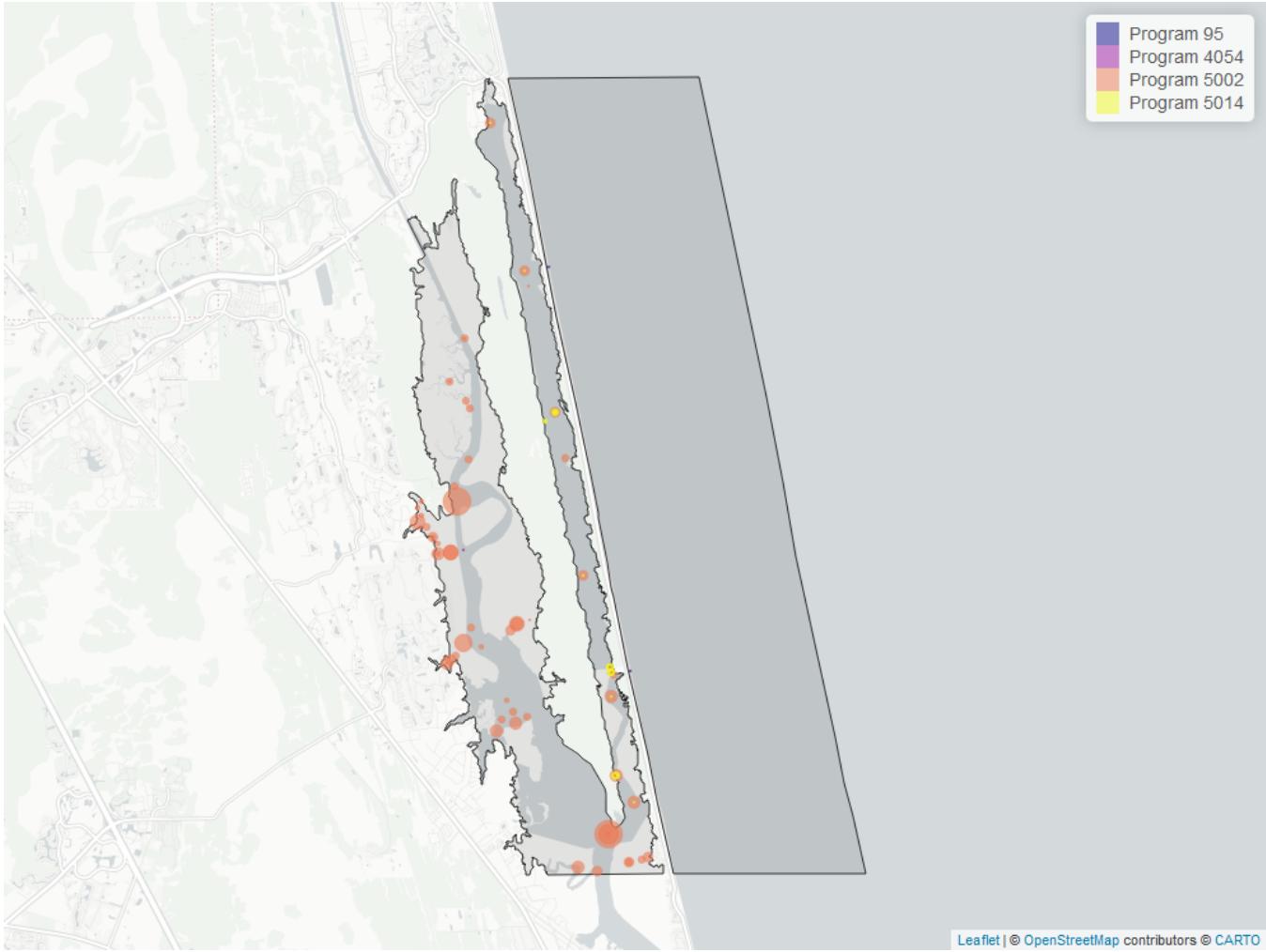


Figure 10: Map showing location of Discrete sampling sites for Dissolved Oxygen Saturation. The bubble size on the maps below reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Table 15: Programs contributing data for Dissolved Oxygen Saturation

<i>ProgramID</i>	<i>N_Data</i>	<i>YearMin</i>	<i>YearMax</i>
5002	965	1999	2024
5014	220	2017	2022
95	3	2012	2013
4054	1	2022	2022

#### Program names:

95 - Harmful Algal Bloom Marine Observation Network<sup>4</sup>

4054 - Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve System-Wide Monitoring Program<sup>1</sup>

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#### pH - Discrete Water Quality

#### Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis

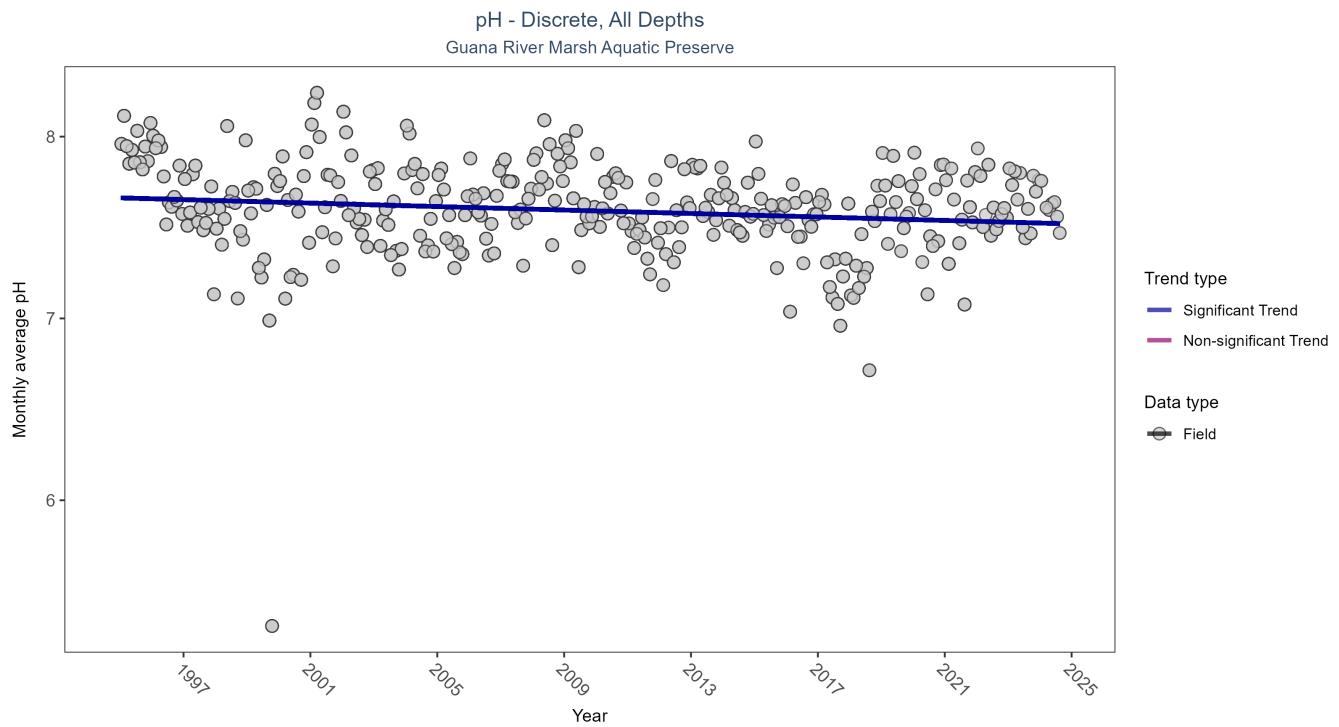


Figure 11: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for pH - Discrete

Table 16: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis for pH

RelativeDepth	N-Data	N-Years	Median	Independent	tau	p	SennSlope	SennIntercept	ChiSquared	pChiSquared	Trend
All	6185	30	7.7	TRUE	-0.138	0.0002	-0.0048	7.663	14.3974	0.2118	-1

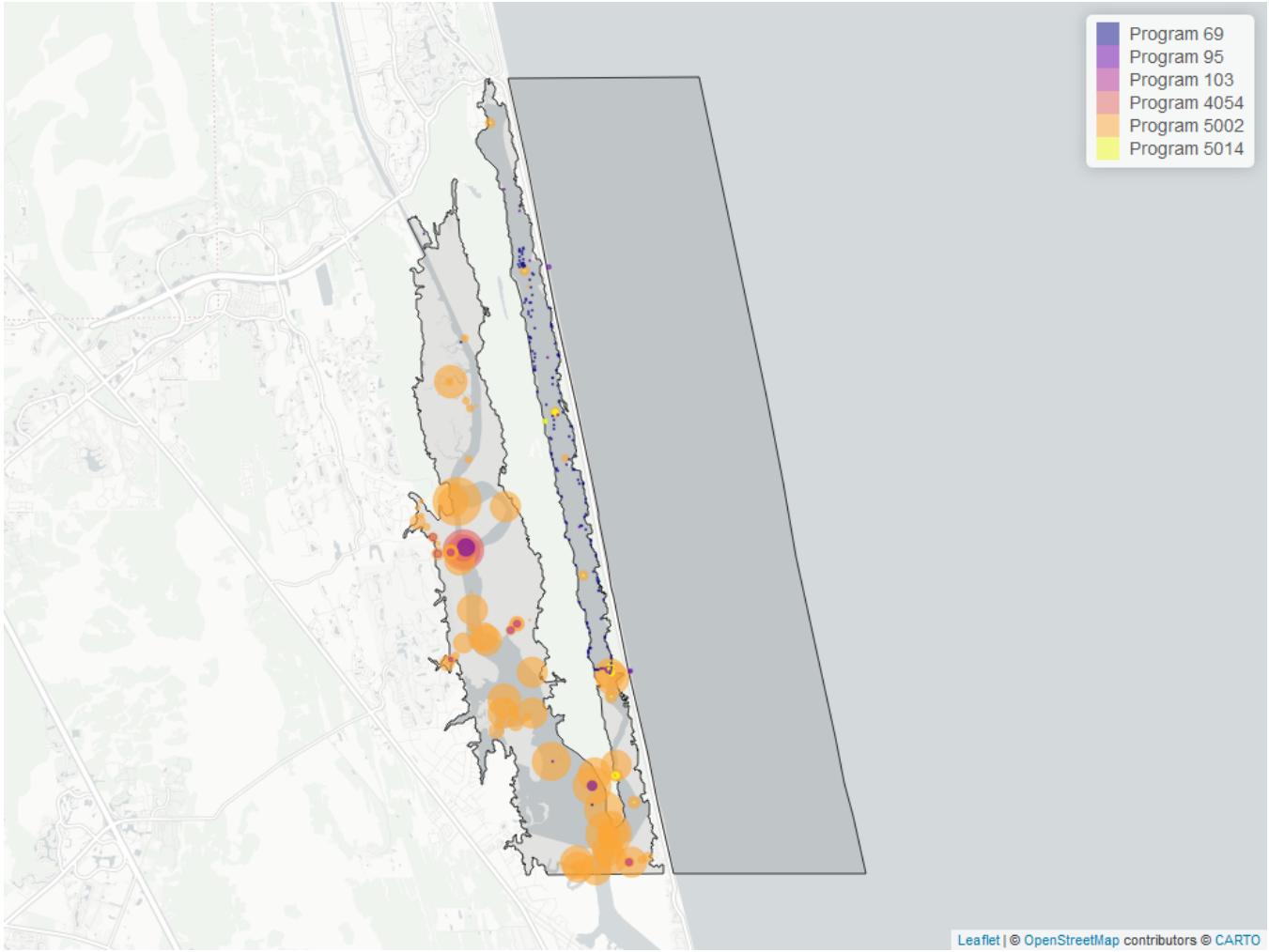


Figure 12: Map showing location of Discrete sampling sites for pH. The bubble size on the maps below reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Table 17: Programs contributing data for pH

<i>ProgramID</i>	<i>N_Data</i>	<i>YearMin</i>	<i>YearMax</i>
5002	5456	1995	2024
4054	505	2002	2024
5014	243	2017	2022
69	153	2001	2010
95	99	2007	2018
103	57	2021	2021

#### Program names:

69 - Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) Program<sup>7</sup>

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## Salinity - Discrete Water Quality

### Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis

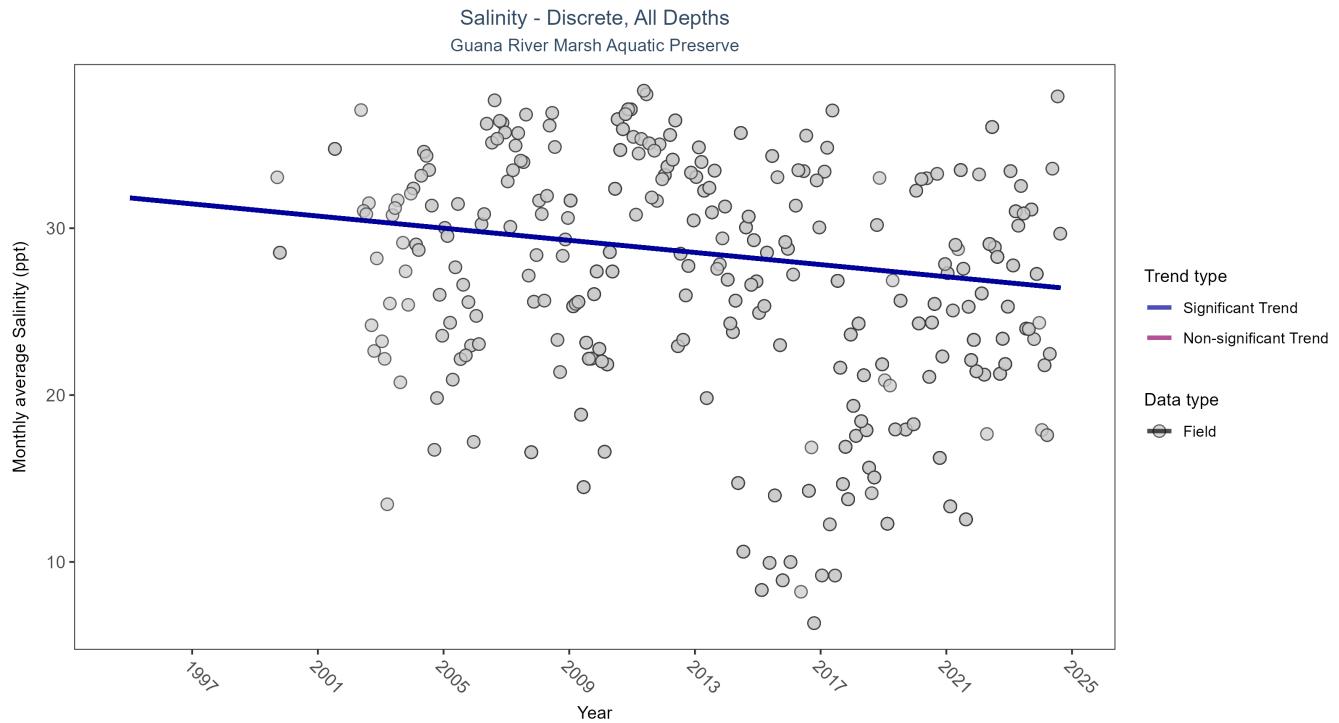


Figure 13: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for Salinity - Discrete

Table 18: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis for Salinity

RelativeDepth	N-Data	N-Years	Median	Independent	tau	p	SennSlope	SennIntercept	ChiSquared	pChiSquared	Trend
All	8358	30	31	TRUE	-0.1811	0	-0.1819	31.8209	3.3042	0.9861	-1

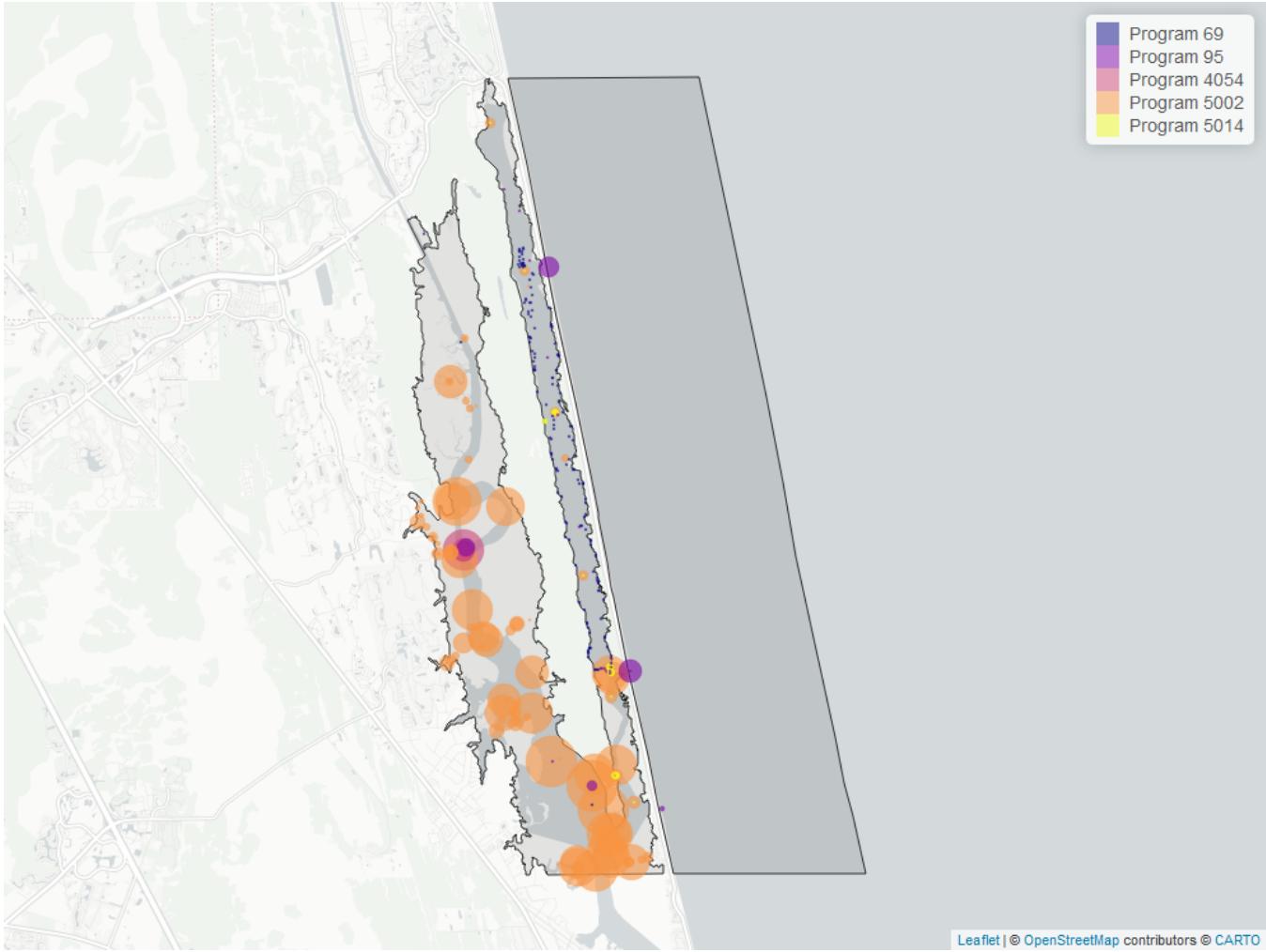


Figure 14: Map showing location of Discrete sampling sites for Salinity. The bubble size on the maps below reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Table 19: Programs contributing data for Salinity

<i>ProgramID</i>	<i>N_Data</i>	<i>YearMin</i>	<i>YearMax</i>
5002	7349	1995	2024
4054	401	2002	2024
5014	243	2017	2022
95	236	1999	2018
69	153	2001	2010

#### Program names:

69 - Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) Program<sup>7</sup>

95 - Harmful Algal Bloom Marine Observation Network<sup>4</sup>

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#### Secchi Depth - Discrete Water Quality

#### Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis

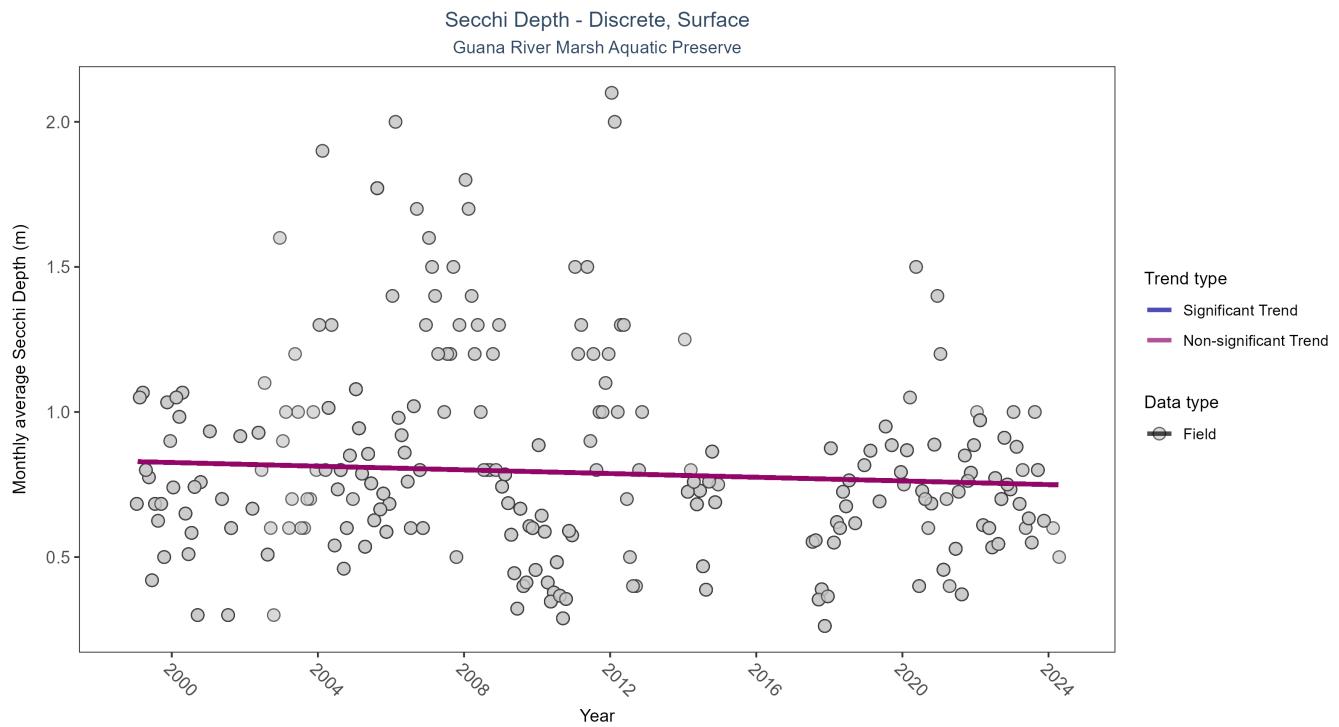


Figure 15: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for Secchi Depth - Discrete

Table 20: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis for Secchi Depth

RelativeDepth	N-Data	N-Years	Median	Independent	tau	p	SennSlope	SennIntercept	ChiSquared	pChiSquared	Trend
Surface	1353	23	0.7	TRUE	-0.0721	0.1579	-0.0032	0.8291	12.4681	0.3295	0

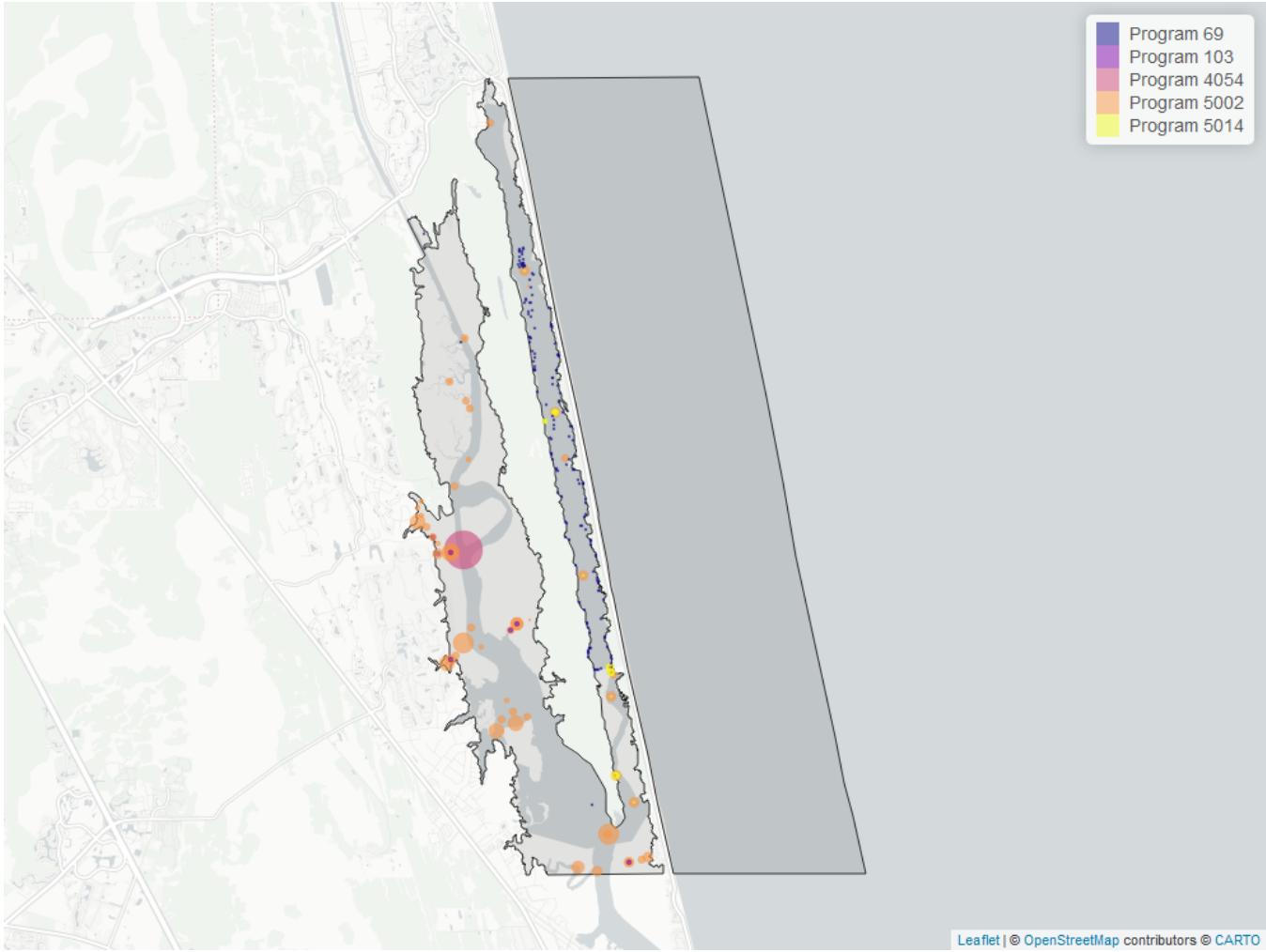


Figure 16: Map showing location of Discrete sampling sites for Secchi Depth. The bubble size on the maps below reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Table 21: Programs contributing data for Secchi Depth

<i>ProgramID</i>	<i>N_Data</i>	<i>YearMin</i>	<i>YearMax</i>
5002	715	1999	2024
4054	236	2002	2014
5014	215	2017	2022
69	153	2001	2010
103	35	2021	2021

#### Program names:

69 - Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) Program<sup>7</sup>

103 - EPA STOrage and RETrieval Data Warehouse (STORET)/WQX<sup>5</sup>

4054 - Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve System-Wide Monitoring Program<sup>1</sup>

5002 - Florida STORET / WIN<sup>2</sup>

5014 - Guana River and Guana Lake Water Quality Monitoring<sup>3</sup>

#### Total Nitrogen - Discrete Water Quality

##### Total Nitrogen Calculation:

The logic for calculated Total Nitrogen was provided by Kevin O'Donnell and colleagues at FDEP (with the help of Jay Silvanima, Watershed Monitoring Section). The following logic is used, in this order, based on the availability of specific nitrogen components.

- 1)  $TN = TKN + NO_3O_2;$
- 2)  $TN = TKN + NO_3 + NO_2;$
- 3)  $TN = ORGN + NH_4 + NO_3O_2;$
- 4)  $TN = ORGN + NH_4 + NO_2 + NO_3;$
- 5)  $TN = TKN + NO_3;$
- 6)  $TN = ORGN + NH_4 + NO_3;$

Additional Information:

- Rules for use of sample fraction:
  - Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) report that if both “Total” and “Dissolved” components are reported, only “Total” is used. If the total is not reported, then the dissolved components are used as a best available replacement.
  - Total nitrogen calculations are done using nitrogen components with the same sample fraction, nitrogen components with mixed total/dissolved sample fractions are not used. In other words, total nitrogen can be calculated when TKN and NO<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> are both total sample fractions, or when both are dissolved sample fractions. *Future calculations of total nitrogen values may be based on components with mixed sample fractions.*
- Values inserted into data:
  - ParameterName = “Total Nitrogen”
  - SEACAR\_QAQCFlagCode = “1Q”
  - SEACAR\_QAQC\_Description = “SEACAR Calculated”

## Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis

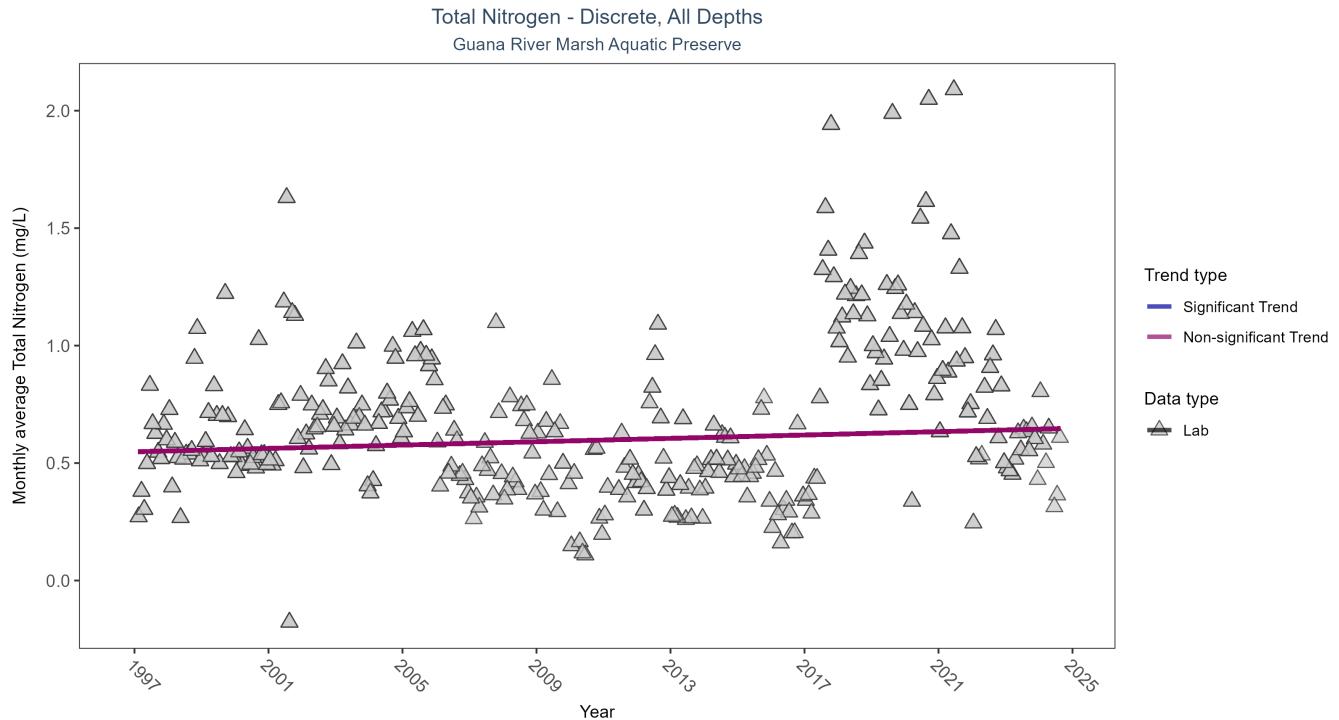


Figure 17: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for Total Nitrogen - Discrete

Table 22: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis for Total Nitrogen

RelativeDepth	N-Data	N-Years	Median	Independent	tau	p	SennSlope	SennIntercept	ChiSquared	pChiSquared	Trend
All	2015	28	0.613	TRUE	0.0615	0.1205	0.0036	0.548	4.0798	0.9675	0



Figure 18: Map showing location of Discrete sampling sites for Total Nitrogen. The bubble size on the maps below reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Table 23: Programs contributing data for Total Nitrogen

<i>ProgramID</i>	<i>N_Data</i>	<i>YearMin</i>	<i>YearMax</i>
5002	1150	1997	2024
5014	477	2017	2022
4054	413	2002	2024

#### Program names:

4054 - Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve System-Wide Monitoring Program<sup>1</sup>

5002 - Florida STORET / WIN<sup>2</sup>

5014 - Guana River and Guana Lake Water Quality Monitoring<sup>3</sup>

#### Total Phosphorus - Discrete Water Quality

#### Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis

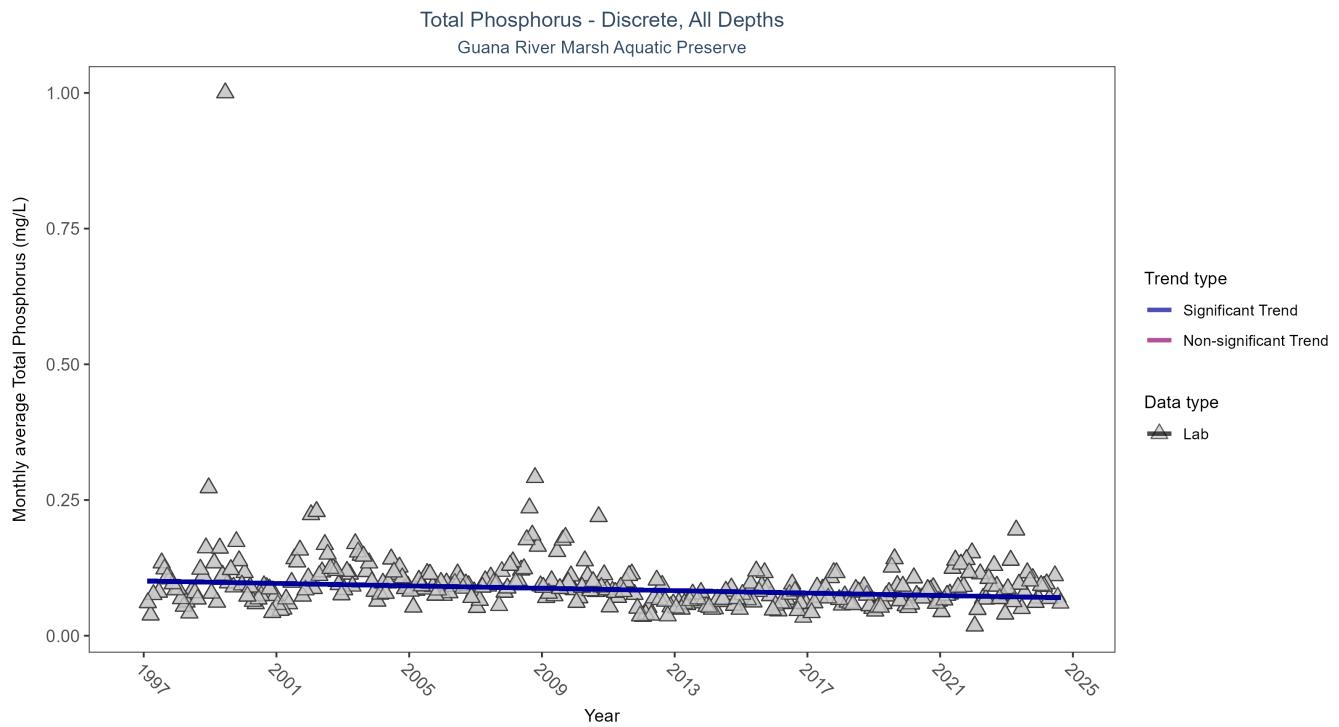


Figure 19: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for Total Phosphorus - Discrete

Table 24: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis for Total Phosphorus

RelativeDepth	N-Data	N-Years	Median	Independent	tau	p	SennSlope	SennIntercept	ChiSquared	pChiSquared	Trend
All	2884	28	0.0756	TRUE	-0.2094	0	-0.0011	0.1008	8.0547	0.7084	-1

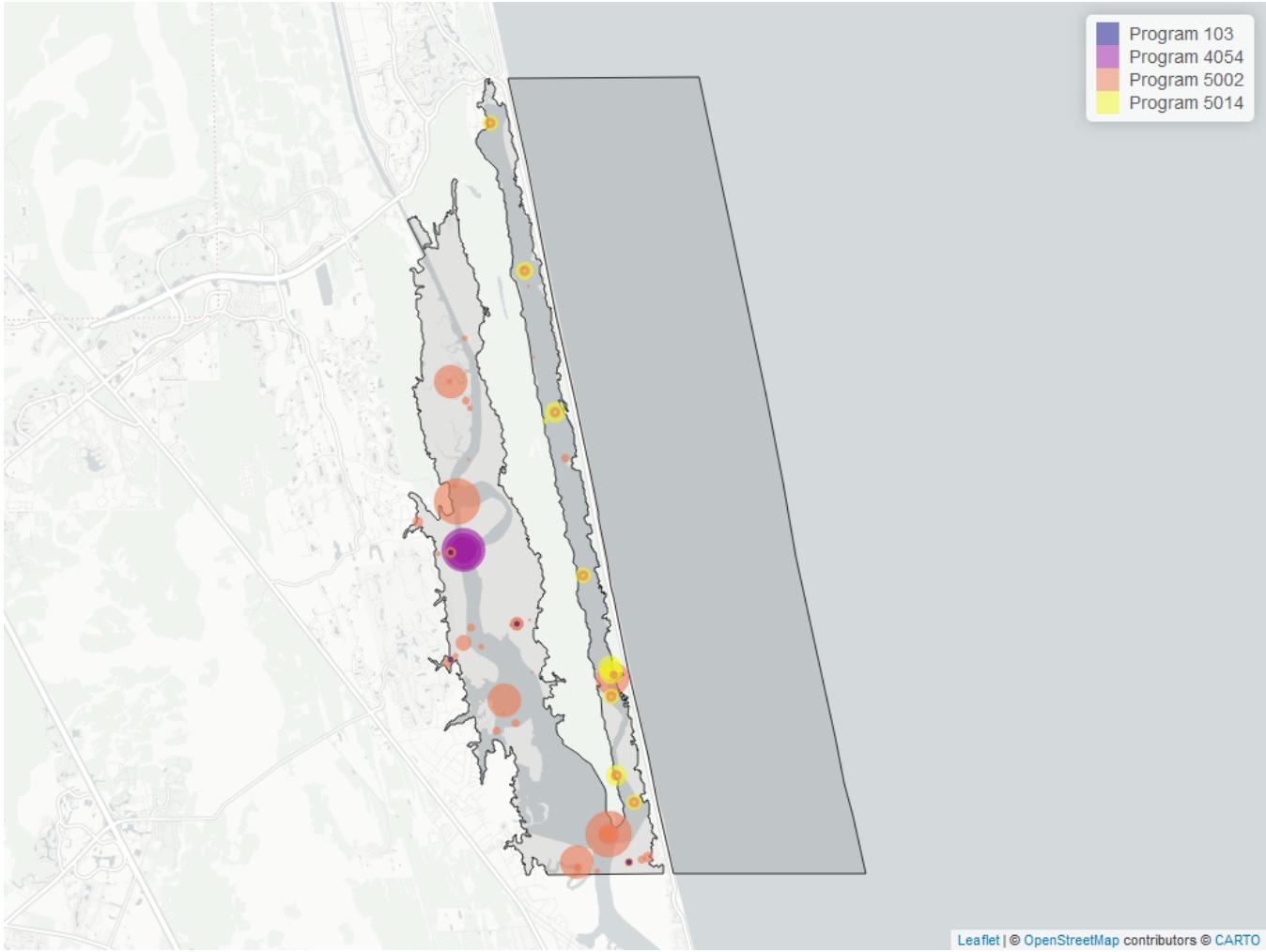


Figure 20: Map showing location of Discrete sampling sites for Total Phosphorus. The bubble size on the maps below reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Table 25: Programs contributing data for Total Phosphorus

<i>ProgramID</i>	<i>N_Data</i>	<i>YearMin</i>	<i>YearMax</i>
5002	1760	1997	2024
5014	589	2017	2024
4054	578	2002	2024
103	20	2021	2021

#### Program names:

103 - EPA STOrage and RETrieval Data Warehouse (STORET)/WQX<sup>5</sup>

4054 - Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve System-Wide Monitoring Program<sup>1</sup>

5002 - Florida STORET / WIN<sup>2</sup>

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#### Total Suspended Solids - Discrete Water Quality

##### Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis

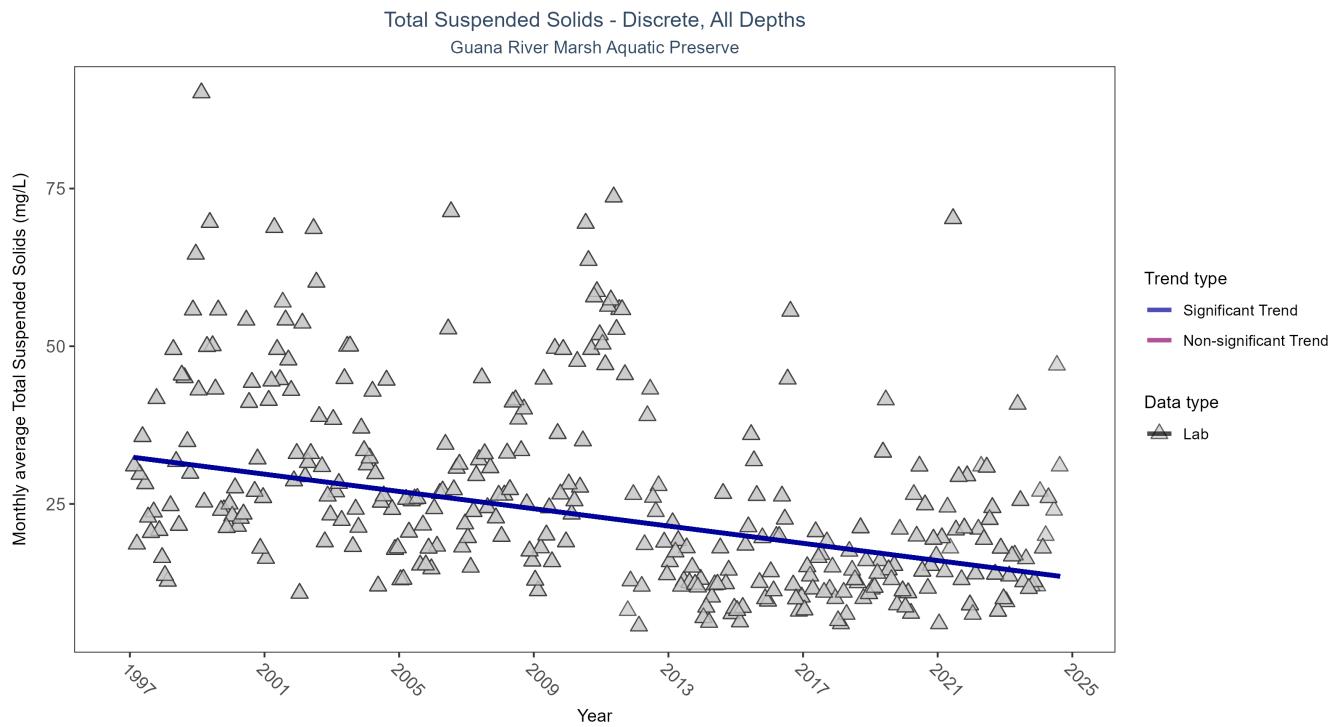


Figure 21: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for Total Suspended Solids - Discrete

Table 26: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis for Total Suspended Solids

RelativeDepth	N-Data	N-Years	Median	Independent	tau	p	SennSlope	SennIntercept	ChiSquared	pChiSquared	Trend
All	1704	28	22.45	TRUE	-0.3536	0	-0.685	32.4582	4.2595	0.9617	-1



Figure 22: Map showing location of Discrete sampling sites for Total Suspended Solids. The bubble size on the maps below reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Table 27: Programs contributing data for Total Suspended Solids

<i>ProgramID</i>	<i>N_Data</i>	<i>YearMin</i>	<i>YearMax</i>
5002	1365	1997	2024
4054	566	2002	2024
5014	126	2018	2022
103	20	2021	2021

#### Program names:

103 - EPA STOrage and RETrieval Data Warehouse (STORET)/WQX<sup>5</sup>

4054 - Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve System-Wide Monitoring Program<sup>1</sup>

5002 - Florida STORET / WIN<sup>2</sup>

5014 - Guana River and Guana Lake Water Quality Monitoring<sup>3</sup>

#### Turbidity - Discrete Water Quality

#### Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis

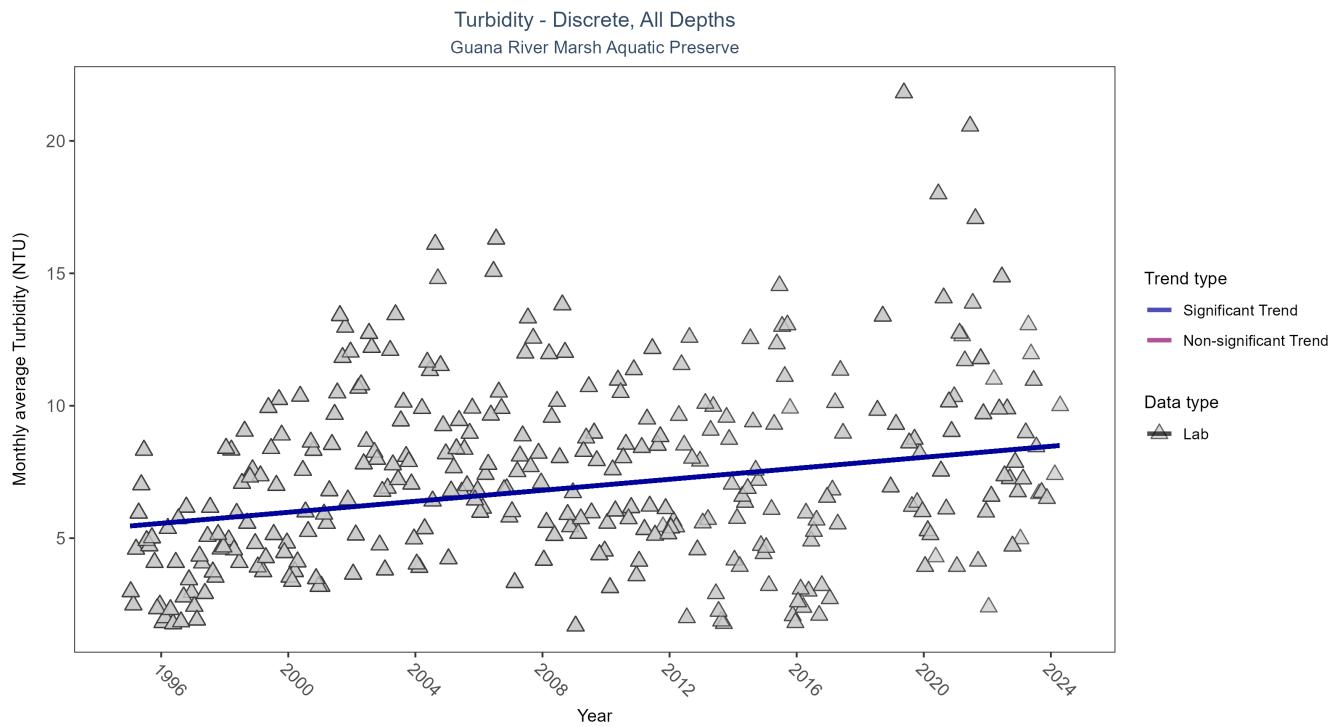


Figure 23: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for Turbidity - Discrete

Table 28: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis for Turbidity

RelativeDepth	N-Data	N-Years	Median	Independent	tau	p	SennSlope	SennIntercept	ChiSquared	pChiSquared	Trend
All	5007	30	5.2	TRUE	0.2161	0	0.1038	5.4578	12.1438	0.3529	1

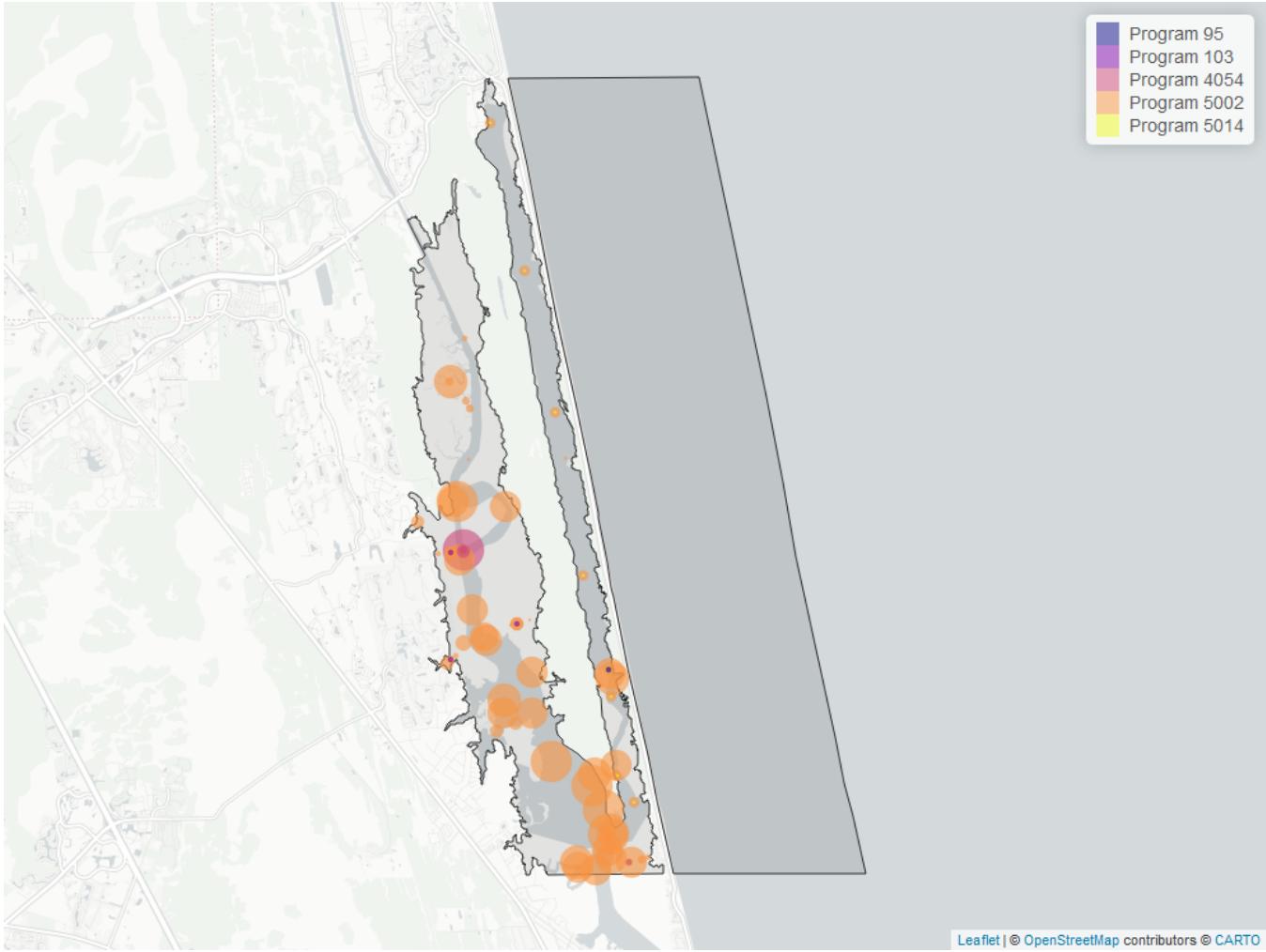


Figure 24: Map showing location of Discrete sampling sites for Turbidity. The bubble size on the maps below reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Table 29: Programs contributing data for Turbidity

<i>ProgramID</i>	<i>N_Data</i>	<i>YearMin</i>	<i>YearMax</i>
5002	4873	1995	2024
4054	288	2002	2021
5014	126	2018	2022
103	20	2021	2021
95	4	2012	2012

#### Program names:

95 - Harmful Algal Bloom Marine Observation Network<sup>4</sup>

103 - EPA STOrage and RETrieval Data Warehouse (STORET)/WQX<sup>5</sup>

4054 - Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve System-Wide Monitoring Program<sup>1</sup>

5002 - Florida STORET / WIN<sup>2</sup>

5014 - Guana River and Guana Lake Water Quality Monitoring<sup>3</sup>

## Water Temperature - Discrete Water Quality

### Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis

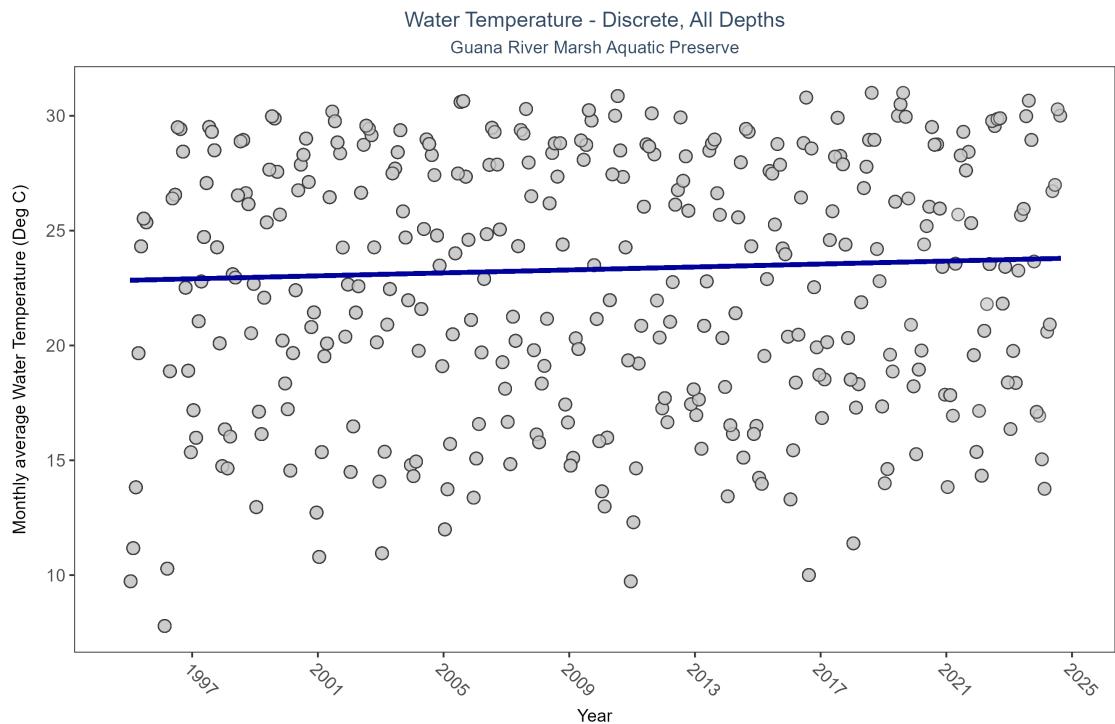


Figure 25: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for Water Temperature - Discrete

Table 30: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Trend Analysis for Water Temperature

RelativeDepth	N-Data	N-Years	Median	Independent	tau	p	SennSlope	SennIntercept	ChiSquared	pChiSquared	Trend
All	8320	30	23.1	TRUE	0.1178	0.0018	0.0322	22.8382	5.8238	0.8849	1



Figure 26: Map showing location of Discrete sampling sites for Water Temperature. The bubble size on the maps below reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Table 31: Programs contributing data for Water Temperature

<i>ProgramID</i>	<i>N_Data</i>	<i>YearMin</i>	<i>YearMax</i>
5002	7559	1995	2024
4054	515	2002	2024
5014	243	2017	2022
95	228	2007	2018
69	153	2001	2010
103	57	2021	2021

#### Program names:

69 - Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) Program<sup>7</sup>

95 - Harmful Algal Bloom Marine Observation Network<sup>4</sup>

103 - EPA STOrage and RETrieval Data Warehouse (STORET)/WQX<sup>5</sup>

4054 - Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve System-Wide Monitoring Program<sup>1</sup>

5002 - Florida STORET / WIN<sup>2</sup>

5014 - Guana River and Guana Lake Water Quality Monitoring<sup>3</sup>

## Water Quality - Continuous

The following files were used in the continuous analysis:

- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_cont\_Dissolved\_Oxygen\_NE-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_cont\_Dissolved\_Oxygen\_Saturation\_NE-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_cont\_pH\_NE-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_cont\_Salinity\_NE-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_cont\_Turbidity\_NE-2024-Dec-08.txt*
- *Combined\_WQ\_WC\_NUT\_cont\_Water\_Temperature\_NE-2024-Dec-08.txt*

### Continuous monitoring locations in Guana River Marsh Aquatic Preserve

Table 32: Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve System-Wide Monitoring Program (4054)

<i>ProgramLocationID</i>	<i>Years of Data</i>	<i>Use in Analysis</i>	<i>Parameters</i>
gtmpliwq	24	TRUE	DO , DOS , pH , Sal , Turb , TempW

Table 33: FDEP Bureau of Survey and Mapping Continuous Water Quality Program (5062)

<i>ProgramLocationID</i>	<i>Years of Data</i>	<i>Use in Analysis</i>	<i>Parameters</i>
872-0494	2	FALSE	Sal , TempW

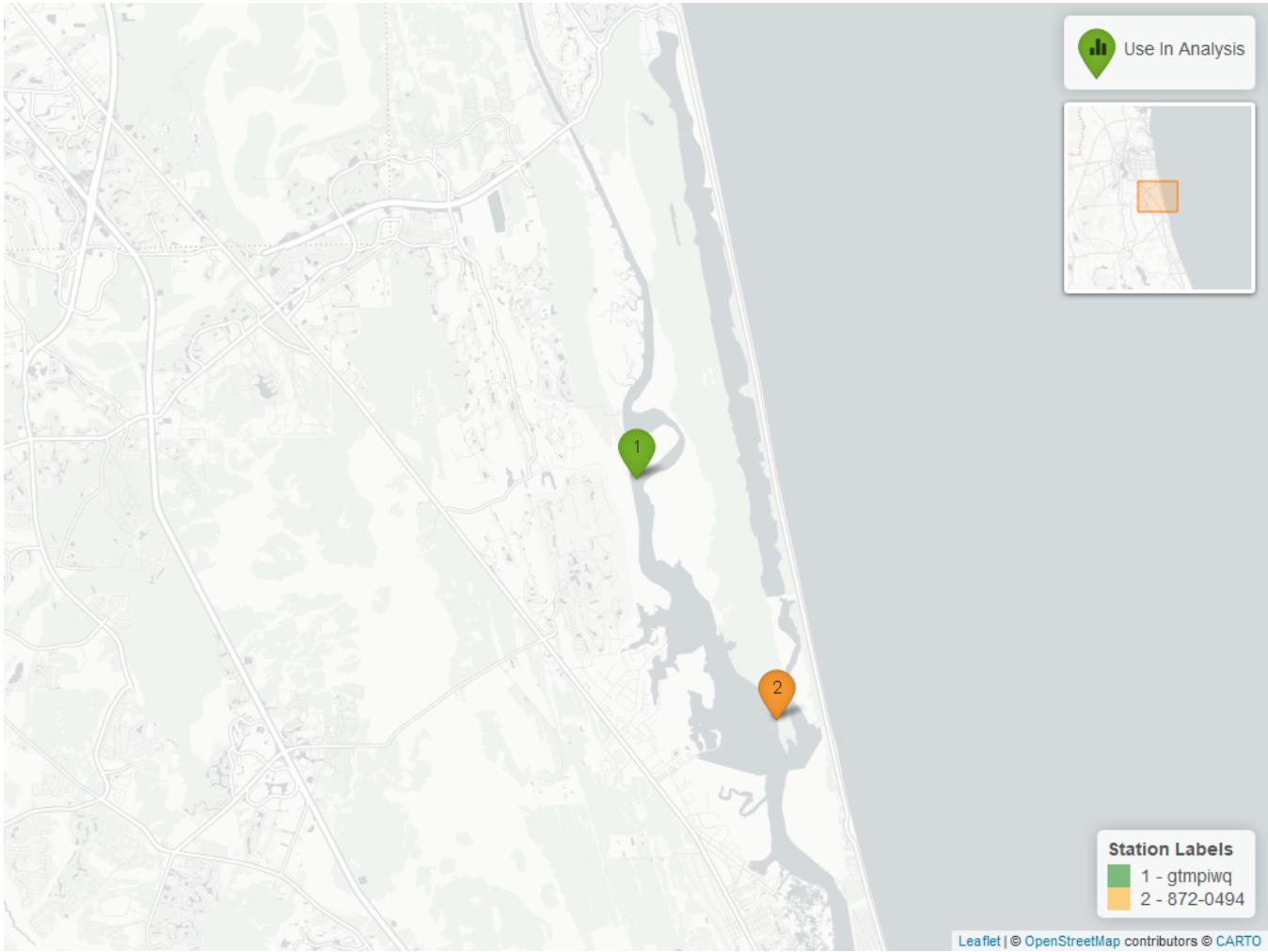


Figure 27: Map showing Continuous Water Quality Monitoring sampling locations within the boundaries of Guana River Marsh Aquatic Preserve. Sites marked as *Use In Analysis* are featured in this report.

## Salinity - All Stations Combined

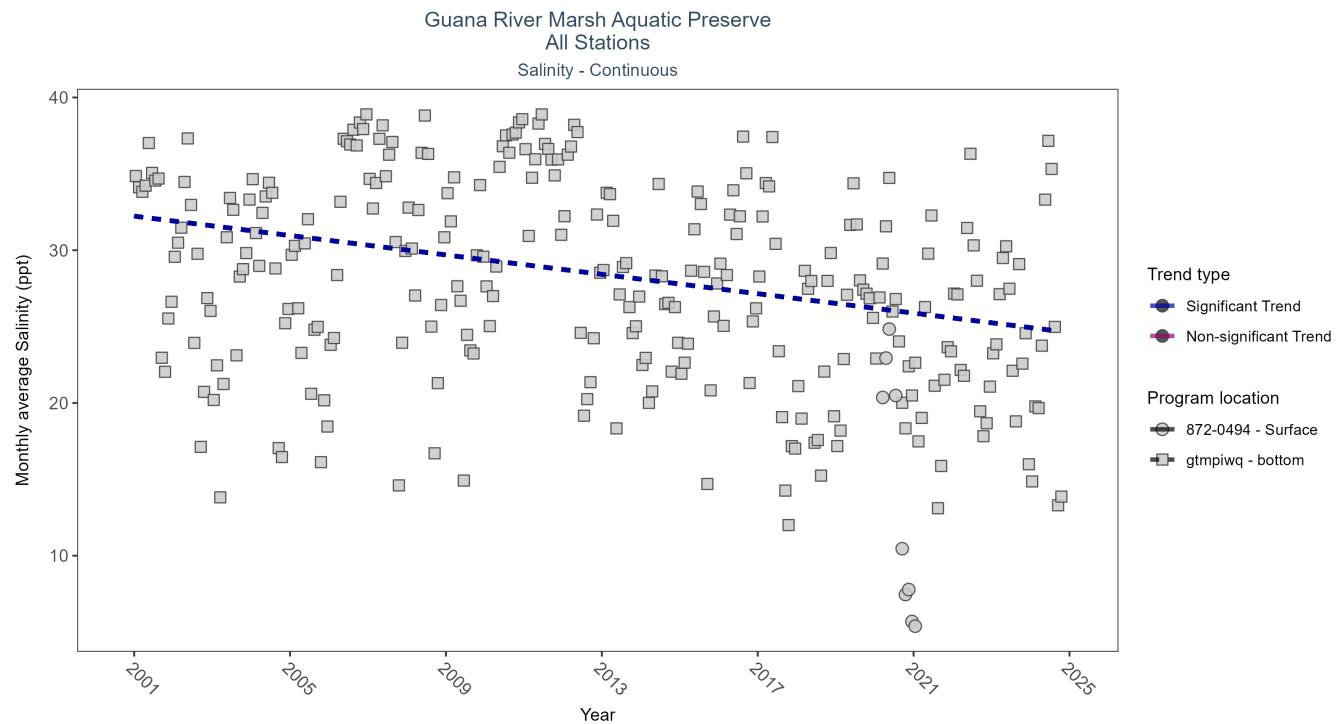


Figure 28: Figure for Salinity - Continuous - All stations combined

Table 34: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for All Stations - Salinity

Station	N_Data	N_Years	Period of Record	Median	tau	SennIntercept	SennSlope	p
gtmpiwq	659986	24	2001 - 2024	28.00	-0.26	32.23	-0.32	0.0000
872-0494	34918	2	2020 - 2021	8.99	-	-	-	-

## Water Temperature - All Stations Combined

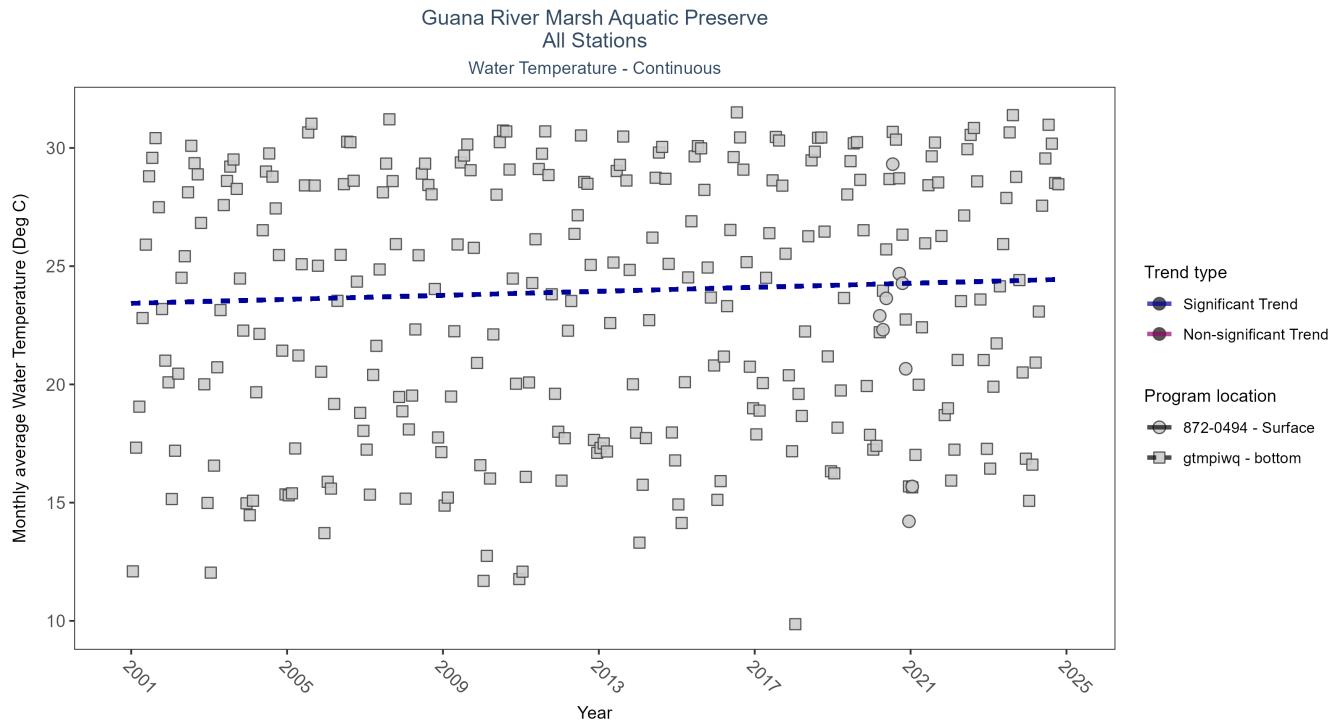


Figure 29: Figure for Water Temperature - Continuous - All stations combined

Table 35: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for All Stations - Water Temperature

Station	N_Data	N_Years	Period of Record	Median	tau	SennIntercept	SennSlope	p
gttmpiwq	710270	24	2001 - 2024	24.30	0.2	23.43	0.04	0.0000
872-0494	35473	2	2020 - 2021	22.34	-	-	-	-

## Coastal Wetlands

The data file used is: All\_CW\_Parameters-2024-Dec-08.txt

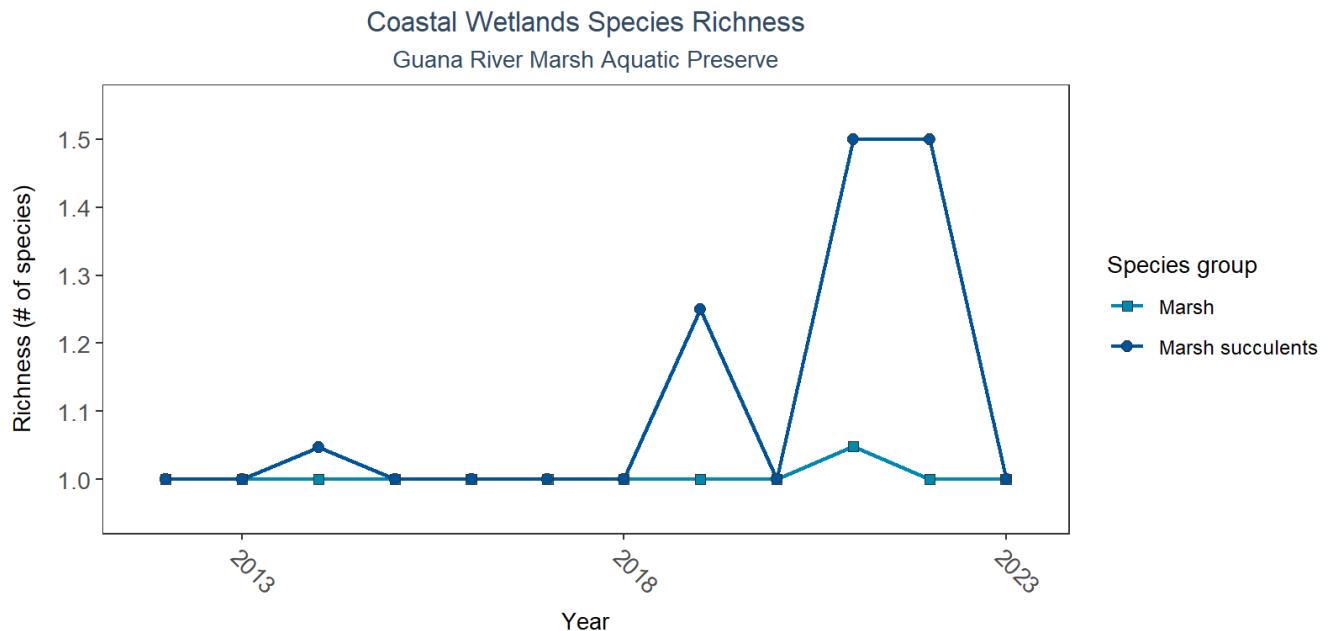


Figure 30: Figure for Coastal Wetlands Species Richness in Guana River Marsh Aquatic Preserve

Table 36: Coastal Wetlands Species Richness

Species Group	Sample Count	Number of Years	Period of Record	Median N of Taxa	Mean N of Taxa
Marsh	795	12	2012 - 2023	1	1.0
Marsh succulents	58	12	2012 - 2023	1	1.1

# Oyster

The data file used is: All\_OYSTER\_Parameters-2024-Dec-08.txt

## Density

### Natural

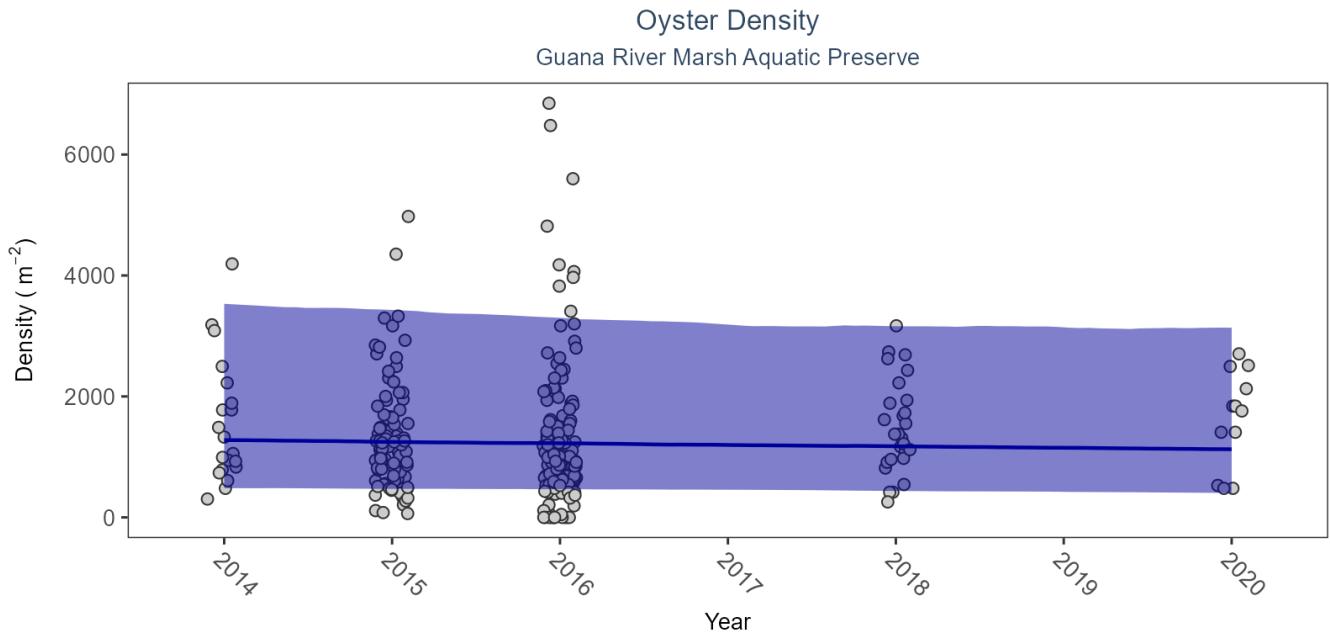


Figure 31: Figure for Oyster Density in Guana River Marsh Aquatic Preserve

Table 37: Model results for Oyster Density - Natural

Shell Type	Habitat Type	Trend Status	Estimate	Standard Error	Credible Interval
Live Oyster Shells	Natural	No significant change	-0.02	0.04	-0.1 to 0.06

## Percent Live

### Natural

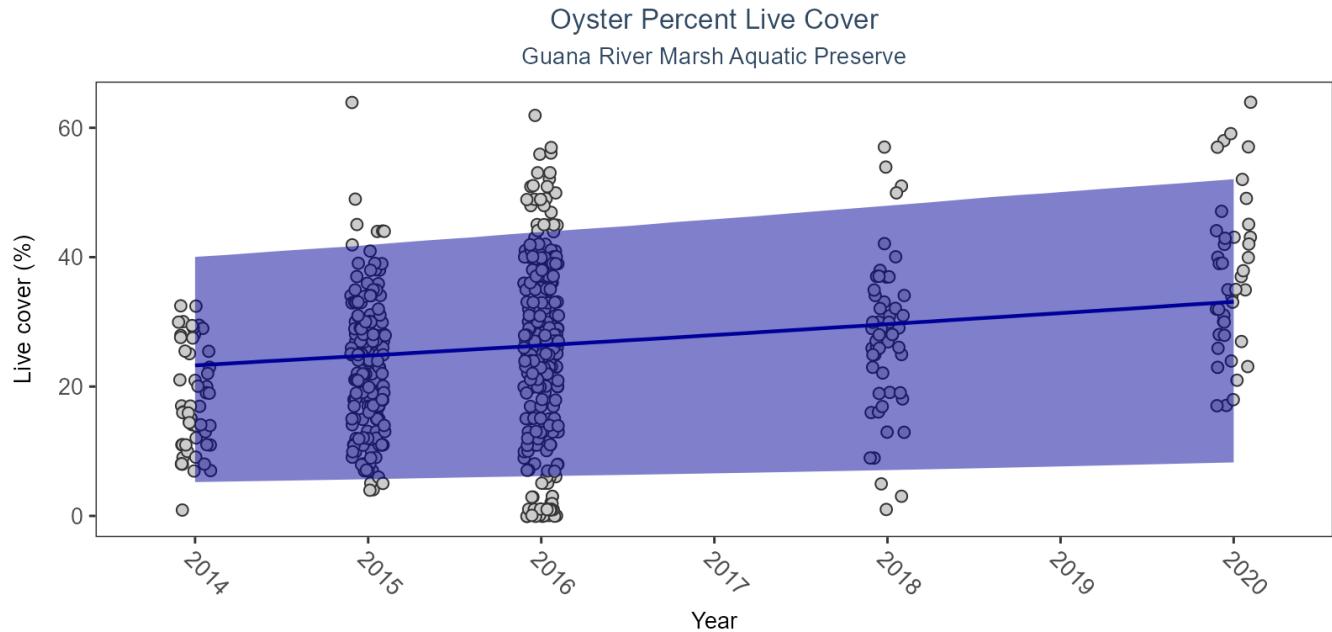


Figure 32: Figure for Oyster Percent Live in Guana River Marsh Aquatic Preserve

Table 38: Model results for Oyster Percent Live - Natural

<i>Shell Type</i>	<i>Habitat Type</i>	<i>Trend Status</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Standard Error</i>	<i>Credible Interval</i>
Live Oyster Shells	Natural	Significantly increasing trend	0.08	0.01	0.06 to 0.1

## Shell Height

### Natural

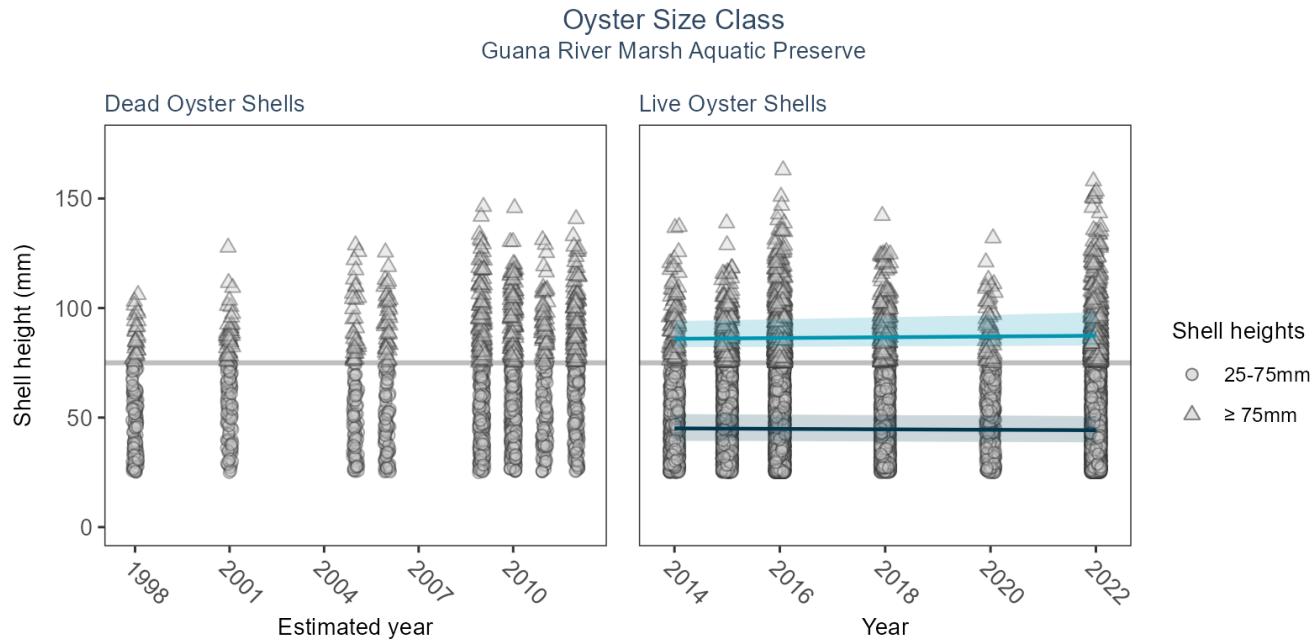


Figure 33: Figure for Oyster Shell Height in Guana River Marsh Aquatic Preserve

Table 39: Model results for Oyster Shell Height - Natural

<i>Shell Type</i>	<i>Habitat Type</i>	<i>Trend Status</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Standard Error</i>	<i>Credible Interval</i>
Dead Oyster Shells	Natural	Significantly increasing trend	1.50	0.95	0.2 to 3.56
Dead Oyster Shells	Natural	No significant change	-930.08	1752.23	-5081.62 to 16.87
Dead Oyster Shells	Natural	-	-	-	NA to NA
Live Oyster Shells	Natural	No significant change	1.58	1.40	-1.12 to 4.42
Live Oyster Shells	Natural	No significant change	1.20	1.62	-2 to 4.46
Live Oyster Shells	Natural	-	-	-	NA to NA

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