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A Proactive Island Approach to Oiled Wildlife Preparedness: Development of a Multi-Species Non-perishable Wildlife Stockpile

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HOVENSA LLC located on St. Croix in the United States Virgin Islands, is one of the worlds top ten largest refineries. Surrounded by sensitive habitats for federally and territorially threatened and endangered species, the refinery and Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, Inc. have formed a partnership to take a proactive approach to oiled wildlife response preparedness. One phase of this project developed a non-perishable stockpile of wildlife response equipment. This paper addresses creating a suitable stockpile for a Caribbean island, including some unique challenges to St. Croix; an island host to wide variety of bird and reptile species and extreme weather conditions.