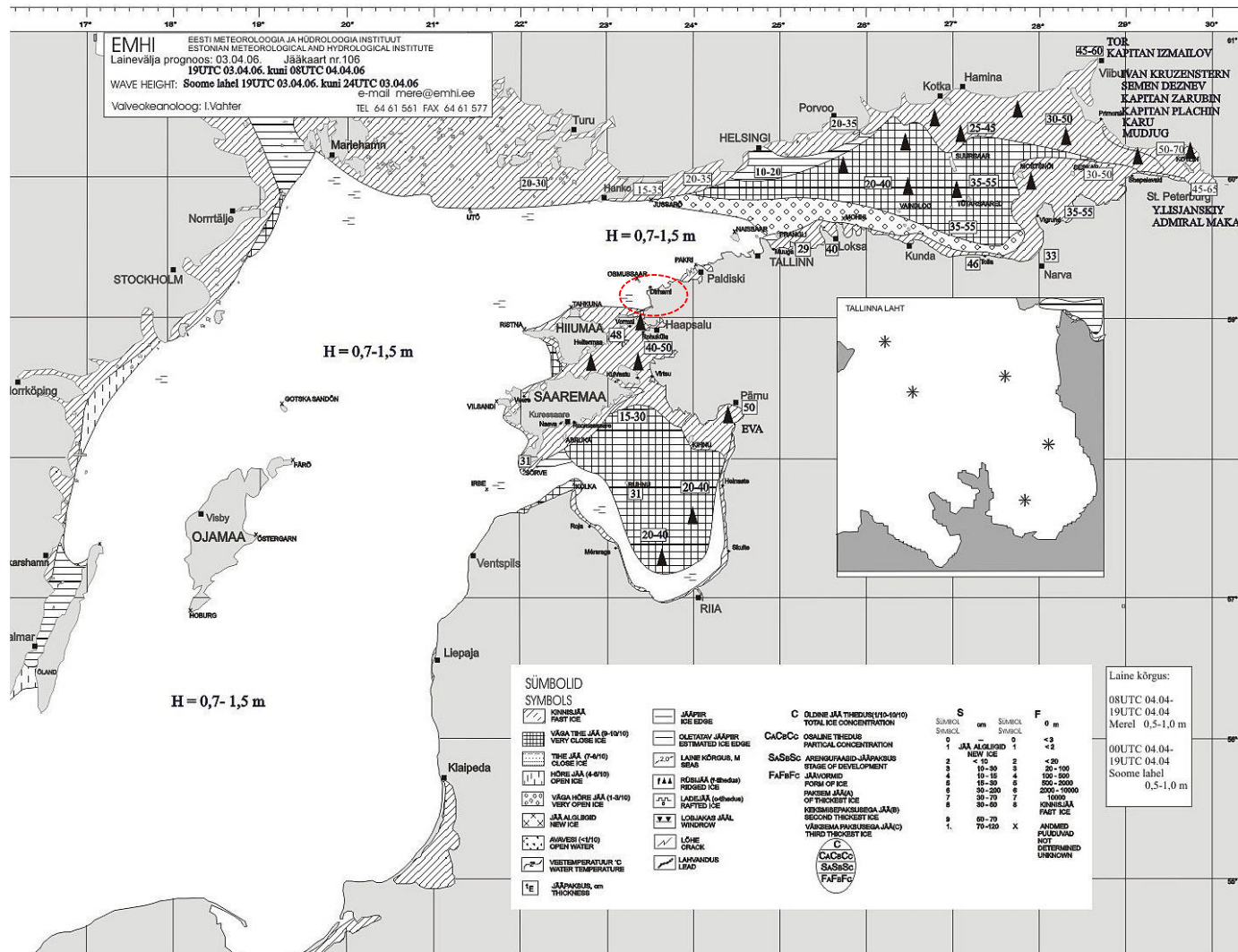


Mystery Oil Spill – Estonia, Winter 2006



Weather conditions



40 tons of crude oil, collected 10 t along, 35 km of shoreline

First sight



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Oil, snow and cold



Birdwash at first in firedept-s rooms



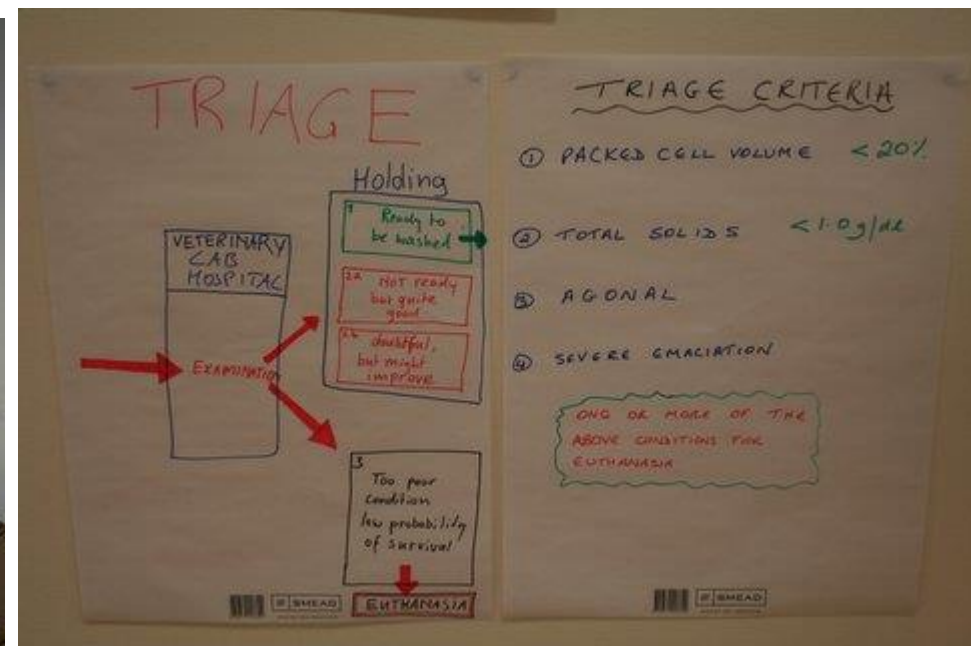
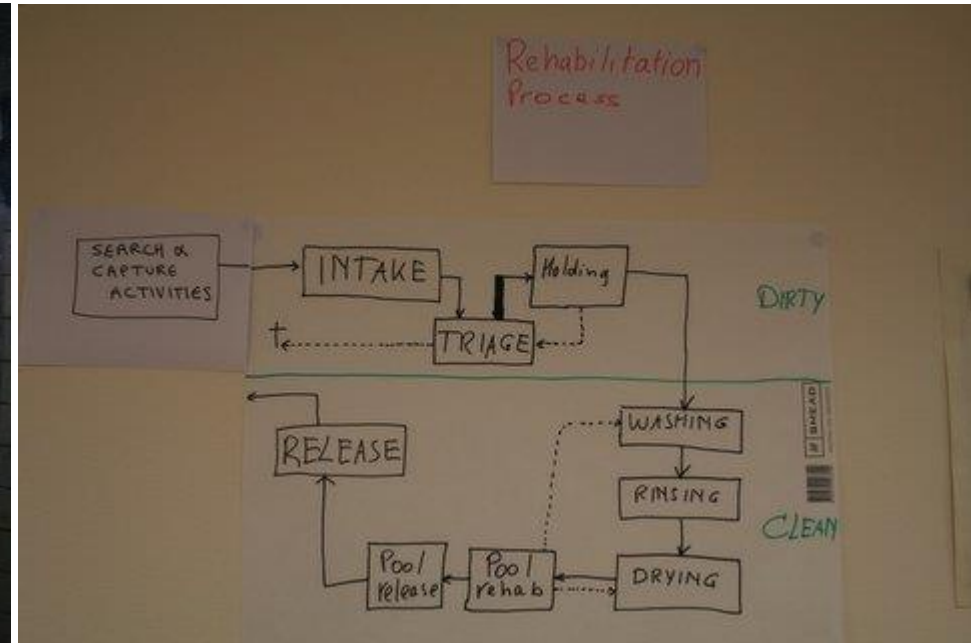
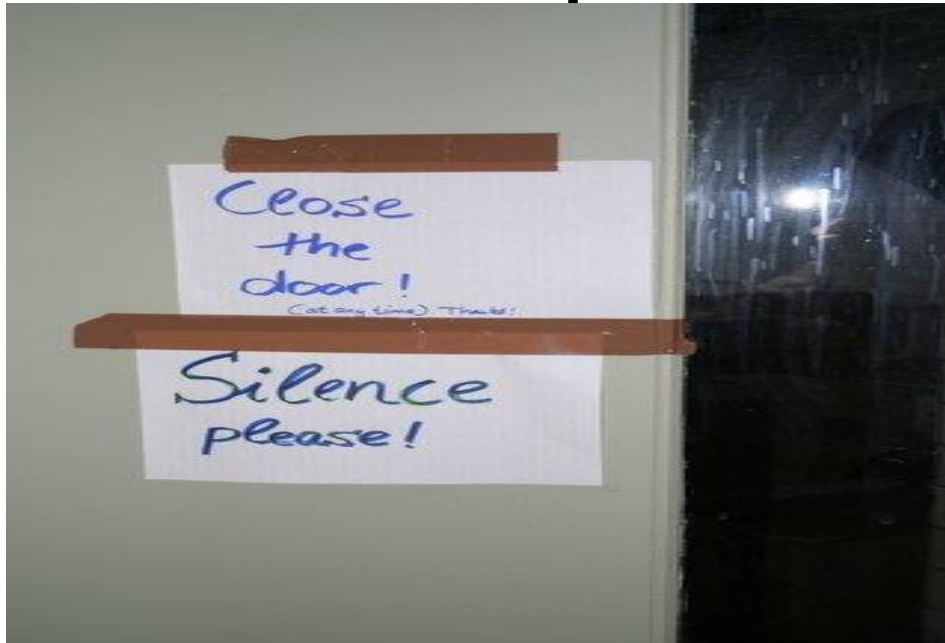
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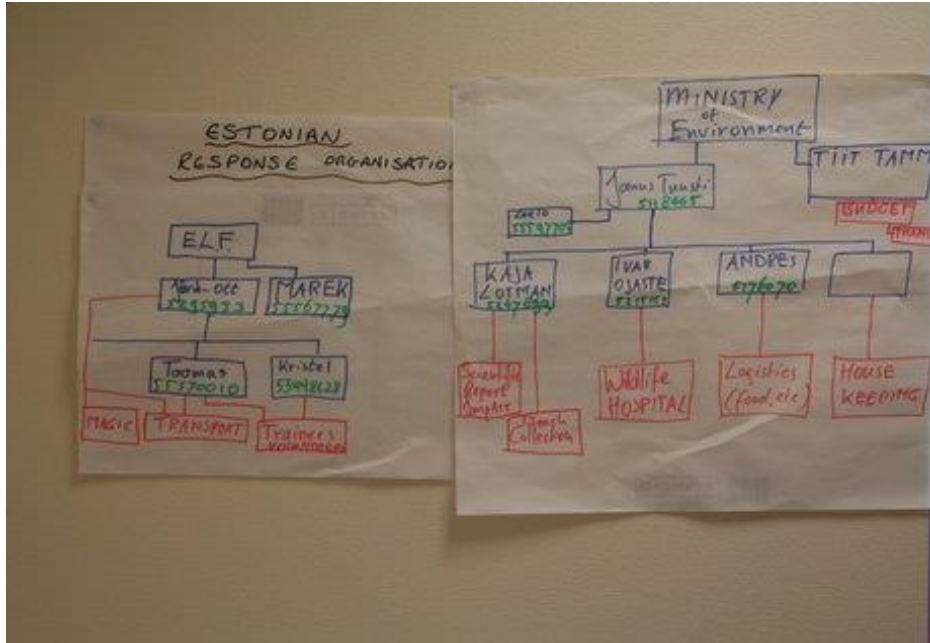
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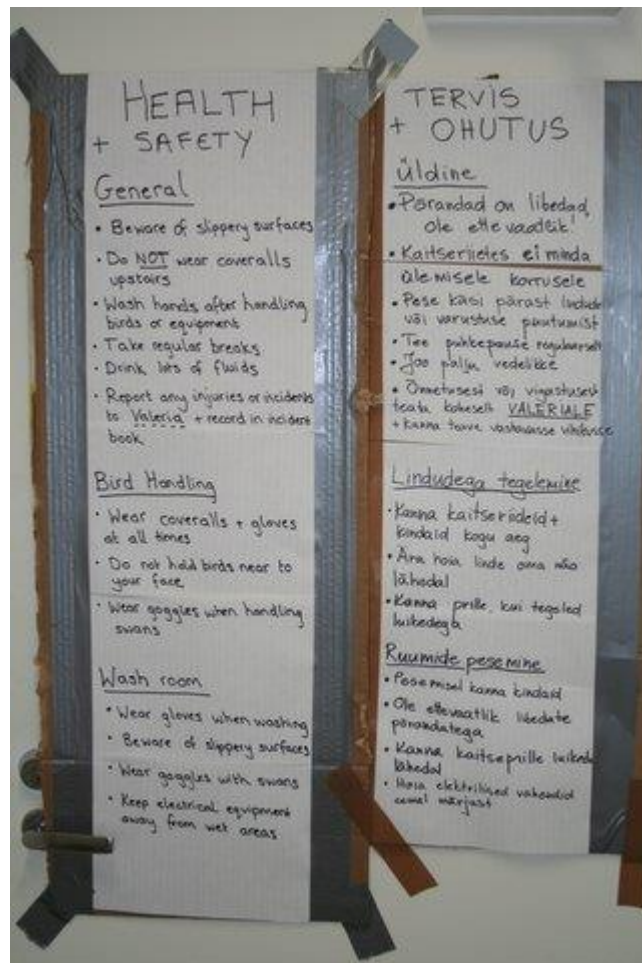


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EST-BRA washing team





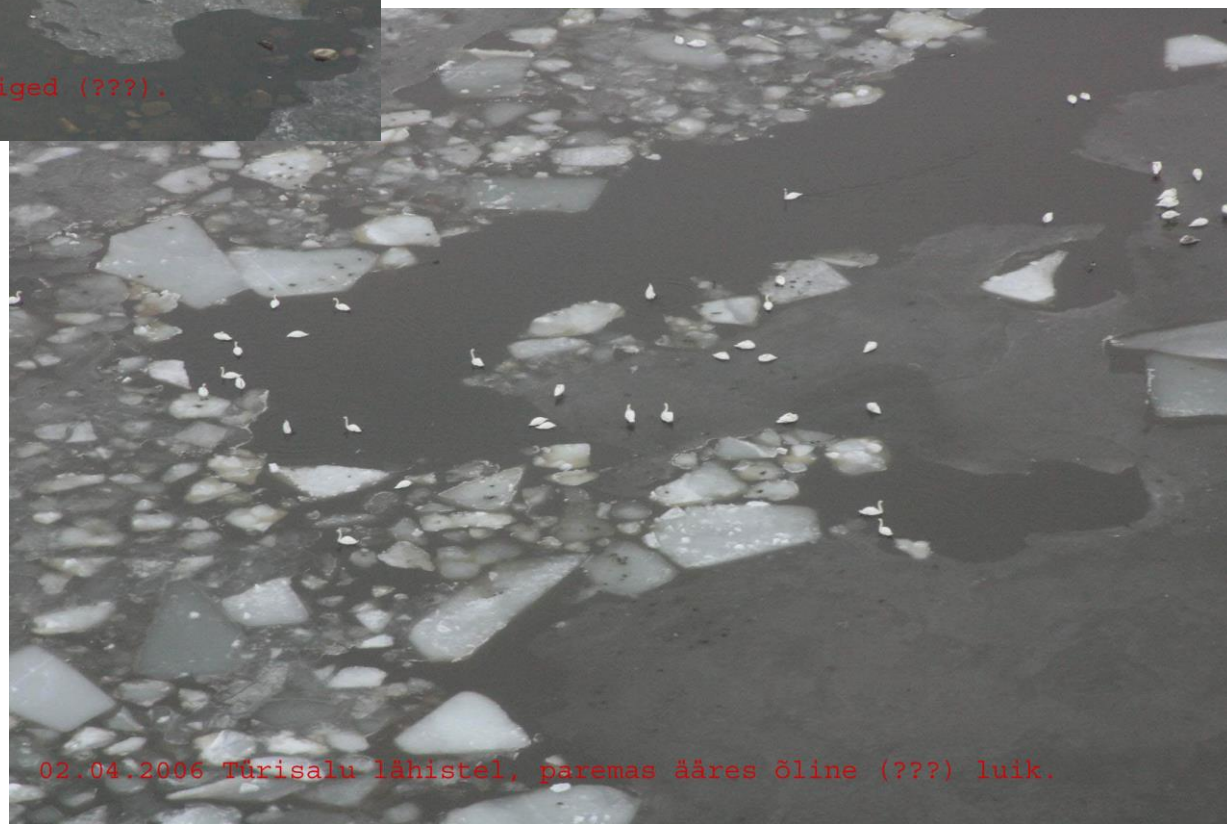
Estimated 20 000 – 30 000 birds died, rescued 161 birds

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02.04.2006 Suurupi poolsaare tipp, määrdunud luigid (???)



02.04.2006 Türisalu lähistel, paremas ääres öline (???) luik.

ELF` s actions:

- Mobilising volunteers, altogether about 400 people came
- Campaign for raising money, altogether gathered about about 33 000 EUR
- Organising bird rehabilitation, contacting international organisations (such as IFAW; IBRRC, Sea Alarm, WWF) for help

Results

- ELF`s board turned to government to talk about the need of developing Oil Foundation to compensate oil traffic accidents
- Government started negotiations and came to an agreement to develop Oil Foundation
- Basic decision of developing Oil Foundation in April 2006 (still not existing)

Results

- ELF was roped into governments crisis regulation commission dealing with 2 mayor accidents: the oil spill in North-Western coast in winter and case of drowned Runner IV in spring
- Governments decision to cover ELF-s expenses concerning oil spill from governments reserve foundation

Runner IV accident



02.04.2006 Piritasadama ümbrus.

Results

- Experiences, knowledge, know-how
- Cooperation with governmental institutions
- Wide media reflection, raise of public awareness about environmental issues in general, particularly about risks and dangers from oil traffic and vulnerability of Baltic Sea.
- Database of volunteers

Lessons learned

- Cooperation is the best model of dealing with accidents like this one
- If the objects are clear, people can work together as one without national, ethnical, positional or any other problems
- There are actually a lot of people who care

Why ELF was ready to react?

- ELF`s and WWF Finland`s mutual INTERREG IIIA project since the end of year 2005, which aims are:
- to improve oil combating preparedness on both coasts of the Gulf of Finland
- Trained and equipped volunteers, cooperation with rescue and environmental authorities
- Building a strong international network with other NGO-s, especially in oiled wildlife rehabilitation issues
- Finding compensational means for oil combating work

Project actions after the spill

- Equipment purchased for 400 volunteers, trailer for transportation
- About 200 trained volunteers,
- Handbook of oil combating and bird rehabilitation to be published th
- Training video
- Large media campaign
- Contract with Rescue Board

Volunteers – the most important resource







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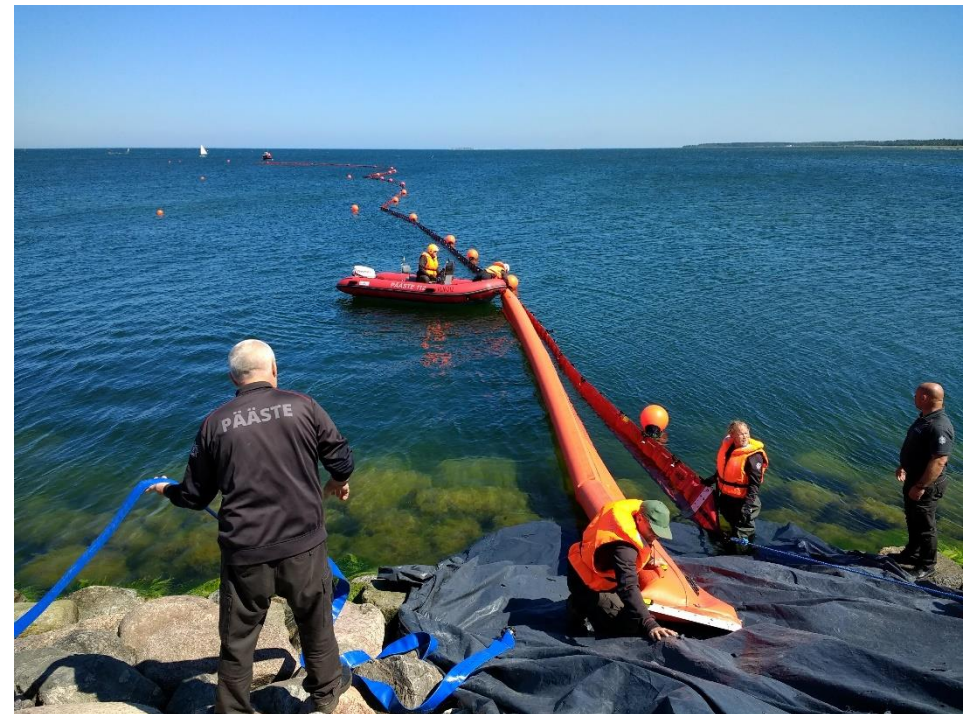
- Training course for group leaders (April).
- Participation in courses organized by Estonian Rescue Board: usage of containment booms (June-August).
- Equipment checkup (August-September).
- Gathering exercise (September).



ACTIVITIES IN 2020



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