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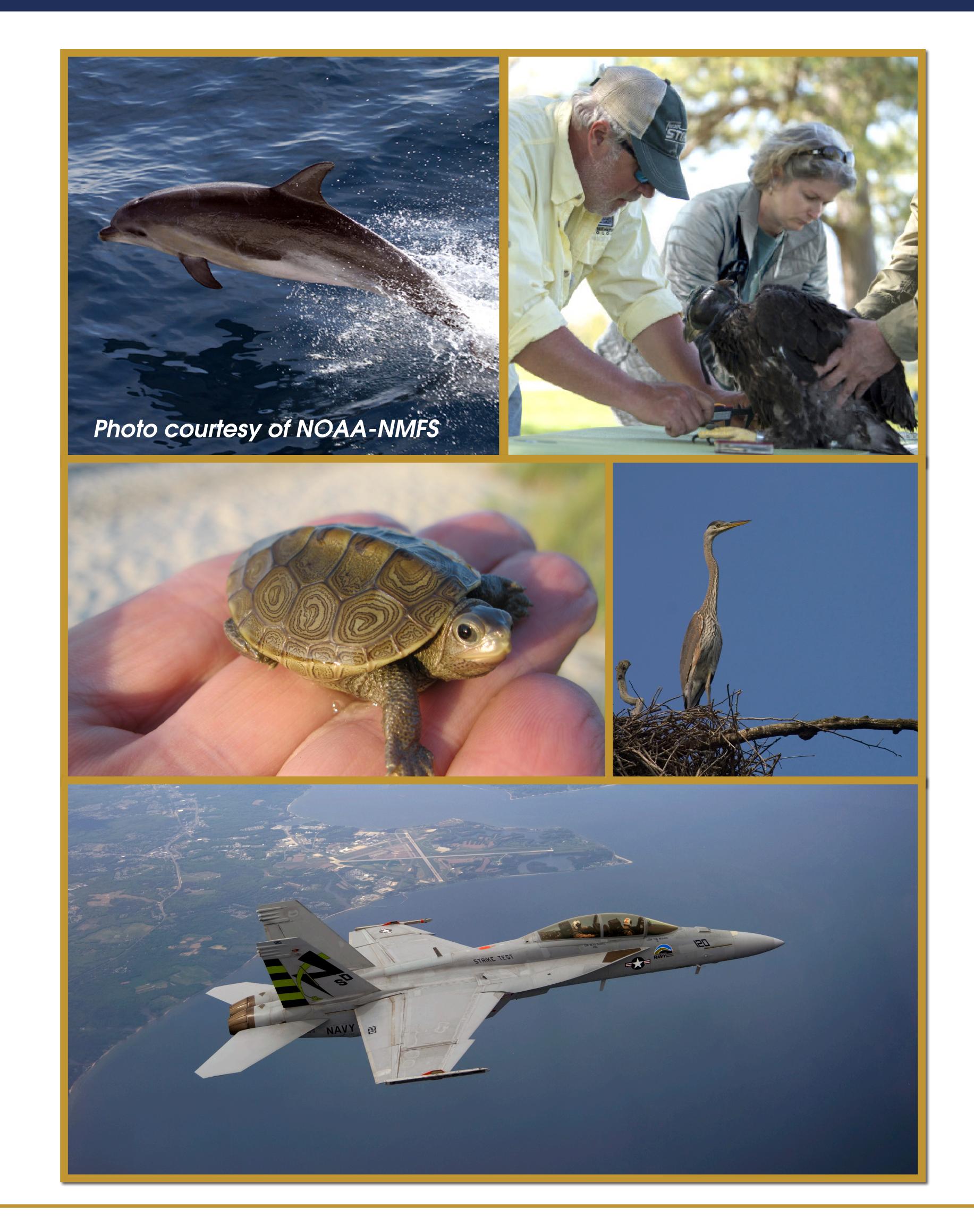
Patuxent River Complex (PRC) Testing and Training Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Programs

The Navy's environmental stewardship programs contribute to both the success of the military mission and the protection of the Chesapeake Bay for future generations. Initiatives include:

- Wildlife habitat protection and enhancement
- Rare, threatened, and endangered species monitoring
- Archaeological surveys and site protection
- Marine mammal surveillance
- Overflight restrictions to minimize wildlife disturbance

NAS Patuxent River did the first test flight of the Green Hornet, a bio-fueled F/A-18 jet.



Partnering

The Navy partners with nonprofit organizations and local, state, and federal agencies to manage lands for uses such as agriculture, recreation, and natural habitat.

- Over 8,000 acres have been protected as conservation areas or easements while preserving the military mission.
- NAS Patuxent River partners with the University of Maryland to develop creative solutions to protect native terrapin nesting sites.
- Navy experts manage natural/cultural resources (e.g., building heron nesting platforms at Bloodsworth Island Range).
- The Navy participates in the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.