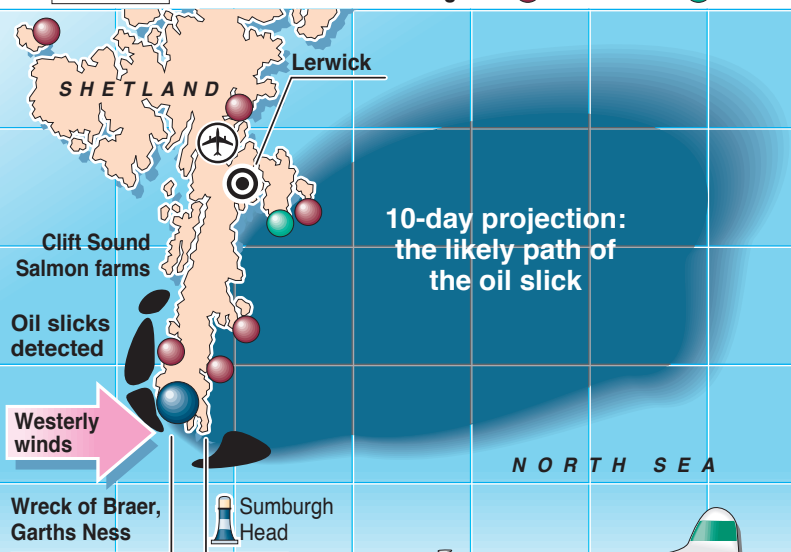


Deadly pollution starts to spread

The prevailing westerly winds are likely to carry the oil slick up the eastern coast of the Shetlands and into the North Sea towards Norway. A number of clean-up methods may be used but this is unlikely to prevent massive loss of life amongst seabirds, otters, seals and fish

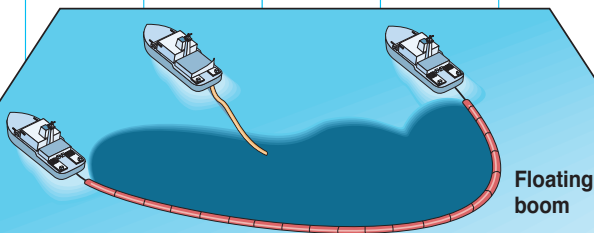
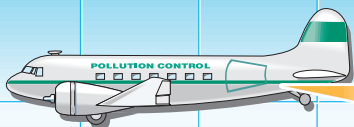
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Rare birds' breeding sites ● Otter habitat ●



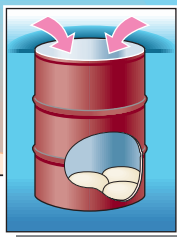
Chemical dispersants

Detergents sprayed on to slick from six Dakota aircraft will disperse oil but may further damage wildlife by destroying natural oils in fur and feathers and poisoning shell fish



Booms

Floating booms of inflatable tubes trap the floating oil and prevent the slicks from spreading. The oil can then be pumped away



Weir skimmers

Open-topped oil drums weighted with stones are placed in shallow water with rims just below the surface, creating a 'weir'. As the oil flows over the drum it drops to the bottom and can then be pumped out