



**THE NINTH ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE RAC/REMPEITC-CARIBE STEERING COMMITTEE**

Bonaire Ports Authority

” Intro

- . Oiling on the coast of Bonaire.
- . First information regarding the oil spill came via Stichting Nationale Parken Bonaire (STINAPA) on May 16th.
- . Information originated from an NGO in Los Roques.



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Bonaire Affected Areas



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” Issue[s]

- . Correct information or lack of it.
 - ” The origin of the oil: Trinidad and Tobago?
 - ” Quantity of the oil spill
 - ” The magnitude of the impact
 - ” Its toxicity
 - ” Community safety: close beaches to the public?
 - ” Social media panic due to lack of information
 - ” Containment vs Clean-up
 - ” Materials and equipment for oil spill
 - ” Capacity for clean-up
 - ” Sampling



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” Relevant Information

- . Bonaire is surrounded by the protected marine park.
- . Bonaire has pristine reefs for diving and attracts thousands of dive enthusiasts each year.
- . 500.000 cruise passengers come to Bonaire every year for its beaches.
- . Any outside effect on Bonaire's ecosystem will have negative impact on the economy.



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- ” Recommendations / collaboration to address the issue.
- . After an oil spill start communicating all relevant and correct information to the countries that may be affected.
 - . The quantity of the oil spilled is relevant.
 - . 300 barrels have reached the shore of the ABC islands.



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- ” Action: Proposal for consideration
 - . Viable information.
 - ” Bonaire can request weather/spill models from Rijkswaterstaat.
 - ” Counteract the social media panic.
 - ” Prepare for clean-up (materials and capacity).
 - ” Prepare operation envelope.

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Fig. 1: 7-day model output.

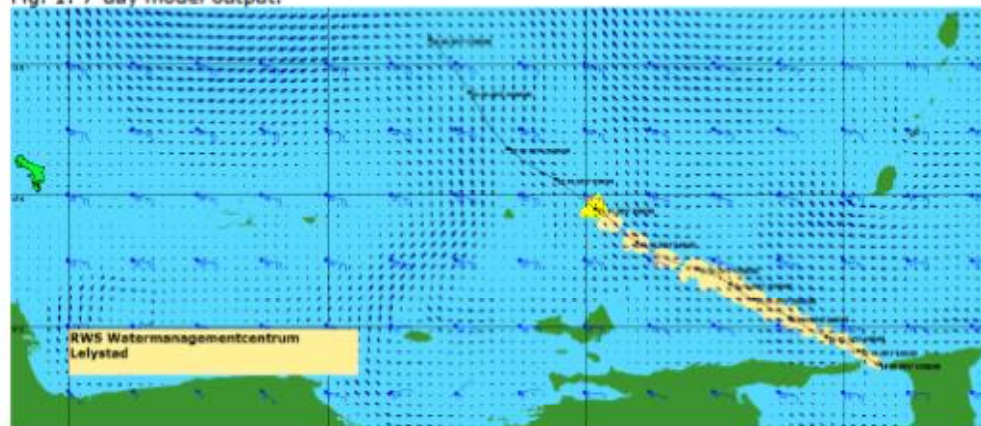


Fig. 2: 10- Day model output

