**For Intro:**

The Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (SEAMAP) is a fisheries-independent data collection program that in the Gulf of Mexico was initiated in 1981 and includes the continental shelf of the U.S. waters. Sampling off Florida started later (2009). Our study examines data from the Groundfish Bottom Trawl surveys.

**For the effort map and bar plot:**

The total sampling effort between 1882 and 2017 was 11,000 hours.