



Sea Alarm is leading a EU co-funded project which aims to develop a European Oiled Wildlife Response Plan. The project, in which also CEDRE, IFAW, SYKE, ICRAM, OSRL and ITOPF are involved as Partners, will explore international and national solutions for an effective response to a future oiled wildlife incident in Europe. The response to past wildlife incidents will be reviewed. Representatives from competent authorities in the different European Coastal States will be actively involved in the project, which will consist of a workshop and a pilot for increased international preparedness.

European Oiled Wildlife Response Plan

Partners

Sea Alarm Foundation (Belgium, lead)
IFAW - International Fund for Animal Welfare (United Kingdom)
CEDRE, Centre de Documentation de Recherche et d'Expérimentations sur les pollutions accidentelles des eaux (France)
SYKE, Finnish Environment Institute
ICRAM, Istituto centrale per la ricerca scientifica e tecnologica applicata al mare (Italy)
OSRL, Oil Spill Response Limited (United Kingdom)
ITOPF, International Tankers Owners Pollution Federation (United Kingdom)

The Workshop

The workshop will be held 12-15 June 2006, at CEDRE, Brest, France
Aims of the workshop:

- Present the key issues surrounding an oiled wildlife rescue operation

- Review the different capacities in the different Member States
- Review good and bad practices
- Discuss wildlife response planning
- Identify specific needs and tools for planning and response
- Identify opportunities and constraints of international cooperation

The Pilot Project

The Pilot Project will use the results of the workshop and information provided by Coastal States to make some first firm steps towards increased communication, exchange and cooperation between European Member States.

Expected results

1. A clear overview of the different views, experience and capacities that exist across Europe regarding oiled wildlife responses
2. Common language and understanding in the different Member States of the specific challenges connected to an oiled wildlife incident
3. A dedicated website with access to internationally existing docu-

4. A draft European oiled wildlife response plan and recommendations for its implementation

Planning

Formal start of the project
February 2006
Workshop
12-15 June 2006
Pilot project
15 June-31 December 2006
Conclusions/website
January 2007
Formal end of the project
August 2007



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