

## Oiled birds

- Use a towel to capture. Put the towel over the bird's face / eyes to reduce the visual stress!
- If possible, wipe the oil from around the nares (nostrils) and eyes
- Put the bird on a SOFT surface in a box. Sea birds are often pelagic and live their entire lives on the water coming on to hard ground only to breed. Their keel is not used to hard surfaces. If they spend a long time on a hard surface they get keel and hock sores, which will not heal and will result in death.
- Cover the box and keep in a warm, quiet place
- If possible rehydrate the bird by tubing lactate (make sure you consult Pauline or Brendan on how to do this first)
- If the bird will eat, feed it strips of fresh fish. Pelagic birds do not drink, they get water from food.
- DO NOT WASH THE OILED BIRD!! Remember oiled birds are cold, frightened and starving. They have probably lost all their condition. They will need to be given time to regain their condition before they can endure the washing process.
- Once you have given the animal shelter and immediate care, transfer bird to Pauline 086 357 6220 for washing.

## Stranded whales and dolphins:

- Contact Irish Whale and Dolphin Group
  - Mick O'Connell (live strandings): 087 632 8106
  - Simon Berrow : 086 8545450
  - Padraig Whooley : 023 8838761
  - Dave Wall : 087 2977931
  - Kevin McCormick (Mac) : 086 2041968

- See attached manual “Face to face with a beached whale” of the IWDG