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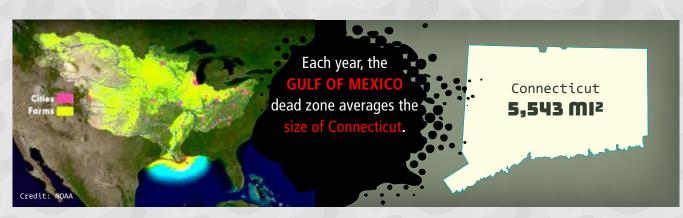
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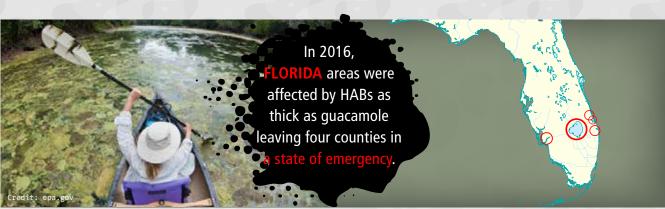
Algal blooms can be incredibly harmful to humans, pets, wildlife and the ecosystem. Here are some things to know about harmful algal blooms (HABs)

• HABITAT DESTRUCTION



HABs can destroy critically important habitat on a massive scale:







HEALTH DANGERS

HABs have negative health effects on humans and animals, like skin rashes, allergies, nausea, liver damage and even death



In 2013, a record number (276) of Florida manatees died. Eight manatees have died in 2016.



In Minnesota over the past 10 years, 18 dogs have died from contact with HABs in lakes.



Across the US, toxic algae must be removed from drinking water to prevent illness.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS



HABs can decimate the tourism, water supplies and fisheries on which people depend



Lake Erie's recurring HAB costs the city of Toledo an average of \$3-4 million a year and millions in lost tourism revenue.



In 2015, a massive HAB made California Dungeness crab poisonous to eat, costing the crab industry at least \$48 million.



As part of the HAB affecting Florida, the region's massive tourism industry has been harmed as well.

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