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
Å 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
• 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.
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.