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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- assessed hazards and risks associated with at least one species at a marine wildlife event
- assessed the status, condition and injuries of two individual animals at a marine wildlife event
- performed two of the following tasks at a marine wildlife event:
 - assisted with care of one live animal
 - assisted veterinarian or authorised personnel during euthanasia of one animal
 - collected data relevant to event in required format
 - assisted with one deceased animal at event scene
- followed safe manual and animal handling, and hygiene procedures in all activities
- contributed to one team briefing and one team debriefing activity.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- key features of organisational incident management system applicable to wildlife event, including:
 - roles and responsibilities of team members
 - overview of decision-making processes
 - interagency operations and legislative obligations
- key local, state/territory legislative requirements and jurisdictional structures relevant to wildlife events
- cultural protocols relating to species, operations and location
- communication protocols, including reporting requirements and dealing with the media

- situations where intervention with wildlife is warranted, and common marine animal species involved
- role of science and data collection in wildlife management, including types of information and data to collect and record
- main hazards and risks to people, including:
 - wildlife behaviour
 - weather, sea conditions, failing light or visibility
 - geography, location
 - public onlookers, interference, perceived need to act
 - lack of resources
- wildlife identification relevant to event, including:
 - species type, approximate age and conservation status
 - basic anatomy and physiology of species, including danger zones
 - overview of normal and abnormal behaviour
 - basic indicators of health status and body condition
- strategies to control site and address safety of the public and wildlife, including:
 - establish a cordon around animals
 - approach and treat animals with caution
 - ensure onlookers and dogs do not enter the exclusion zone
 - use of warning or information signs
 - monitor sea, tide and weather conditions
- personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for event and role
- types of equipment and gear and their purpose
- species-specific techniques for catching, handling, lifting or moving wildlife
- basics of palliative care and euthanasia, including types, administration, emotive responses
- organisational safety procedures, including:
 - hygiene standards – infection control, zoonotic diseases, biosecurity
 - waste and carcass disposal
 - personal injury or accident involving a team member
 - team rotations to avoid fatigue and exposure
 - sea safety and restrictions.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - an environment that represents a marine wildlife event – this includes the use of simulations and scenarios
- resources, equipment and materials:

- animal simulation device or mannequin
- personal protective equipment and other equipment required to address event covered in the performance evidence
- specifications:
 - organisational formats for recording or reporting information
- relationships:
 - supervisor, relevant personnel and team members to report to and work with.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>