



JNCC has responsibility for the provision of nature conservation advice for UK waters beyond 12 nautical miles offshore. Within JNCC, the Marine Management team provides nature conservation advice to regulators, industry, statutory nature conservation bodies and a range of other stakeholders. Part of this advice is the provision of a 24hr pollution response advice service.

Experience

- As a core member of the Environment Group (EG) (under the UK Government's National Contingency Plan (NCP)), we have experience in taking part in, and responding to, a number of real incidents and Secretary of States' Representative for Maritime and Salvage (SOSREP) exercises, in which operators are required to test their Oil Pollution Emergency Plans (OPEPs).
- This includes incidents involving shipping and offshore hydrocarbon installations.
- Taking part in NCP and SoSRep exercises (Including *Exercise Dragon, Grey Seal and Shen*).
- We have been developing and applying guidance and tools to pollution incidents and exercises which have subsequently been taken on board by UK EG Chairs.
- We work within our UK co-ordination remit to ensure consistency and join-up of central government responders and we co-ordinate the Marine Industry Groups Pollution meetings.
- We sat on the steering group for the development of the Seabird Oil Sensitivity Index (SOSI), and subsequently developed guidance for its application in contingency planning and incident response.
- We also sit on the Premium post-spill marine impact assessment and monitoring steering group.

Core competencies

We have a team of six staff who are experienced in incident exercise/response and are trained in:

- DECC Level 2 Oil Spill Response.
- Major Emergency Management.
- MCA National Training Course on Oil Pollution, Contingency Planning and Response.

In addition to this, we have access to specialists across the organisation including ornithologists, benthic and marine mammal experts. We can also assist with survey design and data interpretation/analysis.

Our services

- 24 hour pollution response service.
- Offshore sensitivities knowledge and information gathering.
- Trained team of advisers experienced in incident and exercise response.
- Attendance at exercises/role playing.
- Training in SOSI and it's application.





Why choose JNCC?

- We have led the way in developing a thorough understanding of the ecology of marine habitats and species occurring in UK offshore waters.
- We offer a wide range of marine biological expertise within the organisation.
- We have a '5th-country' co-ordination role which allows us to engage with, and experience, exercises and incidents across the whole of the UK.
- We have a reputation for effectively communicating complex information about offshore environmental sensitivities in a timely and accessible style that is suitable for a wide range of stakeholders.
- We have a proven track record developing trusted relationships with industry, regulators, decision-makers and key stakeholders, both within the UK and internationally.

About JNCC

JNCC's mission is to be an impartial scientific authority on UK and international nature conservation. As a public body we advise governments, and work in partnership with business and society. Our people are passionate about providing high quality evidence and advice on the natural environment, for the benefit of current and future generations.

Our vision is to be a world-leading provider of innovative solutions, placing nature at the heart of wealth and wellbeing.

JNCC has a strong record of success. For 25 years we have provided robust evidence and trusted advice on nature conservation to enable governments in the UK to achieve their policy objectives.

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