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Preparedness for Oil-polluted

Shoreline cleanup and

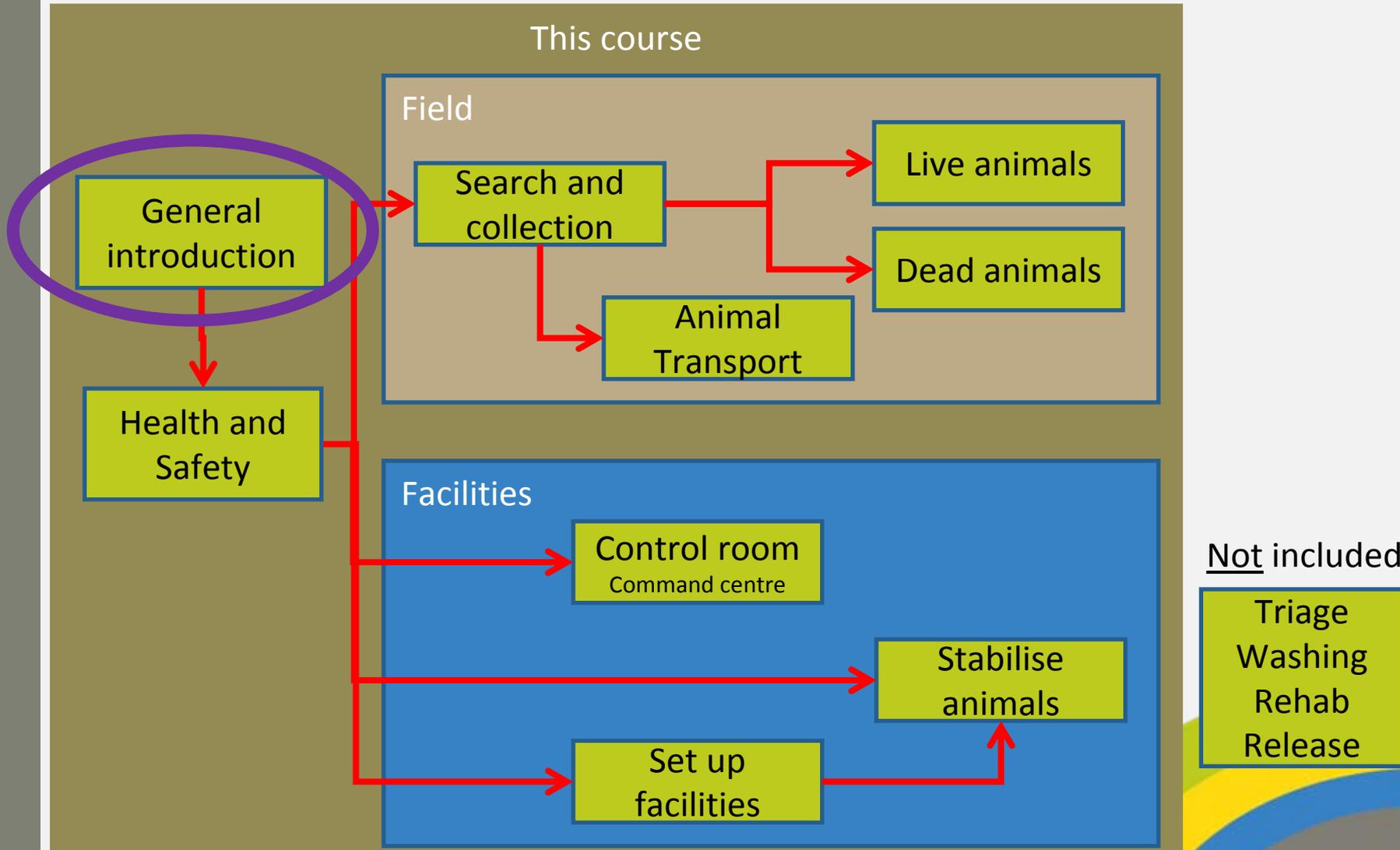
Oiled Wildlife interventions

General Introduction

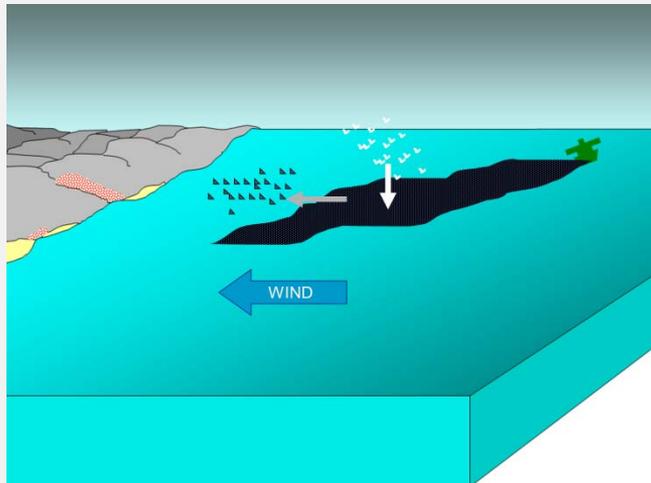
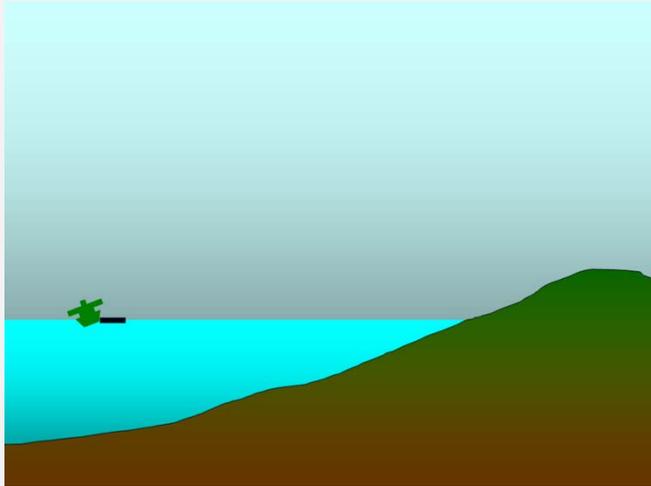
- What is an oiled wildlife response?
- Objectives of animal rescue
- How to achieve these objectives?
- How to organise the early days of rescue operations?
- What can volunteers do?
- This course



Overview of the wildlife course

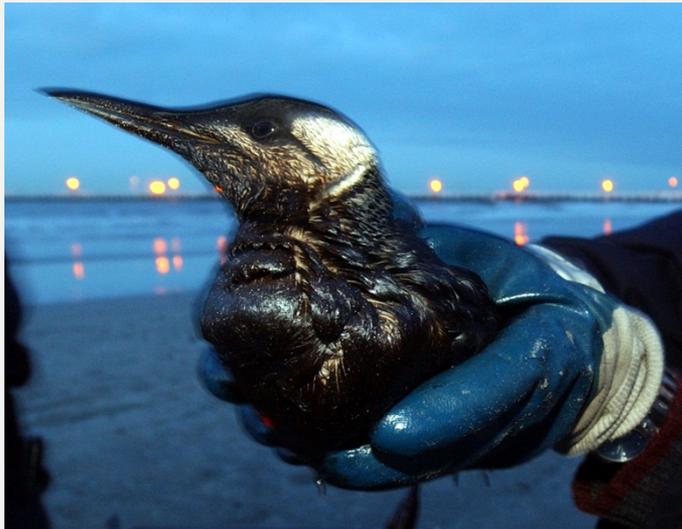
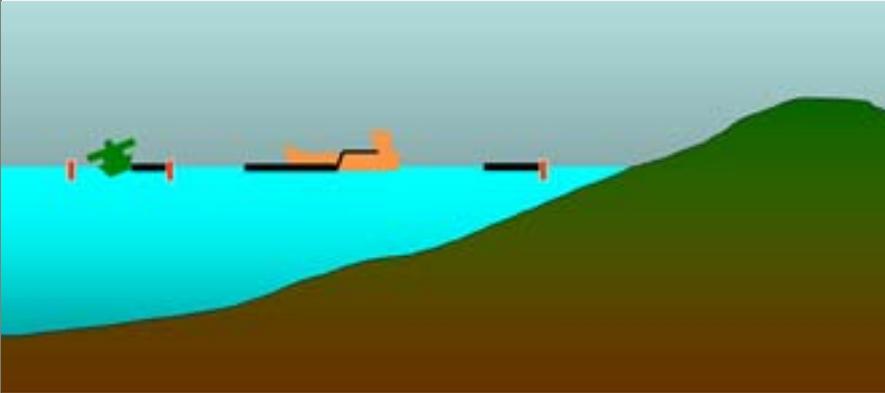


Oiled Wildlife Response?



- Most oils float on water surface
- They quickly spread and can affect large areas
 - Winds!
 - (currents)
- Animals (birds, marine mammals, sea turtles) can be affected by oil

Oiled Wildlife Response?



Response:

- Prevent oil from reaching animals
- Prevent animals from getting into the oil
 - Capture unoiled
 - Scare them away
- Assist animals that have become oiled
 - Rescue and try rehabilitate
 - Euthanise if rehabilitation is no option

Objectives of wildlife rescue

- Part of overall oil spill response
 - Lead by authorities
 - decision making
 - Planning, coordination
 - Resources (funding!)
- Health and safety of responders
 - Safe working environment
 - Hygienic, safe operations
 - Positive, consencious attitude
- Animal welfare at all times
 - No unnecessary suffering
 - Professional protocols
 - Aim = long term survival after release

Objectives of wildlife rescue

How to achieve?

- No uncoordinated activities
- Ensure authority involvement
- Accept decisions taken, and work accordingly

- Risk analysis & safety measures, before action
- Training and instruction
- Looking after yourself and colleagues

- Only capture if treatment can be provided
- Use professional protocols
- Involve qualified experts

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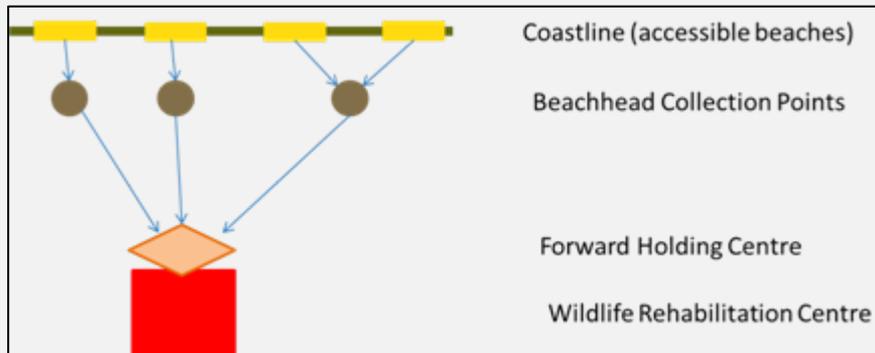
Early days of a response



- Make assessment
 - Where will animals come ashore?
 - Can we send search and collection teams?
 - Beaches – easy
 - Rocky shore - impossible
 - Where do we bring the animals?

Early days of a response

Organise in first days:



- Search/collection on beach

- Collected animals to Beachhead Collection Point

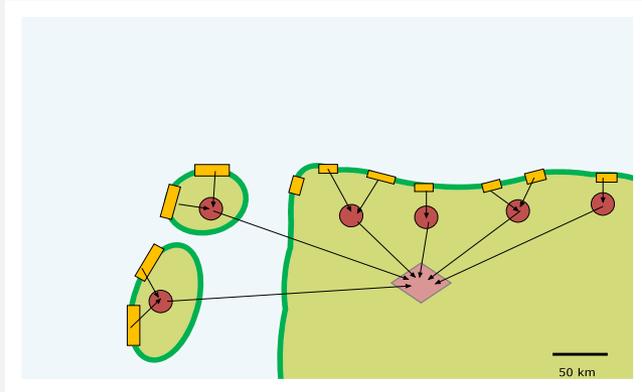
- Car
- Small building with space/heating

- In evening: all transported to Forward Holding Centre

- All animals under 1 roof



Early days of a response



Geographical challenges

- Many beaches
 - Many people needed
 - Logistics
- Short/quick transport routes
 - Less than 2 hours per drive



Early days of a response

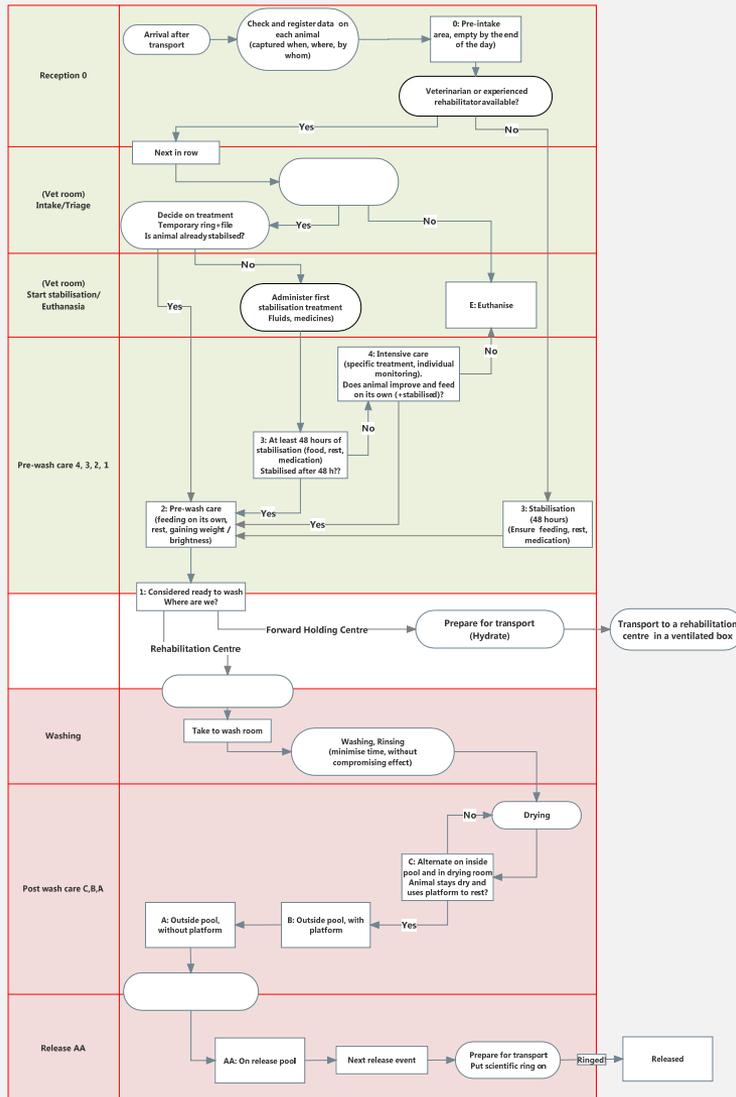


Ensure coordination and management

- Define tasks/responsibilities
- Setup and run a command centre
- Connect with the authorities

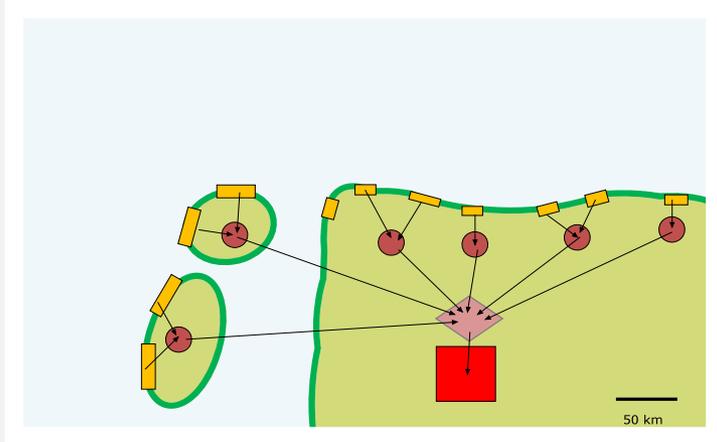


Early days of a response



- Experts are needed:
- Protocols are specific
 - Training needed to understand
 - Possibly many animals
 - Keep systems effective
 - Optimal use of resources
 - Recognise success / failure in early stage
 - Human welfare
 - Animal welfare

Early days of a response



When experts have arrived

- Building & operating a Wildlife Rehab Centre

- Washing
- Post wash care
- Release

- Experts are needed

- Specific knowledge
- Specific skills
- Experience



What can volunteers do?

A lot!

Two situations:

1. Experts have not arrived yet
2. Experienced experts are there



What can volunteers do?

1. Experts have not arrived yet

- Manage the early days of the response
 - Working with the authorities
- Plan, organize, logistics, coordination
- Volunteers have to organise themselves
 - Set up Search and Collection
 - Transport
 - Set up facilities
 - Beachhead Collection Point
 - Forward Holding Centre
- Keep animals alive
 - While waiting for experts/expertise



What can volunteers do?



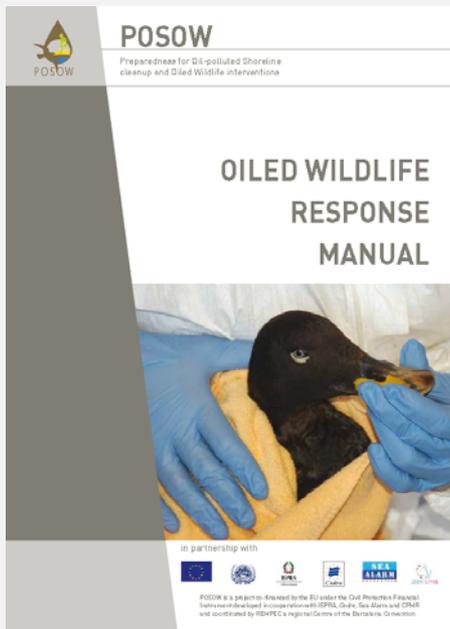
2. Experts are there

- Experts will direct the professional set-up and management of the response
- Volunteers can be trained on the work floor



This course

- Provide knowledge, some skills
- via: Manual, PowerPoints, Poster, instruction
- Enabling volunteers to manage early days of a response
- (and/or working under the directions of experts)





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