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Virus Killing Dolphins in the Atlantic Spreads to Indian River Lagoon

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<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/health/mmume/midatldolphins2013.html>) have been washing ashore by the hundreds all along the U.S. Atlantic coastline. The virus has now spread to bottlenose dolphins in the Indian River Lagoon. [Florida Today reports](#) (<http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/environment/2014/08/29/virus-deadly-dolphin-hits-lagoon/14826577/>) that on average about 26 dead or stranded dolphins wash up in the Indian River Lagoon area each year, but that researchers documented 18 dead dolphins in the region in the month of August alone. We'll explore impacts of the virus and ongoing efforts to track its spread.

What should be done to mitigate the spread of the virus killing Dolphins along the Atlantic Coast?

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