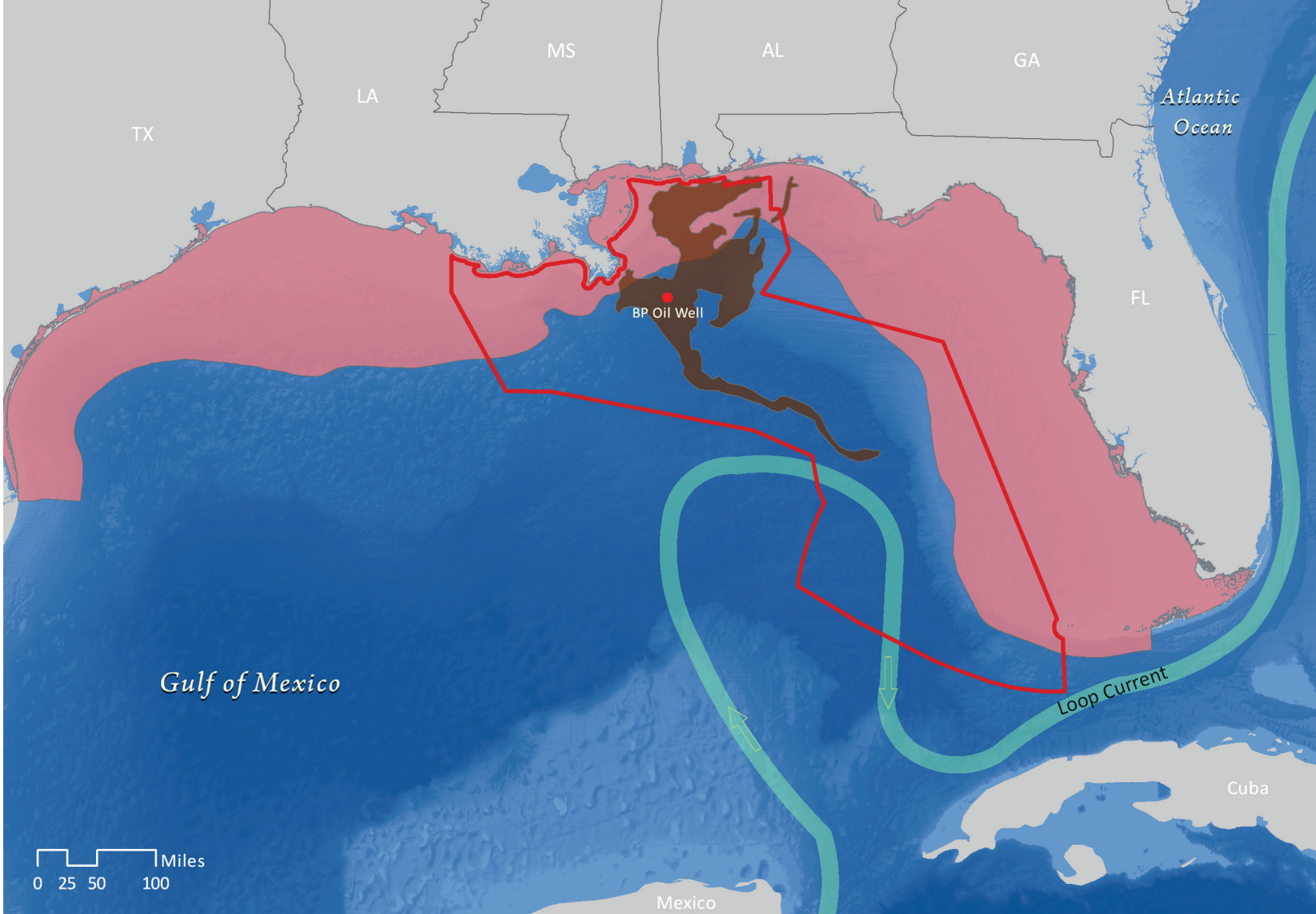


BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill | Select Species at Risk | Red Snapper



After decades of severe overfishing, Gulf of Mexico red snapper may finally be on the road to recovery. But the oil spill is threatening important red snapper habitat, and it will take time to determine how this may affect the iconic species' recovery. Oil and dispersants can be harmful to fish eggs and larvae. The oil spill tragedy underscores the need to take a cautious approach in setting limits on the amount of fish that can be caught annually so fish populations are robust enough to withstand unexpected and damaging events.

- Red Snapper Essential Fish Habitat
- Observed Oil Slick Extent On June 3rd, 2010
- Fishery Closure Area as of June 2nd, 2010

Sources: NOAA/NMFS/Highly Migratory Species Division (red snapper essential fish habitat); NOAA Fisheries Service (fisheries closure data); SkyTruth (oil slick extent); Collecte Localisation Satellites (loop current's main trajectory)

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