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## RESPONSE TO 2022 OIL SPILL

On January 15 a leak at the La Pampilla oil refinery released over 11,900 barrels of crude oil into the ocean. This oil was carried north by the current contaminating at least 26 beaches, including a protected area, and damaging local fishing communities. In response, USAID provided \$100,000 to PROFONANPE to support efforts by public and private institutions working to assess the impacts of the spill and develop plans to more effectively respond in the future.

The United State Agency for International Development (USAID) is working with PROFONANPE to: 1) Provide the technical and resource support to the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) consortium to integrate the most current analyses of the oil spill into their activities; 2) Support the necessary coordination among NGOs, across the seven working groups to ensure strategic use of resources; 3) Facilitate the exchange of data and information among the Government of Peru (GOP) and NGO organizations participating in the response by providing the necessary forums, technology, and resources, and 4) Build the coordination and organizational capacities as a consortium to help monitor, prevent, and respond to such incidents in the future.

### HOW DOES THE ACTIVITY WORK?

Peru's NGO community rapidly responded to the oil spill, forming a consortium of over 30 NGOs, working within seven working groups to address environmental and social impacts of the spill. PROFONANPE served as the funds manager for all public donations to support the NGO

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consortium. Capitalizing on this effective management structure, USAID worked with PROFONANPE through a rapid co-design process to identify resource gaps that USAID could fill through targeted support. As a result of that collaborative approach, USAID support will fund technical experts that are planning the monitoring and evaluation programs for coastal marine wildlife to understand the long-term impacts of the oil spill on these populations and the environment, as well as providing the equipment to collect and document these impacts. Additionally, USAID's support will contribute to the development of response plans to ensure that Peru is better able to respond to natural disasters such as this in the future.

## **WHAT RESULTS ARE EXPECTED?**

- Development of the evaluation and monitoring plan for wildlife populations affected by oil spills, including the planning of field activities, biosafety considerations, monitoring methodology, field records, and data analysis.
- Elaboration of a database of fauna affected by the oil spill, including georeferenced information, prepared maps and high-quality photographs of the affected species and habitats, which can be shared among the different organizations participating in the consortium.
- Preparation of maps identifying important habitats for bird, mammal, and reptile species affected by the oil spill and maps of the area of direct and indirect impact of the oil spill.
- Elaboration of a study for the economic assessment of the impact caused in the area affected.

## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

**IMPLEMENTER:** PROFONANPE

**COMPONENT DURATION:** 22/02/2022 to 23/08/2022

**USAID FUNDING:** \$100,000

**LOCATION:** Lima, North coast

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