Country wildlife response profiles: The advantage of knowing things in advance

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Outline
- What are the country profiles?
- How do we prepare them?
- Where do we store them?
- Why do we do them?
- Results
- And now what?

THIS is a country profile

Sections of a country profile
- Wildlife and habitats at risk
- Oiled wildlife spill experiences
- Response: role of the authorities
- Oiled wildlife response
- Wildlife responders
- Permanent facilities
- Cooperation

Country profiles finalised

HOW do we do them?
- Internet research and telephone inquiries
- Questionnaires
- In-country visits
- Previous contacts are provided by organizations such as ITOPF, OSR, WACAF GI Programme…
- On average, 5 days are spent per profile
CHALLENGES

- Language barrier
- Time zones
- Cultural differences
- Quality information timely efficient
- Organic product, information is being updated, although it occurs on an ad hoc basis

WHY do we do them?

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**CATEGORY 1**
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**CATEGORY 2**
2A: an oiled wildlife response plan is being developed, authorities and NGOs working together
2B: preparedness out of previous incidents

**CATEGORY 3**
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**CATEGORY 4**
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- Belgium, 1a
- The Netherlands, 1a
- France, 1b
- United Kingdom, 1b
- Turkey, 1b
- Azerbaijan, 1b
- Georgia, 1b
- Argentina, 1b
- New Zealand, 1a
- Australia, 1b

Countries included in Category 2
- Saudi Arabia, 2b
- Brazil, 2b
- Uruguay, 2b
- Falkland Is., 2a
- Ireland, 2a
- Spain, 2b
- Portugal, 2a
- Finland, 2a
- Estonia, 2a
- Denmark, 2a
- Norway, 2b
- Japan, 2b

Countries included in Category 3
- Bulgaria
- Lebanon
- Poland
- Sweden
- Greece
- Italy
- Russia
- Kuwait
- Bahrain
- UAE
- Indonesia
- South Korea
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Namibia
- Angola
- Tunisia
- Egypt

Countries included in Category 4
- Mexico
- Panama
- Ivory Coast
- Ghana
- Nigeria
- Cameroon
- E. Guinea
- Congo
- Gabon
- Mauritania
- Algeria
- Libya
- Morocco

Main observations
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- Levels of oiled wildlife preparedness vary greatly around the world.
- Only a few countries, 11 in total, are currently well prepared to respond to an oiled wildlife incident.
- 13 countries, mostly Europeans, are recently planning for oiled wildlife response or gaining experience due to previous incidents. They are getting quite there!
- 21 countries have an extremely limited and basic level of preparedness, while 26 countries have non-existent capacity to respond whatsoever to an oiled wildlife incident.

Many roads LEAD to Rome

- The planning approach vary greatly among countries.
- Endless routes that a country could take to achieve the same goal.
- Is there a reason for this differences and does it matter?
- There are patterns, we can advise other countries that do share the same characteristics.

and NOW WHAT?

- The country profiles will be publish online!
  Check it out in two weeks!
- A link has been established between http://sea-alarm.org and http://www.itopf.com

Thank you!