The Impact of Hurricanes on Sooty Terns

Every year, over 80,000 sooty terns land at the Dry Tortugas National Park in the Florida Keys to breed from January to June. After leaving the islands, they migrate through the Caribbean and spend winter off the coast of Brazil.

Sooty terns are more likely to die during migrations when facing more hurricanes and stronger winds.

Most dead terns are found close to and immediately after a storm has passed.