

SYKE's main roles in Oiled Wildlife Response:

- **National authority for marine (open sea) oil and pollution response**
- **Responsible for initiating and coordinating the Oiled Wildlife Response nationally**
- **Provides two trained ornithologists from it's Natural Environment Centre to oversee the OWR, one placed in SYKE's command centre and the other in the rehabilitation centre; may call assistance from SYKE's staff**
- **May call for executive assistance from local authorities (municipalities, Rescue Services, Environment Centres)**
- **Cooperates with WWF and Rescue Service authorities in mounting the response as needed**
- **Maintains a contract in activating the mobile Bird Cleaning Unit (BCU) with Rescue Service (Department of Eastern Uusimaa) and has mapped suitable places for transporting the BCU both in coastal and inland areas**
- **OWR training courses, assisted by WWF and Rescue Service (Department of Eastern Uusimaa), for local authorities and voluntary bird ringers**
- **National OWR group, arranging meetings twice a year, includes representatives of SYKE, WWF, Rescue Service Department of Eastern Uusimaa, Metsähallitus, Finnish Museum of Natural History (LUOMUS), Korkeasaari Zoo and Sea Life.**
- **The National OWR (action) plan compiled by the group, is nearly finalized (minor details such as a few appendixes in process) and soon ready to be adopted**