



# Marine Mammals

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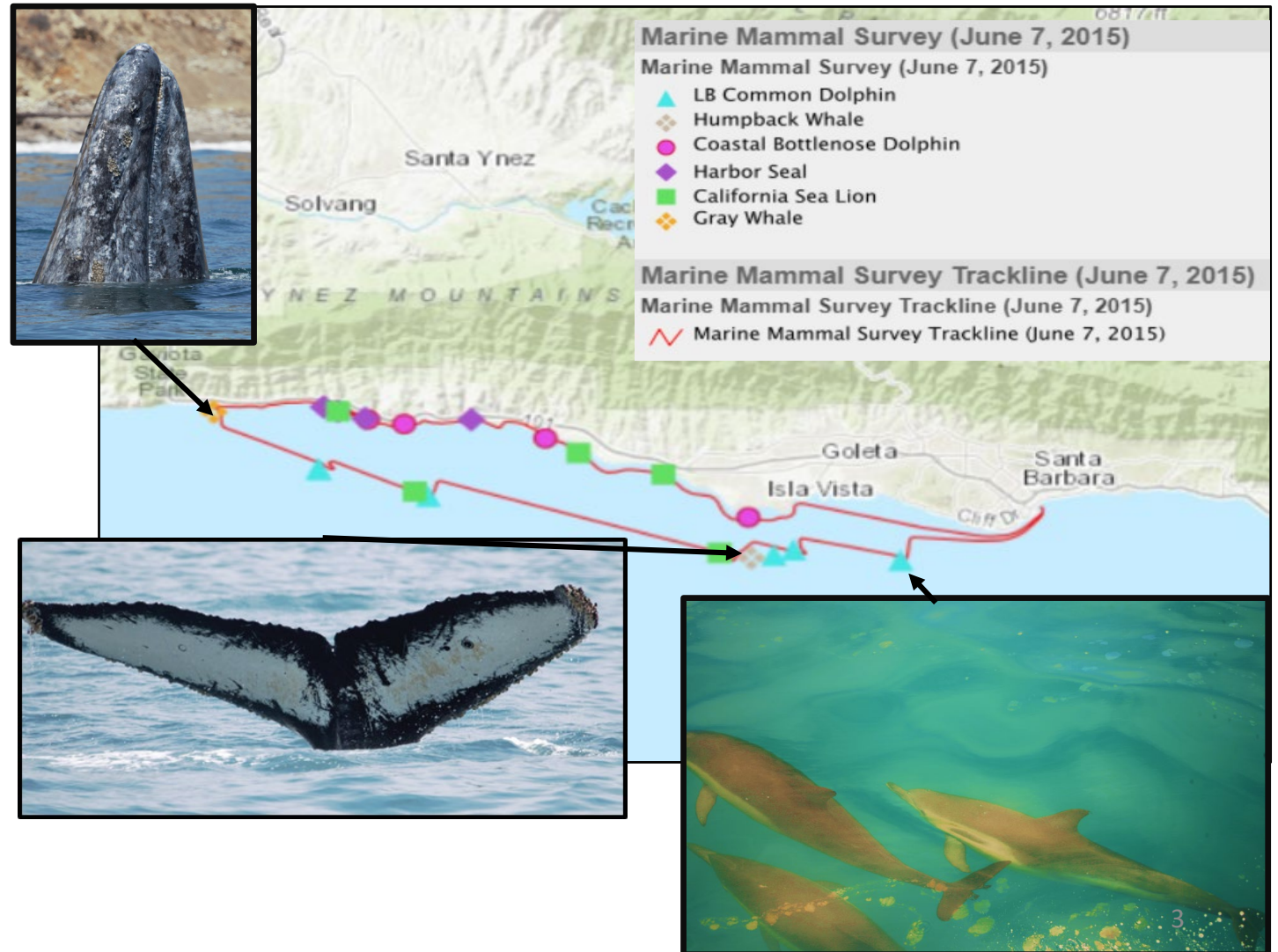
- Exposure & Injury
- Compensatory Restoration Projects



# Injury Assessment

## Marine Mammal Surveys

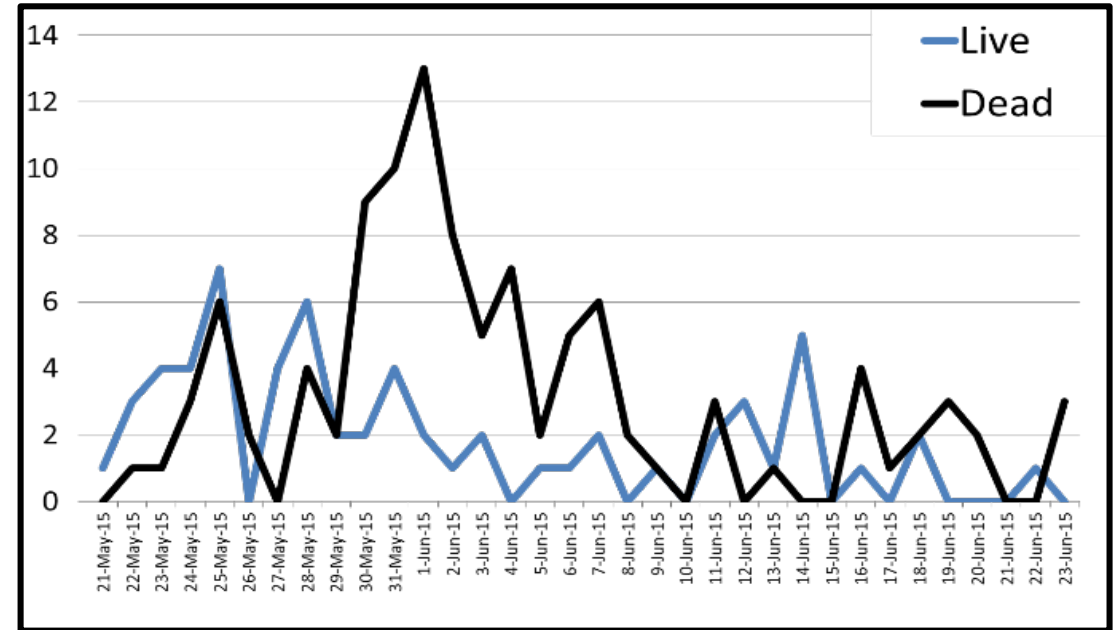
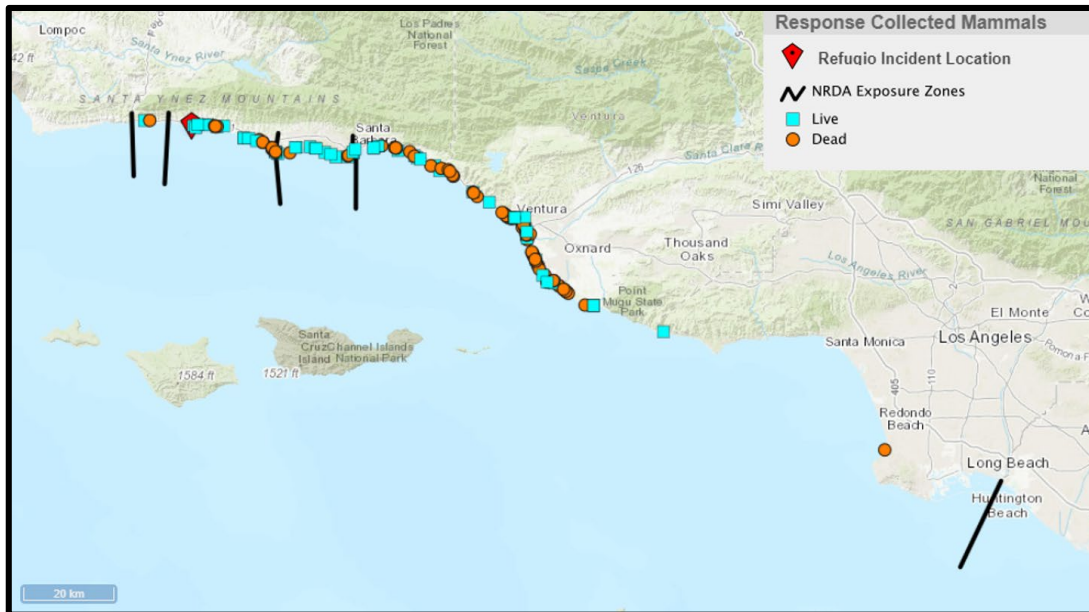
Boat and shore surveys  
May 24-June 7



# Injury Assessment

## Marine mammal strandings

- Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties
- 106 dead and 62 live marine mammals logged and/or collected by oil spill response staff



# Injury Assessment

## Injury Quantification

taking into account baseline and other causes of mortality

Dolphin, long-beaked	72
Dolphin, bottlenose	4
Pinniped, California sea lion	146
Pinniped, northern elephant seal	8
Pinniped, harbor seal	2
<b>TOTAL Marine Mammal Injury</b>	<b>232</b>

# Improving Pinniped Rehabilitation

## Project goal is:

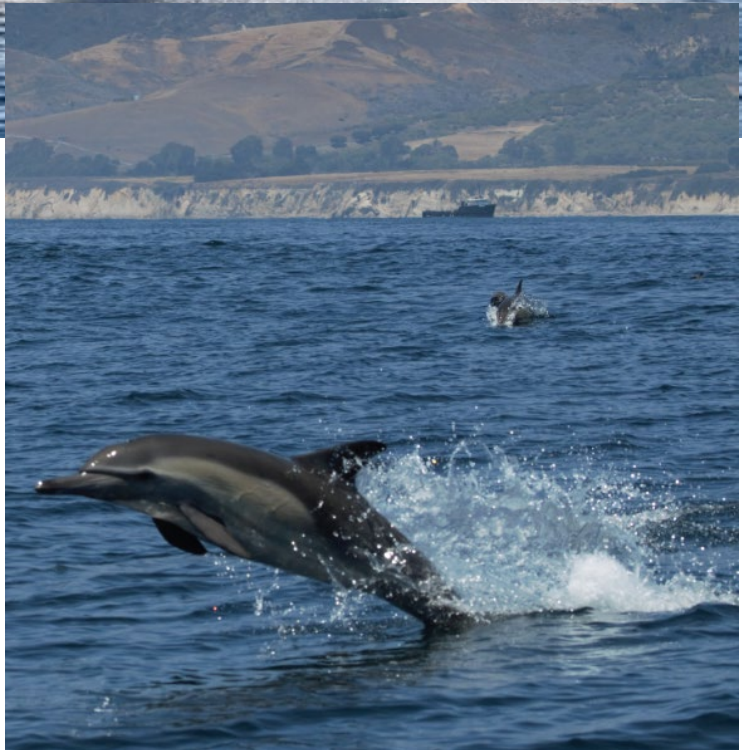
Enhance existing stranding network capabilities

## Proposed project and benefits:

- Enhances existing programs
- Improves facilities, supplies, etc. to increase the number of animals treated per year



# Cetacean Entanglement Response



## Project Goal is:

Enhance cetacean entanglement response

## Proposed project and benefits:

- Expands existing program for cetaceans
- Provides gear and personnel to address more animals per year
- More animals disentangled
- Reporting and documentation support other management actions