

SEA ALARM FOUNDATION

Establishment and Board

Sea Alarm Foundation was established in The Netherlands, in 1999. Its present Board is composed of European marine bird and mammal rehabilitation experts and representatives from politics and business.

Board composition (as of March 2001)

Chair:	Ms. Erica Terpstra	NL	Member Dutch Parliament, Former Vice-Minister
Treasurer, secretary:	Mr. Jan Hoogstrate	NL	Retired regional director ING Bank
Members:	Mr. Antonio Di Natale	I	Acquario di Genova
	Mr. Jan-Ake Hillarp	S	Swedish Wildlife Rehabilitators Association KfV
	Ms. Lenie 't Hart	NL	Seal Research and Rehabilitation Centre
	Mr. Jim Conroy	UK	Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
	Mr. Tim Thomas	UK	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty against Animals

Objective

The objective of Sea Alarm's is to facilitate and motivate strategic alliances among NGOs, industry and governmental organisations with a common aim:

- to respond effectively to oil spills and rehabilitate affected wildlife professionally according to international standards,
- to be prepared for an oil spill emergency, as part of the response activity,
- to work towards oil spill prevention.

Mission

The mission of Sea Alarm Foundation is to make use of the best professional approaches to oiled wildlife welfare and use the best expertise available and applicable in any oil spill response.

Membership and representation

Board membership is open to representatives of the European marine wildlife rehabilitation community and independent individuals with a political or a business background. Sea Alarm Foundation is a one-issue organisation that aims to operate as a facilitator of a transparent overall process that is directed by the democratic decision making of the European marine wildlife rehabilitation community. A Committee of Recommendation is composed of key persons from industry, governments and NGO's. A Scientific Committee is composed of outstanding scientists and veterinary experts.

Activities and products

Sea Alarm Foundation has produced a number of products over the last few years, which shows a systematic approach towards network building and co-operation with a considerable number of parties who's interests sometimes are conflicting.

Business Plan

The current Business Plan implements the decisions made by the Board and the activities from a strategic plan of action made by a Task Force.

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