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A new European initiative for oiled wildlife response and preparedness

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- What does it mean and envisage?
- The objectives
- The context: European preparedness
- How is it set up?
- The future



What does it mean?



European Management Programme for Oiled Wildlife and other marine wildlife Emergency Responses



Oiled wildlife and other marine wildlife emergency responses



- Animal welfare issues
- Conservation issues
- Scientific data collection (cause & effect)
- Health & safety
- Speed
- Cost efficiency
- Emergency management & coordination
- Professional standards



NGOs have a lot to contribute



- Conservationists
- Animal welfare groups
- Scientists
- Veterinarians
- Rehabilitators
- Industry NGOs

- Professional skills
- Work well together
- Work well with the authorities




EMPOWER envisages:

To optimise NGO – Governmental cooperation in marine wildlife emergencies, especially oil spills



A management programme

Objectives



- Emergency plans at national levels,
- National NGO networks: cooperation
- Mutual assistance at the international level
- Use standards of best practice
- Encourage and support Authority – NGO cooperation

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- European marine wildlife incidents can be taken care of timely and effectively at national and international levels
- Expert-NGOs can cooperate well with each other and the authorities as part of a professional and integrated marine emergency response

Europe moves forward



- Incident responses are better coordinated
- Oiled wildlife response is becoming accepted
- Interest in best practices
- National networks of responders are being formed
- Planning processes taking place
- Contribution of NGOs is acknowledged

Regional Conventions




Arrangements on oil pollution preparedness, response and co-operation

Regional Conventions




- Helsinki Convention
- Copenhagen Agreement
- Bonn Agreement
- Lisbon Convention
- Barcelona Convention
- Bucharest Convention

Entry of oiled wildlife response preparedness



- HELCOM
 - Integrate OWR
 - Inclusion in Manual
 - Recommendation national planning
- Bonn Agreement
 - Inclusion in Handbook
- HELCOM/Bonn
 - Inclusion in PolRep
- Barcelona
 - MoU for oiled wildlife response
- Bucharest
 - Explore advantages

EMPOWER: European Network



- “Sea Alarm network”
- All European coastal countries

National Networks



EMPOWER networks:

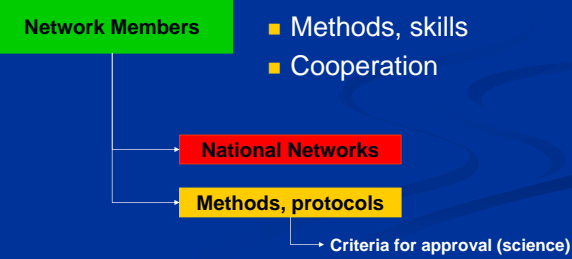
- Established national networks
 - Established by MoU
 - Established by incorporation
 - Recognised by the authorities
- Candidate national networks
 - NGOs in a process of forming a national network





EMPOWER Quality

3 layers of recognition



- Professional behaviour
- Methods, skills
- Cooperation


Becoming a member (1)



- Low threshold
- Sign the Code of Conduct
- Send with an application form

(Check by Steering Group)

Code of Conduct



- Attitude
 - In situation of emergency or emergency preparedness
 - Cooperative/professional
 - Collegiality
- Understanding good practices, develop and implement them
- Communicate/exchange

Becoming a Member (2)

Obligation

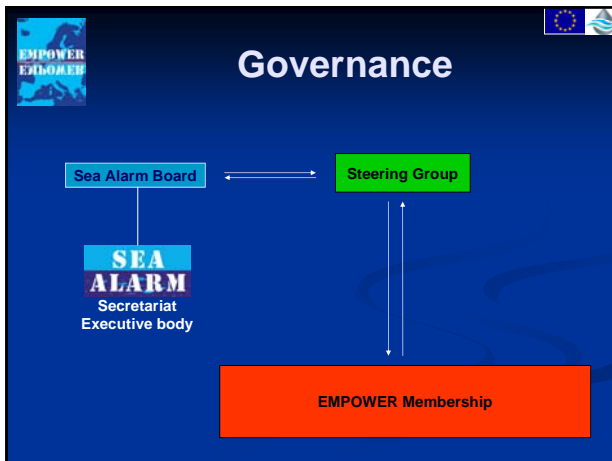
- Adhere to Code of Conduct

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Advantages

- Part of an international quality brand
- Access to online guidelines and info
- Newsletter
- Access to internal discussions
- Part of governance system

Contribute to building of a quality brand



Steering Group

- Reflection of membership
- Rotation
- Develop EMPOWER in best interest of Network

A group photo of the Steering Group members is shown. Below the photo are logos for member organizations: RSPCA, SEA ALARM, Zoomarine, and others. To the right is a map of Europe with red dots indicating member locations.



- ### Near future
- Opening membership
 - Remake oiledwildlife.eu
 - Members-only domain
 - Expand memberships/networks
 - National contingency planning
 - Exchange protocols, methodologies
 - Etc....
- What would you like EMPOWER to do?

Tonight 19:00
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Question & Answer session

Thank you!