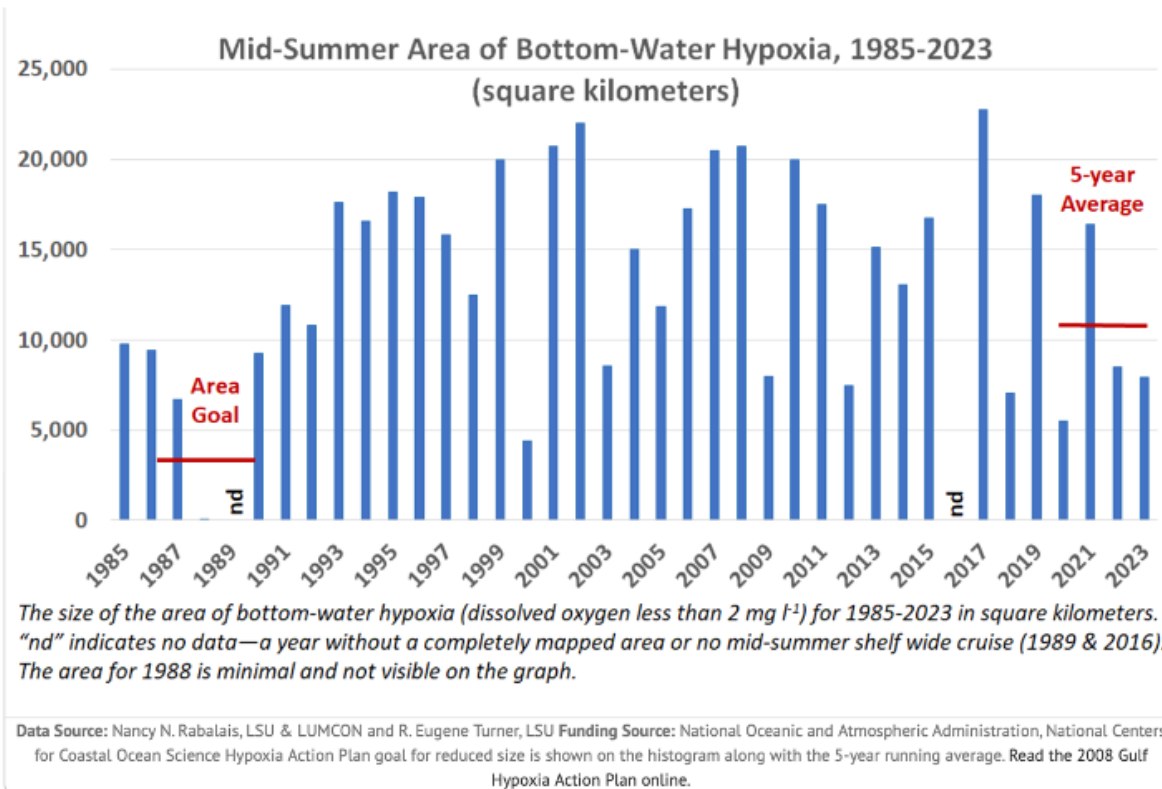




**FIGURE 1.** Mississippi and Atchafalaya River Basin (MARB) in the USA and the general location of the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico – to the southwest of New Orleans (map source: USEPA)



**FIGURE 2.** Size of the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico from 1985-2023 (source: N.N. Rabalais, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, <http://www.gulphypoxia.net/>, R.E. Turner, Louisiana State University. Funded by: NOAA, map originating from: <https://www.epa.gov/ms-htf/northern-gulf-mexico-hypoxic-zone>.)