

Report on the POSOW Italian National Pilot Training



29, 30 and 31 October 2013



Introduction

Regione Marche, in collaboration with Falconara Marittima (Ancona) Municipality, organised a National Training Course on Oiled Shoreline Assessment and Cleanup, Volunteers Management and Wildlife Response on the 29, 30 and 31 October 2013 in Falconara Marittima premises at Villanova beach.

The training targeted representatives of the Civil Protection, local authorities and NGOs who could be involved, under the supervision of the competent authorities, on a voluntary basis, in oil spill response operations. The objective of the training was to provide knowledge on oiled shoreline assessment and cleanup as well as oiled wildlife response.

This training was organised with the framework of the POSOW Project co-financed by EU under the Civil Protection Financial Instrument developed in cooperation with the Centre of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution (*Cedre*), the Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA), Sea Alarm Foundation, and the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR), and coordinated by REMPEC as regional Centre of the Barcelona Convention.

Twenty seven (27) volunteers participated in the Training Course. The list of participants is attached to the present report in **Annex I**.

Dr. Alberto Cecconi, Manager of Marine Protection Department of Marche Region, received the volunteers, giving an overview on the programme of the 3 days training course, and introducing the organisation. The programme of the 3 day training course is reported in **Annex II**.

Mr Valerio Sammarini, Researcher at the Institute for Environmental Protection and Research - ISPRA from the Marine Environmental Emergency Service, introduced the POSOW project.

Course Delivery

Day 1 - Tuesday 29 October 2013

National Response System of Italy

Captain Luciano Ceccacci, Chief Of Regional Centre Department in Ancona, gave a presentation on the current national response system and presented the national contingency plan, reminding the main entities involved in case of an oil spill.

Roles and duties of ARPAM

Dr. Stefano Cartaro and Dr Angela Michaela Siciliani, Officers at ARPAM (Regional Environmental Protection Agency of Marche Region), gave a presentation on expected duties and roles of ARPAM during regional oil spill response plan.

Shoreline Assessment

Mr. Leonardo Balestra, Officer at Marine Protection Department of Marche Region, gave a presentation on shoreline assessment methodology.

Volunteer Management

Dr. Alberto Cecconi gave a presentation on personnel chain of command giving the main logistical elements, highlighting the possible roles of volunteers in a shoreline response.

Cleanup techniques

Mr. Roberto Cingolani, Officer at Marine Protection Department of Marche Region, gave a presentation strengthening the importance of volunteers in case of a major incident. He explained the main aspects on health and safety during activities and cleanup techniques through POSOW presentations and posters.

Day 2 - Wednesday 30 October 2013

On the second day of the training Mr. Alberto Cecconi presented the program of the day and focused the attention on the key elements presented on the previous day.

Role Playing

Dr Leonardo Balestra explained how to use didactic material for a simulation test on the beach. The role playing aimed at reminding participants the main aspects of shoreline assessment and chain of command and helping them to use datasheets and form from the manual.

Health and Safety

Mr. Giorgio Severini, Officer at Marine Protection Department of Marche Region, gave a presentation on health and safety issues and decontamination procedures. Volunteers were given Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and briefed on how to use them.

Practical exercise

A practical exercise was conducted on the sandy beach of Falconara, Ancona, Italia. The exercise was coordinated and supervised by the POSOW trainers Dr Roberto Cingolani, Alberto Cecconi and Leonardo Balestra. Volunteers were given Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and briefed on Health and Safety prior starting the practical exercise which consisted in:

- A shoreline survey of the beach
- Manual Cleanup
- Pebbles Cleanup in a concrete mixer
- Cleanup with Flushing on boulders
- Decontamination site and related activities
- Demobilisation of the worksite

The pollution was simulated through non-toxic black tempera (painting colour).

Day 3: Thursday 31 October 2013

On the second day of the training Mr. Alberto Cecconi presented the program of the day.

Oiled wild life response

Dr. Nicola Baccetti, water bird researcher from ISPRA, gave a presentation on the effect of oil pollution on wildlife, rescue activities and possible roles of volunteers during the response.

Tour of the *Regione Marche* facilities

Trainers prepared a visit of the Monitoring centre and Marine Command Office inside the *Regione Marche* Buildings in Ancona. Volunteers were informed about the Local Contingency plan system.

Conclusion of the training

Evaluation of the training

Following the exercise, participants were invited to fill-in an evaluation sheet to provide the POSOW partners with their feedback on the National Training Course. The following table summarizes the evaluation given by twenty seven participants of the training. The rating is based on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being bad and 5 excellent.

Title of the conference/presentation/exercise	Content adequacy mark (from 1 to 5**)	Presentation mark (from 1 to 5**)	Observations
Friday 4 October 2013			
Volunteer Management	0	0	No real presentation on volunteer management was delivered since all participants came from Civil protection experience. Key elements on this topic were presented in other PPT when useful
Saturday 5 October 2013			
Oiled shoreline assessment	4.9	4.4	Participants liked to test forms and guidance datasheets on the field during role playing
Oiled shoreline cleanup	4.4	4.5	
Oiled Wildlife Response	4	4	Topic seemed to be not well integrated in the global response system
Saturday 12 October 2013			
Exercise	4.7	4.7	Setting-up and dismantling were really appreciated. More equipment should be made available to train on more techniques

Debate and Suggestions

The evaluation results show that participants appreciated and valued the training content, material and the facilitators. According to the participants, improvements should be made on the following points:

- Delivery of the course and duration
- Practical part on all topics
- Follow up

Certificate Delivery and conclusion of the training

Dr. Alberto Cecconi, Manager of Marine Protection Department of Marche Region and Mr Valerio Sammarini, Researcher at ISPRA, delivered POSOW certificates to the volunteers. They thanked the volunteers for their participation and highlighted the importance of their involvement in the promotion of this program in their association and organisation.

Annex I

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

PILOT TRAINING COURSE	
Falconara Marittima (Ancona) Italy 29-31 October 2013	
CERTIFICATE NUMBER	SOURNAME AND NAME
088	Stramigioli Francesco
089	Bonopera Paolo
090	Ondedei Carlo
091	Carlone Libero
092	Carli Luciano
093	Romeo Lorenzo
094	Badiali Giovanna
095	Ninivaggi Antonio
096	Ferro Sebastiano
097	Burini Federico
098	Stefoni Alberto
099	Sisi Stefano
100	Postacchini Stefano
101	Parigiani Gianfranco
102	Picchietti Lorenzo
103	Cipolloni Vinicio
104	Bertulli Fabio
105	Turchetti Debora
106	Compagnoni Emanuele
107	Palestini Luigi
108	Mannocchi Marcello

109	Perugini Mauro
110	Cerioni Marco
111	Giorgi Davide
112	Scamuffa Gianni
113	Vagnoni Amedeo
114	Severini Giorgio



Annex II
PROGRAMME

POSOW NATIONAL TRAINING COURSE

ANCONA - 29, 30 and 31 October 2013

Tuesday 29.10.2013

9.00 – 9.20	Saluto autorità	Sindaco/Assessore
9.20 – 9.40	Training introduction	Cecconi
9.40 – 10.40	National Response System of Italy	Ceccacci
10.40 – 11.00	Coffe Break	
11.00 – 12.00	Roles and duties of ARPAM	Cartaro/Siciliani
12.00 – 13.00	Volunteer Management	Cecconi
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch	
14.30 – 15.30	Shoreline Assessment	Balestra
15.30 – 16.30	Work site set up	Cecconi
16.30 – 17.30	Cleanup techniques	Cingolani

Wednesday 30.10.2013

9.00 – 9.10	Program of the day	Cecconi
9.10 – 10.20	Role Playing	Balestra
10.20 – 10.40	Coffe Break	
10.40 – 11.00	Introduction to the exercise	Cingolani
11.00 – 12.00	Health and Safety	Severini
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 17.00	Practical exercise	Severini
		Cecconi
		Balestra
		Cingolati

17.00 – 17.30 Desmanteling

Thursday 31.10.2013

9.00 – 9.10	Program of the day	Cecconi
9.10 – 11.00	Oiled Wild Life	Baccetti
11.00 – 11.10	Coffe Break	
11.10 – 13.50	Tour in the Regione Marche facilities	Balestra
		Cingolani
		Severini
		Cecconi
13.50 – 15.00	Lunch	
15.00 – 16.30	Debate and Suggestions	Cecconi
16.30 – 17.30	Certificate Delivery Consegna attestati	
17.30	conclusion of the training	