



Implementations of oiled wildlife response in Finland

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Oil spill response brigades

- WWF Finland established brigades in spring 2003.
- 8000 members.
- 2000 trained volunteers.
- 60 % of our volunteers live on the metropolitan area.
- Everyone over 18 years old can join in.

- Regular trainings for volunteers:
 - shoreline cleanup
 - cleaning and caring of oiled birds

- Troops operate always under the officials.



Oiled wildlife response in Finland

- WWF Finland started oiled wildlife response in 2006.
- WWF is the only non-governmental organization in Finland which is working with oiled wildlife response.
- WWF focus is in voluntary work but we are also developing wildlife response in Finland together with officials and international experts. We have also made wildlife response action plan which will be taken in use if accident happens.
- Finnish Environment Institute is in charge of wildlife response when oil spill accident happens.
- WWF has very important role in organising and leading the voluntary work. Without volunteers there is no resources to do successful wildlife response in Finland.



Volunteers and training

- WWF organise two trainings per year and by the end of 2017 we have trained over 600 volunteers to work in BCU.
- Trainings are very popular and usually they fill up in one hour after opening the registration.
- Three day training gives volunteers the basic knowledge about wildlife response:
 - **Day 1:** Theory lessons of wildlife response
 - **Day 2:** Volunteers gain an overview of the working principles of the BCU.
 - **Day 3:** Volunteers are trained to catch and handle live birds.







BCU

- Mobile unit can be moved by a truck. Eastern-Uusimaa Emergency Services Department will give us technical and logistical support when accident happens. .
- Three containers:
 1. Triage and veterinary
 2. Washing
 3. Drying

Requirements for the unit:

- Electricity – grid or aggregate
- Warm water and sanitation with oil water separation tank
- Public transport connections

Finnish Environment Institute
Leader of the operation

WWF Finland
Oil spill response team
3-5 persons with an active role in long term oil spill response.

5 veterinarian have an active role in OWR training and developing work.

40 veterinarian/ students have completed the OWR –training and can be reach by SMS.

Volunteers

600 volunteers are trained to work in OWR.

8000 volunteers can be reach by mobile phone.

25 bird ringers have completed the OWR –training and can be reach by SMS.



International collaboration

- Fortunately we don't have much experience about oil spills in Finland.
 - WWF volunteers have participated in cleaning work of two small scale spills (Raahe 2014 and Oulu 2017) in past few years.
 - In our national OWR actionplan we have estimated that spills with less than 100 oiled birds we can deal with local response system.
 - In larger accidents we need international collaboration and assistance from EUROVA team immediately.
 - Our goal is also to increase international training collaboration to improve our voluntary preparedness and to keep our volunteers active.
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Thank you! Questions?

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