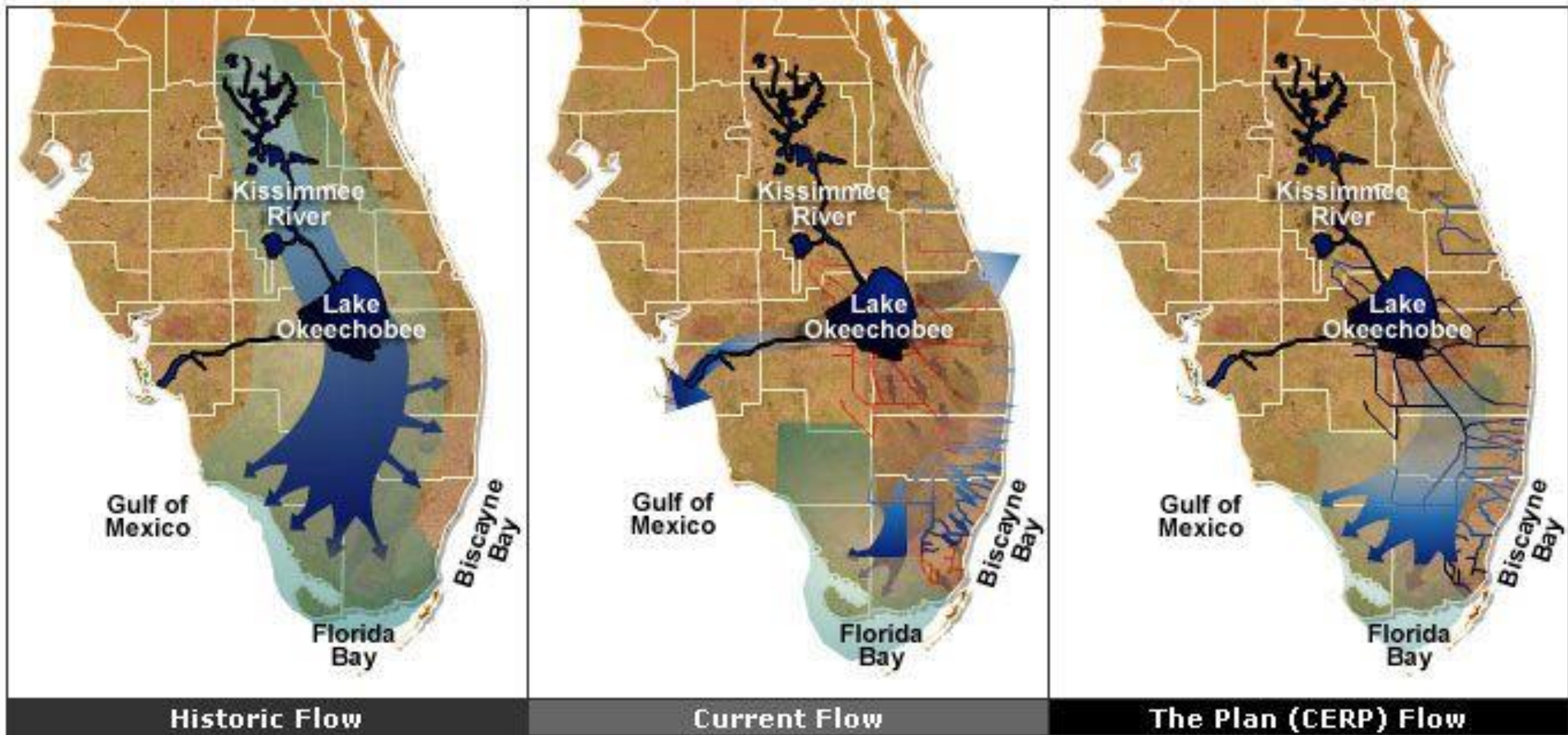


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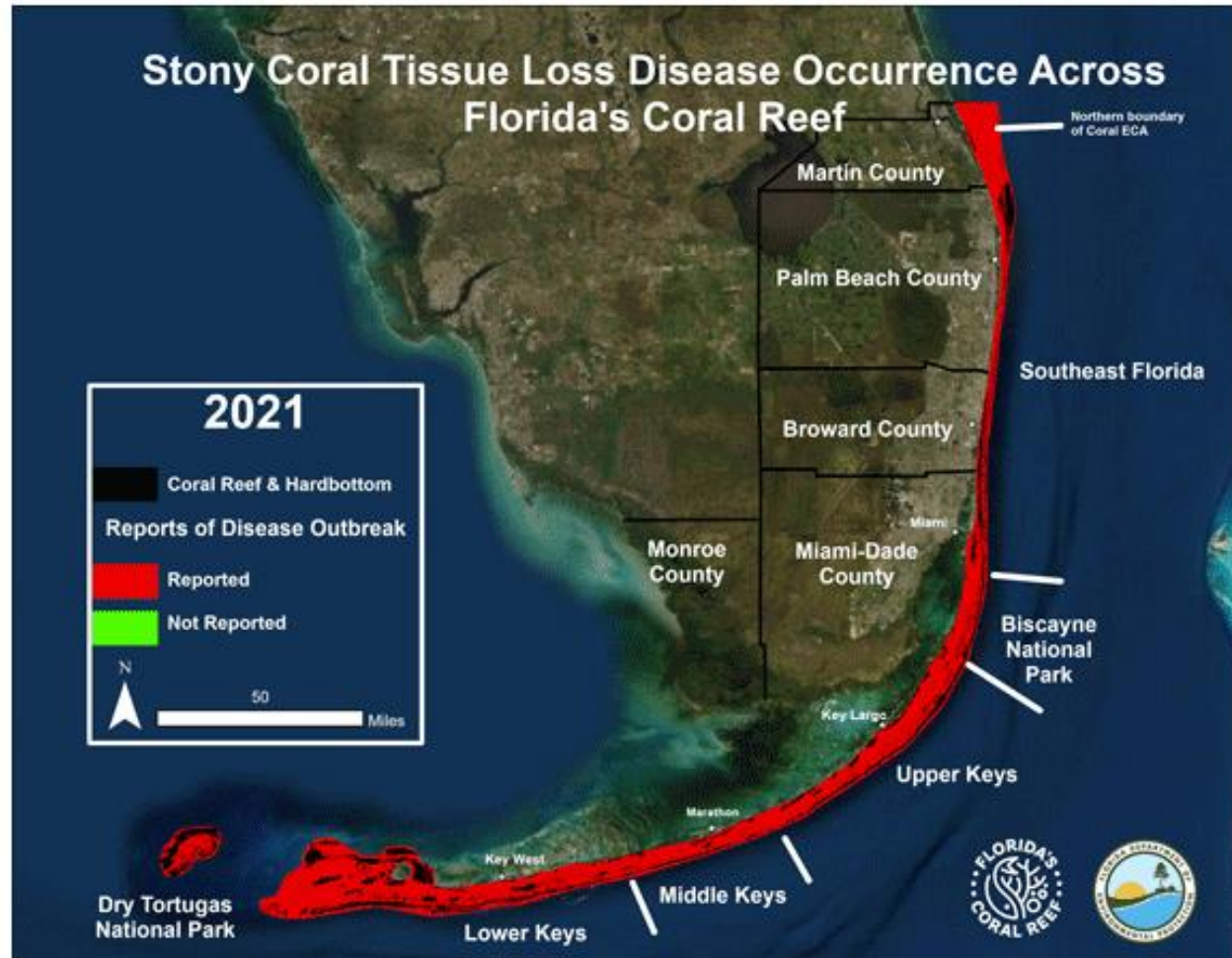


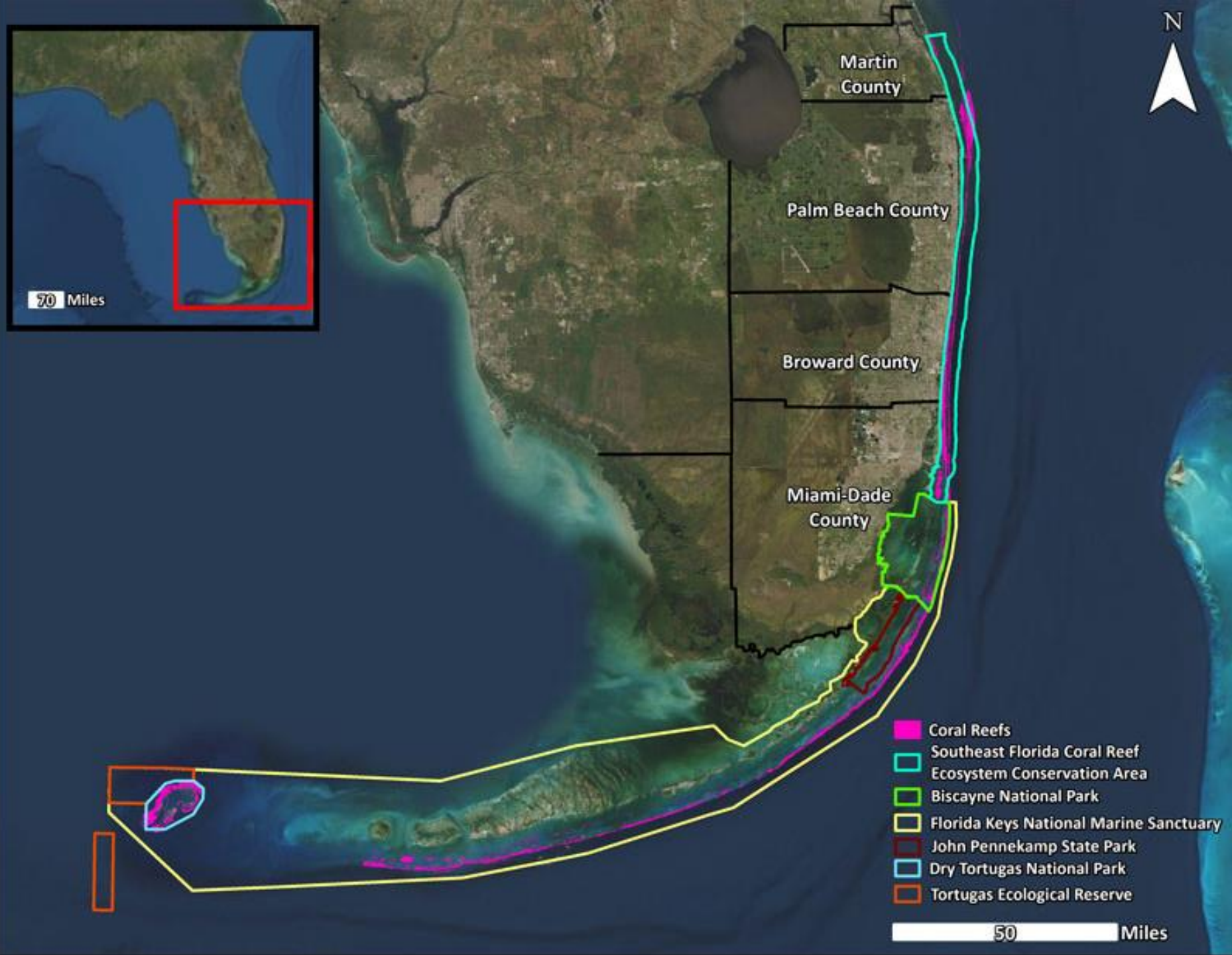
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# Overview of the Disease Outbreak

Florida's Coral Reef has been experiencing an outbreak of a coral disease termed **stony coral tissue loss disease**. First reported in 2014 off the coast of Miami-Dade County, this outbreak has spread along Florida and to reefs in the Caribbean, including Jamaica, Mexico, St. Maarten, the US Virgin Islands and the Dominican Republic.

Since 2015, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and numerous partners from federal, state and local agencies, non-governmental organizations, universities and members of the community have been collaborating on a multifaceted response effort.





# Discussion

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