

# Dead fish reported on some Florida beaches

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Tens of thousands of dead fish were reported this week along some Florida beaches, raising concerns about red tide.

Red tide is a toxic algae that has killed fish and other sea life in the Tampa area since January and is suspected in other fish kills, the Tallahassee (Fla.) Democrat reported Wednesday.

There were reports Tuesday of dead fish at St. George Island, Bald Point, Alligator Point and St. Teresa. Florida wildlife officials said they were collecting water samples from the areas to determine whether red tide was to blame.

However, officials told the Democrat they were not sure whether the fish died elsewhere and were carried by currents into the various regions.

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