



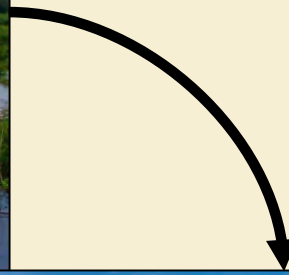
**Python Pilot Program
Governing Board Meeting
March 9, 2017**

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A common ecosystem

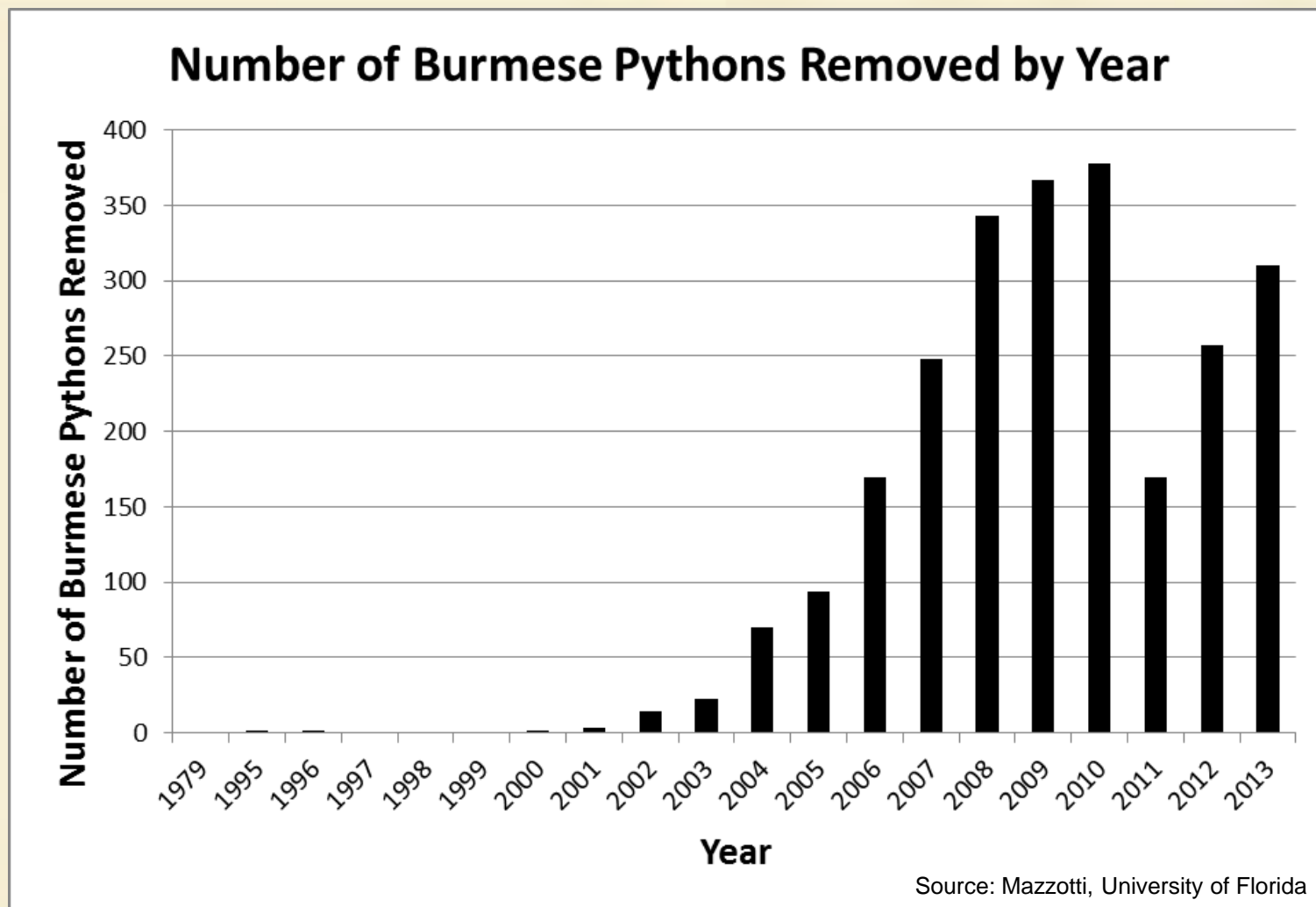


Southeast Asia



Florida Everglades

Background



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Python removed from C-111 Basin

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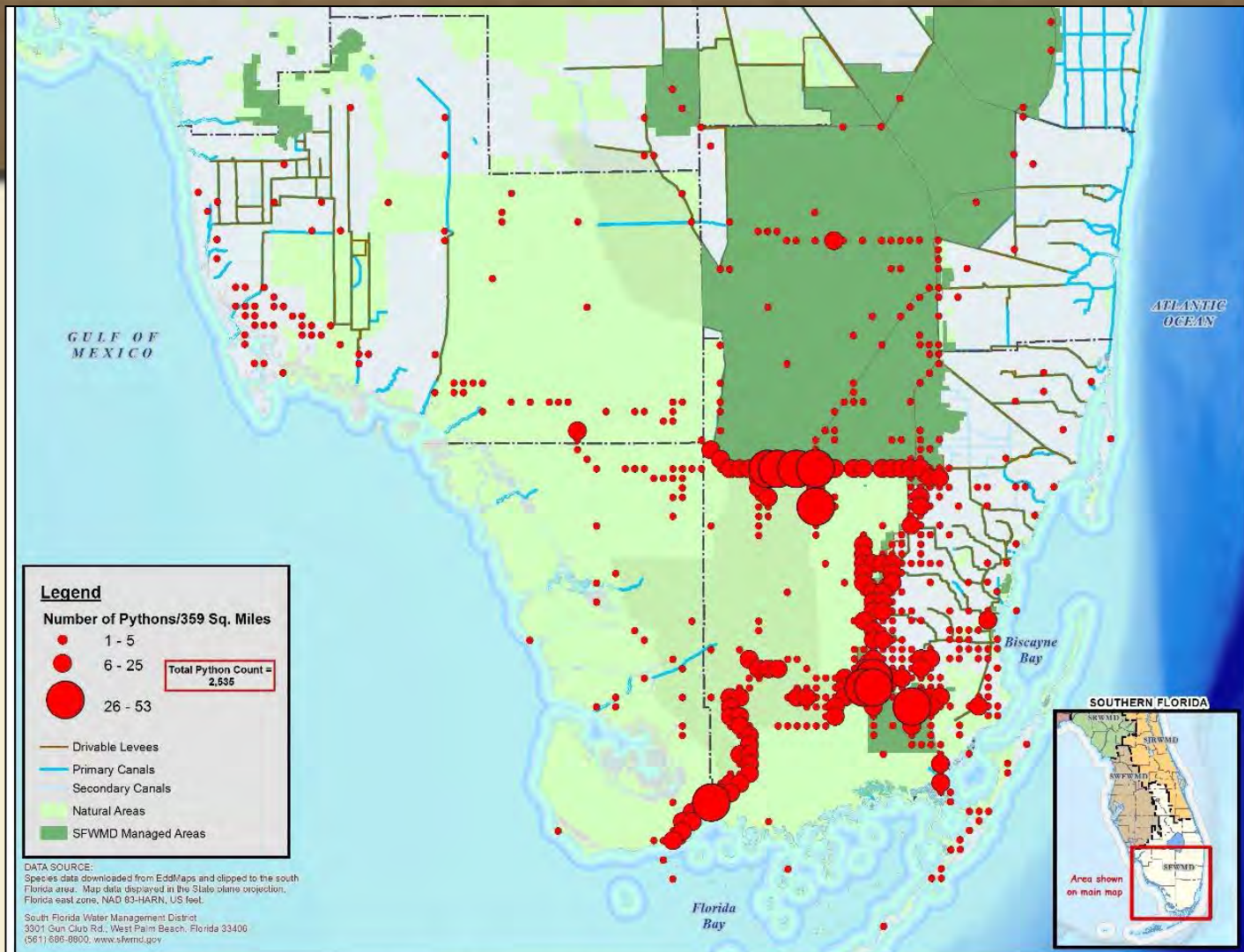


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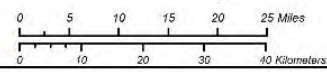
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Python removed from
Water Quality Station in Biscayne Bay



Sightings of Burmese & Northern African Pythons South of FL Hwy 80 Since 2008



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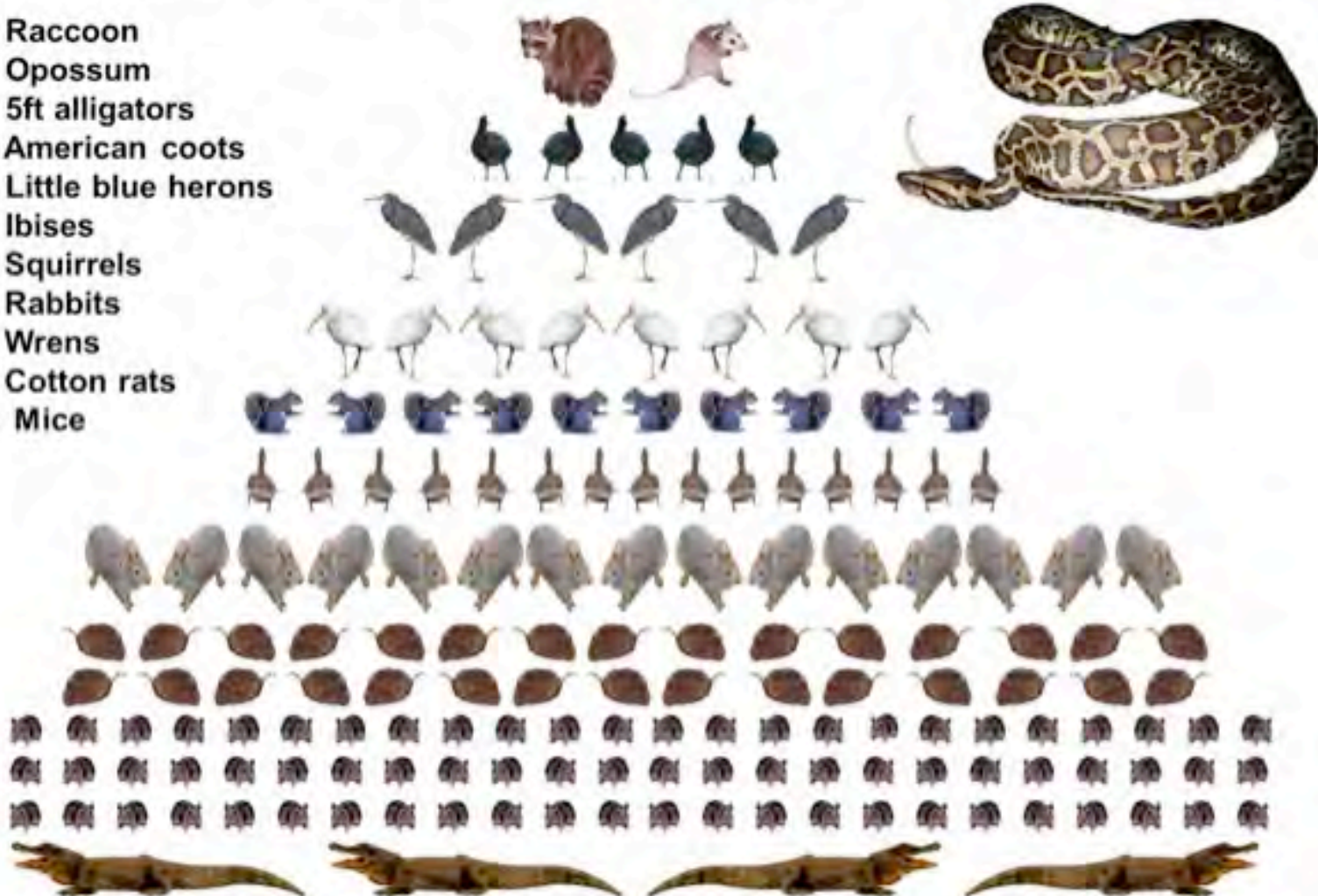
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A hypothetical diet necessary for a hatchling Burmese python to reach 13 feet in the Florida Everglades (approx. 5 to 7 years)

(Source: Dr. Stephen Secor, Univ. of Alabama and Skip Snow, Everglades National Park)

- 1 Raccoon
- 1 Opossum
- 4 5ft alligators
- 5 American coots
- 6 Little blue herons
- 8 Ibises
- 10 Squirrels
- 15 Rabbits
- 15 Wrens
- 30 Cotton rats
- 72 Mice



Burmese python vs alligator in Big Cypress National Preserve

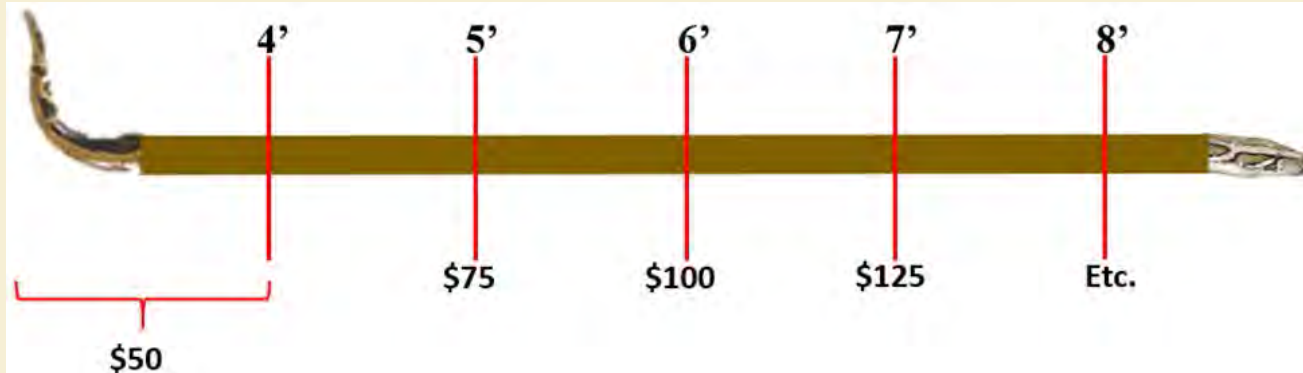


Python Pilot Program

- **Private individuals (Participants) will be authorized through a registration process to locate and eliminate Burmese pythons on designated District lands.**
- **25 participants over a two month period in Miami-Dade County.**
- **Walking, driving and motorized and non-motorized watercraft permitted.**
- **7 days per week, 24 hours/day.**
- **Participants will receive monetary compensation for time spent locating pythons on District lands.**
- **Receive payment on site for each python eliminated.**
- **Bonus for pythons guarding nest with eggs.**
- **Coordination with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.**

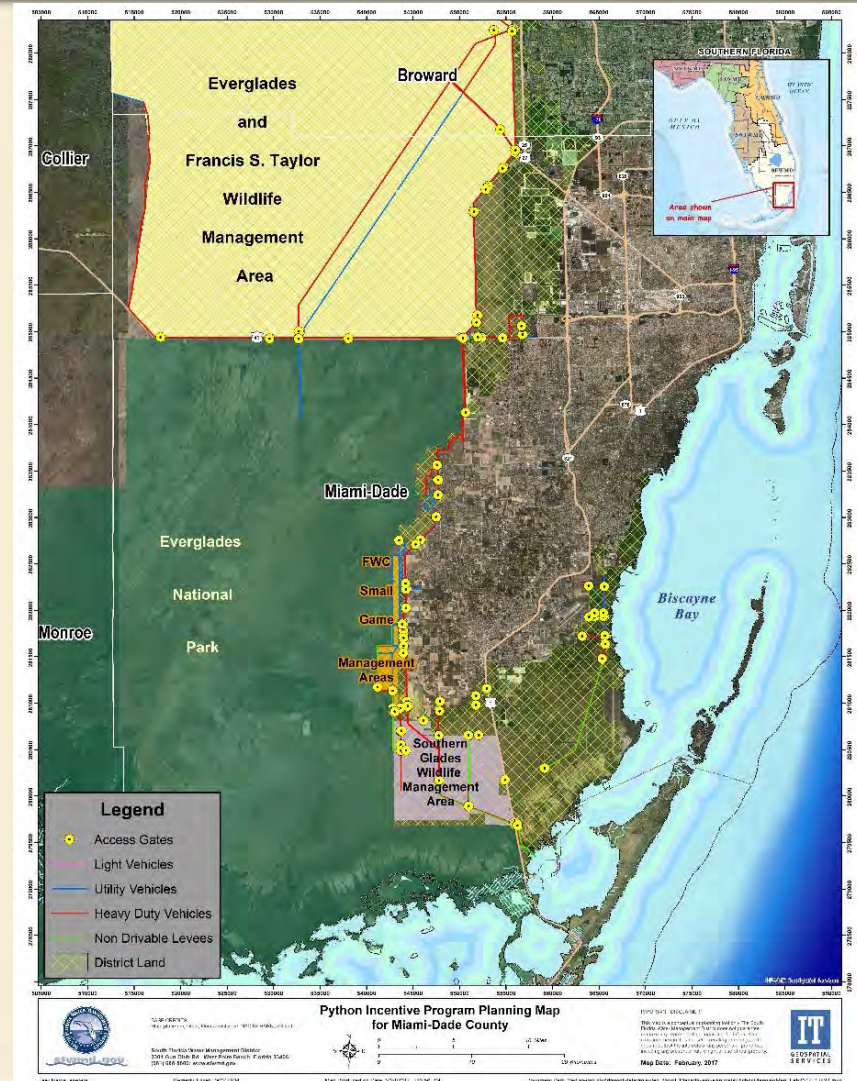
Fee schedule for Participants

Deliverable	Compensation
Participant activities while on designated District lands.	\$8.10 / Hour (Payment based on software upload Deliverables)
Eliminated python from District lands up to four (4) feet long.	\$50.00 / python
Eliminated python from District lands over four (4) feet long.	\$50.00 + \$25.00/foot for each foot above four (4) feet
Eliminated python from “nest” with eggs. (Photo documentation required)	\$150.00 + \$25.00/foot for each foot above four (4) feet



Program areas

- C-111 Basin
- East Coast Buffer
- L-28T, L-67A/C, L-29, L-31N
- Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetland
- Southern & Rocky Glades Wildlife Management Areas
- Frog Pond Small Game Area
- Everglades & Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area



Timeline

- **March 10, 2017 Registration period opens (website link on www.sfwmd.gov)**
- **March 18, 2017 Open enrollment at Homestead Field Station**
 - **FAQs provided, background checks, and waiver forms signed**
 - **25 qualified applicants will be selected for program**
- **March 25, 2017 Orientation for program participants**
 - **Maps, IDs, window placards, phone app download**
- **April 1, 2017 Program begins**
 - **7 days/week, 24 hours/day**
 - **Drop off and python payment 7 days/week Homestead Field Station**
- **June 1, 2017 Program ends**
 - **Close out and evaluation**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 0307

- **A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to authorize a pilot program for elimination of Burmese pythons from District lands; and authorize a total program cost not to exceed \$175,000, of which funds are unbudgeted; and authorize the transfer of funds not-to-exceed \$175,000 within the District Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget; providing an effective date.**