



**Welcome** to the second newsletter for the Dorset Local Partnership under the auspices of the EROCIPS (Emergency Response to Oil, Chemical and Inert Pollution) Project.

We have now reached a stage in the project where outputs from the various work packages are beginning to be produced and disseminated to all the partner agencies. Some excellent work has been taking place within Dorset, including development of online reporting forms, conducting Oil, Chemical and Inert pollution Risk Assessments and the development of new datasets for use in modelling systems and response strategies. We have also worked closely with ASA in developing links to live tidal and weather data from Meteo Galicia that can be displayed through OILMAP (see below). This development will also allow modelling outputs to be displayed live over the internet.

In the next few months the Dorset Local Partnership will become a vital validating resource for the outputs from the work packages. We will require your assistance in helping to develop and test the proposed systems. It has been difficult so far to task work to the Local Partnership, but hopefully now the project has moved forward we will be able to get the local partners much more involved in the production of project outputs.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and interesting and we look forward to furthering the project through your input.

**Alan Hutchings, Andy Prowse & Jim Tetlow (EROCIPS Officers)**

### Exercise Jurassic Spill.....

Dorset and Devon County Council are currently planning a joint oil spill exercise to be held in 2007. The exercise will look to test systems and protocols developed as part of the work packages in the EROCIPS project. The overall aim of the exercise is:

**To validate EROCIPS outputs which add value to Shoreline Response plans in the Region**

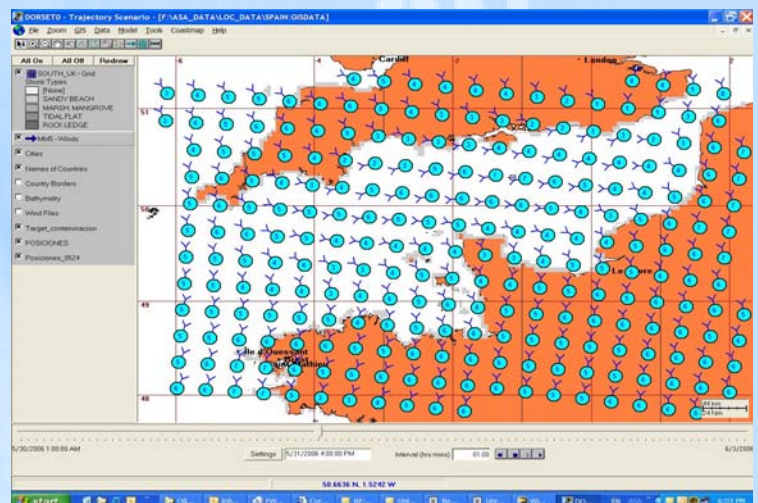
There are a number of objectives that also need to be achieved as part of the exercise:

- **Provide recommendations to Regional and Local Authorities and provide them with information to aid their response planning**
- **Test cross boarder liaison to a major oil spill on the South West coastline**

In order for the exercise to achieve these aims it is envisaged that agreements and protocols will be developed relating to the following areas:

- **Location of the SRC in a Multi-Region incident**
- **Joint staffing of the SRC**
- **Setting up forward control points in the individual Districts**
- **Joint working of the Environment Group**

The next meeting of the exercise planning group will take place on the 10th August 2006 @ 14.00 in the County Emergency Centre, Dorchester.



### ASA OILMAP Development.....

Eoin Howlett and colleagues at ASA have been developing our OILMAP system on our behalf as part of Work Package 5 (Spill modelling). This development has seen live tidal and weather data from Meteo Galicia incorporated into the system. This will allow a higher degree of accuracy when using the spill prediction model to plan for a response strategy. These outputs can also be viewed on the PlanWeb system, which will allow responders to view live, up to the minute information on the fate of the oil, thus increasing our ability to plan a response strategy. This will hopefully be available to Local Partners for review in the near future.



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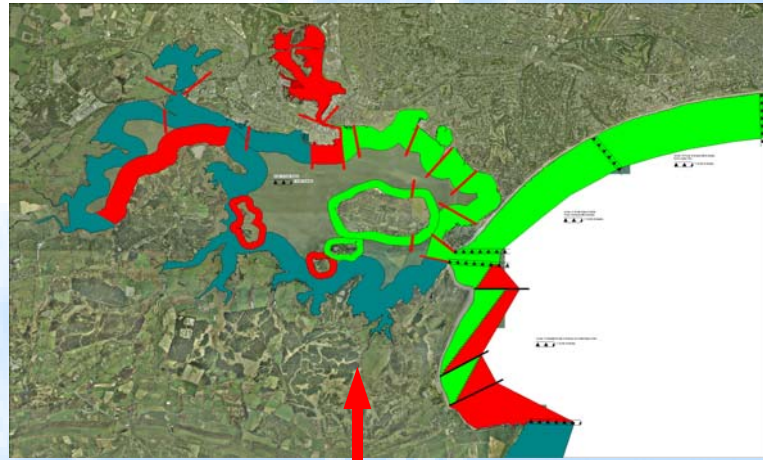
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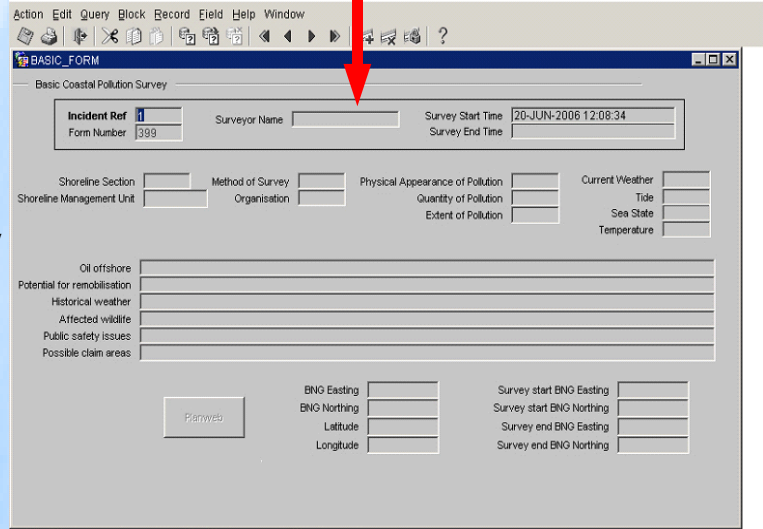
**Coastal Clearance Priorities.....**

We have recently had a student placement from Bournemouth University's MSc Coastal Zone Management course working with us over the past ten weeks. As part of the placement datasets for the coastal clearance Priorities (shown right), Land ownership, Harbour Activity plans and Natural collection areas have been created as well as undertaking a study into the effects of oil pollution on marine life in three areas along the Dorset coast. This work will provide a protocol for baseline environmental assessments should we ever experience a major spill on the Dorset coast.



**The online Beach Report forms are nearly ready.....**

Dorset County Council GIS Department has been developing online beach reporting forms on our behalf using Oracle databases. These have had some teething troubles, but hopefully by the time you are reading this they should be available for evaluation via the EROCIPS website. Many thanks go to the GIS Team who have put a lot of effort into the project and have helped push the work packages forward within Dorset. An example of the online forms is shown to the right.



**EROCIPS Website.....**

The EROCIPS website has now been up and running for sometime and provides a central area for all partners to place documents and disseminate information on the various work packages of the project. The screen shot to the left shows the front page of the site, which can be accessed by visiting [www.erocips.org](http://www.erocips.org). Hopefully you should now all have access to the private EROCIPS website. If for any reason you are experiencing difficulties, then please contact us on the details below.

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