

Seasons Greetings from Sea Alarm



Seasons Greetings and thank you for your support!

As 2013 draws to a close, the Sea Alarm team would like to wish everyone a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

At this time we'd also like to extend our thanks to everyone who has supported our efforts over the last year. It has been a busy and productive time, with many positive steps forward.

Some milestones:

- Sea Alarm provided, or collaborated in providing, oiled wildlife response training (in person and via webinar) for industry, governmental and NGO stakeholders from more than 20 countries worldwide.
- Two oiled wildlife care manuals, one POSOW and one for European oiled wildlife responders, were completed in 2013, in cooperation with European colleagues. The POSOW manual is designed to guide volunteers in providing initial care and stabilisation for birds pending the arrival of trained responders. The other manual provides standardised guidelines on seabird rehabilitation for groups cooperating during an international oiled wildlife response.
- The Oil Spill Response Joint Industry Programme has recently agreed to fund the development of a Global Oiled Wildlife Response System. Sea Alarm has been the driving force behind creating this system, which will allow a group of 10 of the world's leading wildlife response organisations to collaborate formally on providing robust global response capability for oiled wildlife incidents. More details will follow in the new year.
- Sea Alarm has assisted four oil companies to develop oiled wildlife response plans for their oil exploration, production and shipping activities in 5 countries outside Europe.
- Sea Alarm helped to organise and coordinate a large-scale field exercise in the Netherlands, in conjunction with authorities and local NGOs, where a temporary wildlife rehabilitation centre was set up.
- Sea Alarm's team of staff and associated consultants has expanded, reflecting a

- growing profile and programme of international activities.
- Sea Alarm assisted (and continues to assist) Ireland and the States of Guernsey in developing their oiled wildlife response preparedness.
 - A detailed plan for oiled wildlife response is now included in the requirements for all HELCOM signatory countries. Sea Alarm, in cooperation with WWF Finland, was instrumental in moving this requirement forward.

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