

Country wildlife response profiles: The advantage of knowing things in advance

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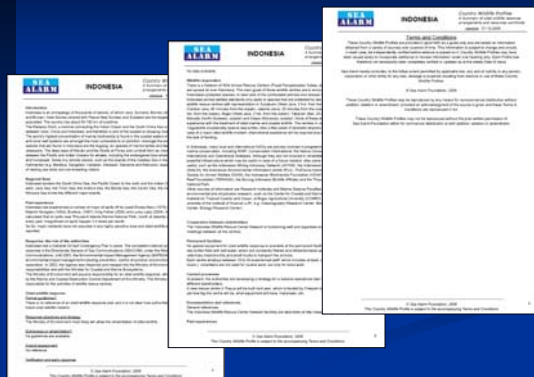
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Outline

- What are the country profiles?
- How do we prepare them?
- Where do we store them?
- Why do we do them?
- Results

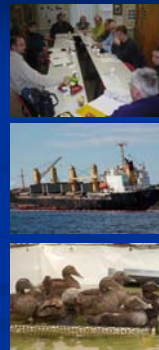
- And now what?

THIS is a country profile

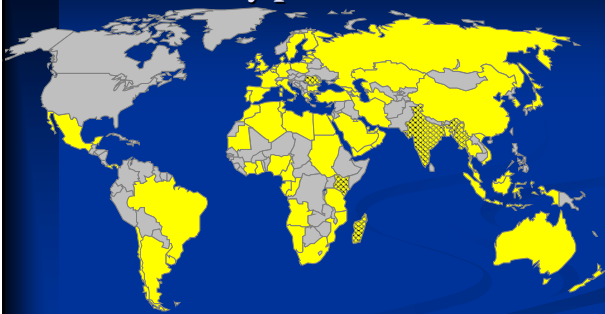


Sections of a country profile

- Wildlife and habitats at risk
- Oiled wildlife spill experiences
- Response: role of the authorities
- Oiled wildlife response
- Wildlife responders
- Permanent facilities
- Cooperation



Country profiles finalised



Since 2005, 71 Profiles have been finalised
78 Profiles will be gradually produced

HOW do we do them?

- Internet research and telephone inquiries
- Questionnaires
- In-country visits
- Previous contacts are provided by organizations such as ITOPE, OSR, WACAF GI Programme...
- On average, 5 days are spent per profile

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CHALLENGES

- Language barrier
- Time zones
- Cultural differences
- Quality information timely efficient
- organic product, information is being updated, although it occurs on an *ad hoc* basis

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WHY do we do them?

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WHERE do we store them?

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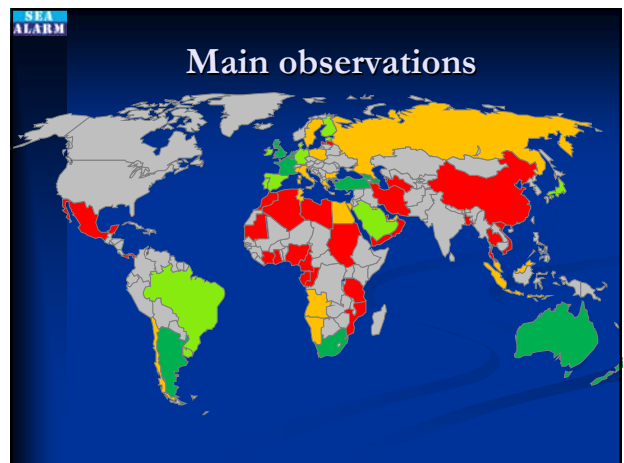
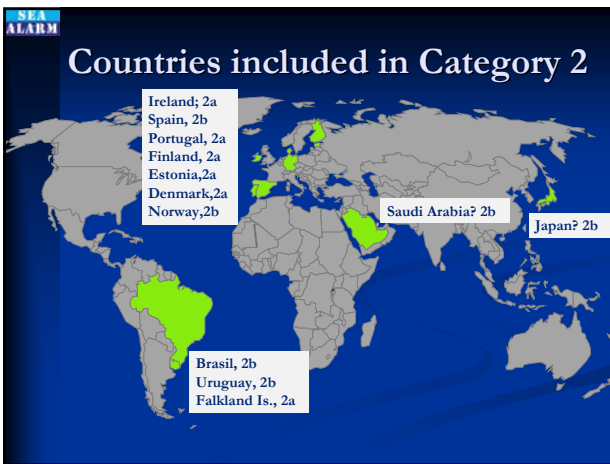
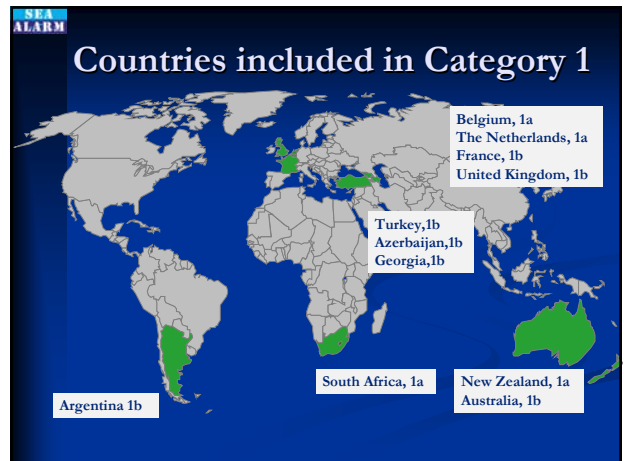
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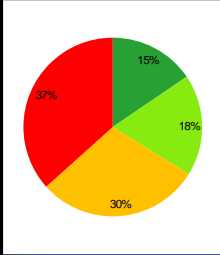
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Main observations

- Levels of oiled wildlife preparedness vary greatly around the world
- Only a few countries, 11 in total, are currently well prepared to respond to an oiled wildlife incident
- 13 countries, mostly Europeans, are recently planning for oiled wildlife response or gaining experience due to previous incidents. They are getting quite there!
- 21 countries have an extremely limited and basic level of preparedness, while 26 countries have non-existent capacity to respond whatsoever to an oiled wildlife incident



Many roads LEAD to Rome

- The planning approach vary greatly among countries
- Endless routes that a country could take to achieve the same goal
- Is there a reason for this differences and does it matter?
- There are patterns, we can advise other countries that do share the same characteristics

and NOW WHAT?

- The country profiles will be publish online!
Check it out in two weeks!
- A link has been established between <http://sea-alarm.org> and <http://www.itopf.com>

Thank you!