







EMPOWER


A new European initiative for oiled wildlife response and preparedness

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- What does it mean and envisage?
- The objectives
- The context: European preparedness
- How is it set up?
- The future

What does it mean?



European
Management
Programme for
Oiled
Wildlife and other marine wildlife
Emergency
Responses




Oiled wildlife and other marine wildlife emergency responses





- Animal welfare issues
- Conservation issues
- Scientific data collection (cause & effect)
- Health & safety
- Speed
- Cost efficiency
- Emergency management & coordination
- Professional standards





NGOs have a lot to contribute




- Conservationists
- Animal welfare groups
- Scientists
- Veterinarians
- Rehabilitators
- Industry NGOs

- Professional skills
- Work well together
- Work well with the authorities

EMPOWER envisages:

To optimise NGO – Governmental cooperation in marine wildlife emergencies, especially oil spills



A management programme

Objectives

- Regional Agreements & EU
- Authorities
- Integrated national oiled wildlife response plan
- Professional Qualified Responders
- National NGOs
- EMPOWER

- Emergency plans at national levels,
- National NGO networks: cooperation
- Mutual assistance at the international level
- Use standards of best practice
- Encourage and support Authority – NGO cooperation

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A European Oiled Wildlife Response Plan
Proposal

- European marine wildlife incidents can be taken care of timely and effectively at national and international levels
- Expert-NGOs can cooperate well with each other and the authorities as part of a professional and integrated marine emergency response

Europe moves forward

- Incident responses are better coordinated
- Oiled wildlife response is becoming accepted
- Interest in best practices
- National networks of responders are being formed
- Planning processes taking place
- Contribution of NGOs is acknowledged

Regional Conventions

Arrangements on oil pollution preparedness, response and co-operation


Regional Conventions

- Helsinki Convention
- Copenhagen Agreement
- Bonn Agreement
- Lisbon Convention
- Barcelona Convention
- Bucharest Convention

Entry of oiled wildlife response preparedness

- HELCOM
 - Integrate OWR
 - Inclusion in Manual
 - Recommendation national planning
- Bonn Agreement
 - Inclusion in Handbook
- HELCOM/Bonn
 - Inclusion in PolRep
- Barcelona
 - MoU for oiled wildlife response
- Bucharest
 - Explore advantages

EMPOWER: European Network



- “Sea Alarm network”
- All European coastal countries

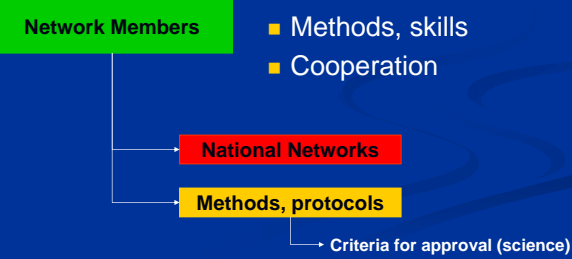
National Networks



EMPOWER networks:


- Established national networks
 - Established by MoU
 - Established by incorporation
 - Recognised by the authorities
- Candidate national networks
 - NGOs in a process of forming a national network

EMPOWER Quality
3 layers of recognition



- Professional behaviour
- Methods, skills
- Cooperation


Becoming a member (1)



- Low threshold
- Sign the Code of Conduct
- Send with an application form

(Check by Steering Group)

Code of Conduct



- Attitude
 - In situation of emergency or emergency preparedness
 - Cooperative/professional
 - Collegiality
- Understanding good practices, develop and implement them
- Communicate/exchange

Becoming a Member (2)

Obligation

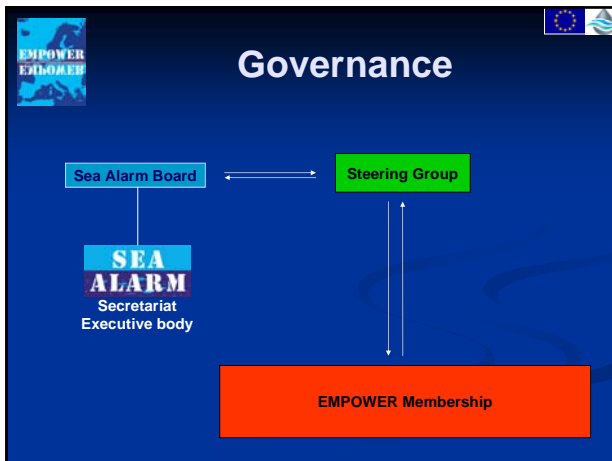
- Adhere to Code of Conduct

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Advantages

- Part of an international quality brand
- Access to online guidelines and info
- Newsletter
- Access to internal discussions
- Part of governance system

Contribute to building of a quality brand



Steering Group

- Reflection of membership
- Rotation
- Develop EMPOWER in best interest of Network

A photograph shows a group of people, the Steering Group, sitting in a room. To the right is a map of Europe with red dots marking the locations of various member organizations. Logos for RSPCA, SEA ALARM, and Zoomarine are visible at the bottom.



Near future

- Opening membership
- Remake oiledwildlife.eu
 - Members-only domain
- Expand memberships/networks
- National contingency planning
- Exchange protocols, methodologies
- Etc....

What would you like EMPOWER to do?

Tonight 19:00 EMPOWER Question & Answer session

Thank you!