



Every year from May - July tens of thousands of horseshoe crabs make their way into the Coastal Bays to spawn and lay eggs.

The Maryland Coastal Bays is a hotspot for horseshoe crab spawning and as a result the Maryland Coastal Bays Program conducts annual surveys to assess how the population is doing.

Unfortunately, there are some areas in the Coastal Bays that have obstacles that cause the horseshoe crabs to become stranded on while spawning. These strandings lead to mass casualties which is why MCBP is establishing a team of dedicated volunteers to go out to these locations and help rescue stranded horseshoe crabs.

An in-person/virtual training will be held on May 3rd from 10 – 11. The training will include a short background on MCBP, horseshoe crabs and their ecological importance, how to fill out a data sheet, and answers to any other questions you may have. Click this link [here](#) to register for the training event. If you have any questions regarding this volunteer group or training, please contact Carly Toulan at ctoulan@mdcoastalbays.org