

WHALE STRANDINGS

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Considering the persistence in which these types of events occur in our area, it is very important that the people who are a part of our zoological institutions have the basic tools to be able to collaborate and even lead these types of situations.

The fundamental part of responding to a whale stranding is the ability to make a rapid evaluation of the state of the specimen. This procedure is critical when it is time to decide which of the established strategies is the most appropriate to use: refloating, in-situ treatment and refloating, transport for rehabilitation, or euthanasia.

The safety of the people that intervene in the various procedures must be considered an absolute priority. Before describing the various options available, we must remember that each stranding should be treated as its own unique event, given the specific circumstances that surround it. Methodology and careful documentation of the event is fundamental in increasing and strengthening our knowledge for future activities of this kind.

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