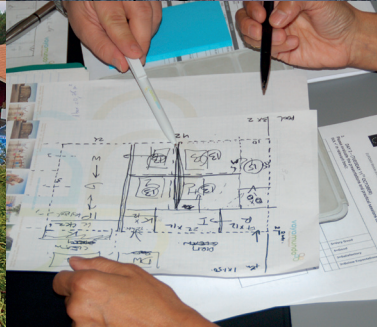


Assisting Oiled Wildlife Response and Preparedness in Europe

Overview of concept and services



What is the EUROWA Module?

The EUROWA Module is a team of experts and their equipment, following the concept as defined in the European Civil Protection programme. The team can be internationally mobilised to assist national responders with dealing with oiled wildlife challenges following an oil spill.



The Module can be participating in exercises organised by authorities or industry



EUROWA equipment stored in 21 aluminum crates



Search and Collection Training Exercise

Who is included in the Module?

The Module is run by the EUROWA Members: European organisations who have signed the EUROWA Memorandum of Understanding. They use their common Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to deal with a request for mobilisation. Sea Alarm acts as the Module's 24/7 emergency centre.

Who are the experts in the Module?

The Module is open to any European citizen provided he/she has demonstrated competencies in one of the specialisations that are needed in international mobilisation. Registration of individuals takes place via one of the organisations who have signed the EUROWA Memorandum of Understanding. In a mobilisation, the Module draws from the pool of individuals who are registered as a qualified expert.

What's in the Module equipment?

The EUROWA Module has its own equipment stockpile that can be mobilised together with the EUROWA Team. It consists of more than 20 aluminium crates packed with wildlife response specific equipment and consumables.

OTHER SERVICES OFFERED BY THE MODULE

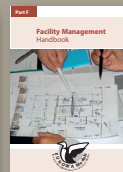
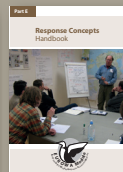
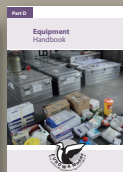
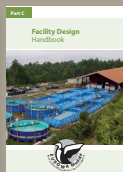
Training

EUROWA Members collectively provide training opportunities for individuals and organisations who want to improve on their oiled wildlife response proficiency. Training opportunities are provided regularly and can also be tailored to in-country events organised by an interested party.

Exercises

The Module can organise and participate in national or international exercises. It is recommended to mix national and international resources as part of the exercise design. It offers opportunities to Module Members to test their SOP, and it provides local experts with the opportunity to exercise and work with the Module experts, and receive additional training to improve their capabilities.

EUROWA currently has 7 guidelines and handbooks



EUROWA Qualifications

BASIC Field
BASIC Prewash
BASIC Veterinarian

ADVANCED Field
ADVANCED Prewash
ADVANCED Wash Dry
ADVANCED Pools
ADVANCED Release

SPECIALIST Field
SPECIALIST Veterinarian
SPECIALIST Prewash
SPECIALIST Wash
SPECIALIST Pools
SPECIALIST Release

SECTION HEAD Field
SECTION HEAD Reception Intake
SECTION HEAD Stabilisation Prewash Holding
SECTION HEAD Dry
SECTION HEAD Pools Release

MANAGER Field Operations
MANAGER FHC*¹ Operations
MANAGER WRC*² Operations
MANAGER Infrastructure and Supplies
MANAGER Animal Welfare
MANAGER WRC-XL

*¹FHC = Forward Holding Centre

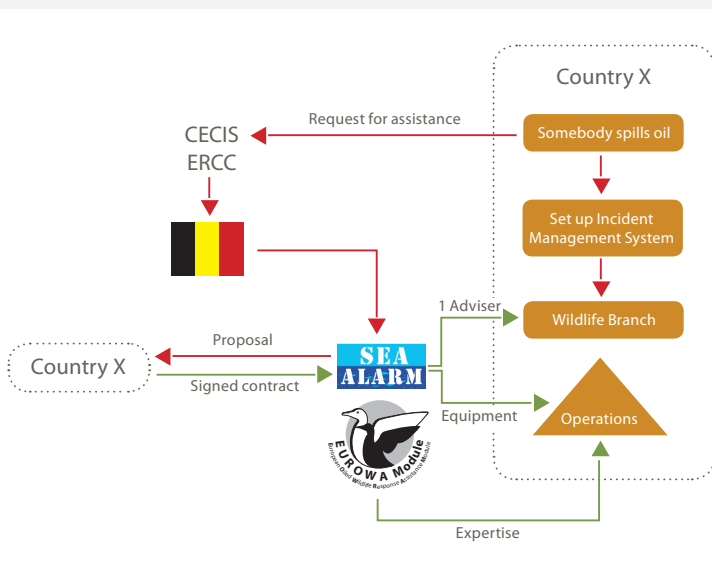
*²WRC = Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre



A washing training in the ADVANCED course



The design and operations of an XL facility are included in the MANAGEMENT courses



Who can mobilise the Module?

The Module can be mobilised via the European Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) by European Governments who participate in the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. The Module may also be offered for a response outside Europe if a formal request is made to the ERCC.

How does Module mobilisation work?

Any European country can be represented in the pool of experts from which the Module draws its expertise. In their own country these experts can be deployed as the so called Tier-1, leading an oiled wildlife response within the national incident management system. If the national capacity is overwhelmed, the Module can be mobilised. A request for mobilisation needs to be made formally by the authorities of the responding country (Requesting Party). The request can be made via the CECIS-MP programme (Common Emergency Communication and Information System for Marine Pollution) which is coordinated by the ERCC. The Module is registered into this system via the Belgian authorities who can make the services available. The Requesting Party and the Module sign a contractual arrangement after which the Module will be mobilised to assist.



The EUROWA Module project 2015 – 2016

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