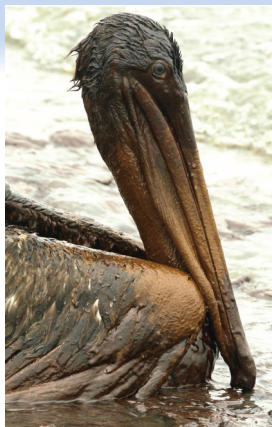
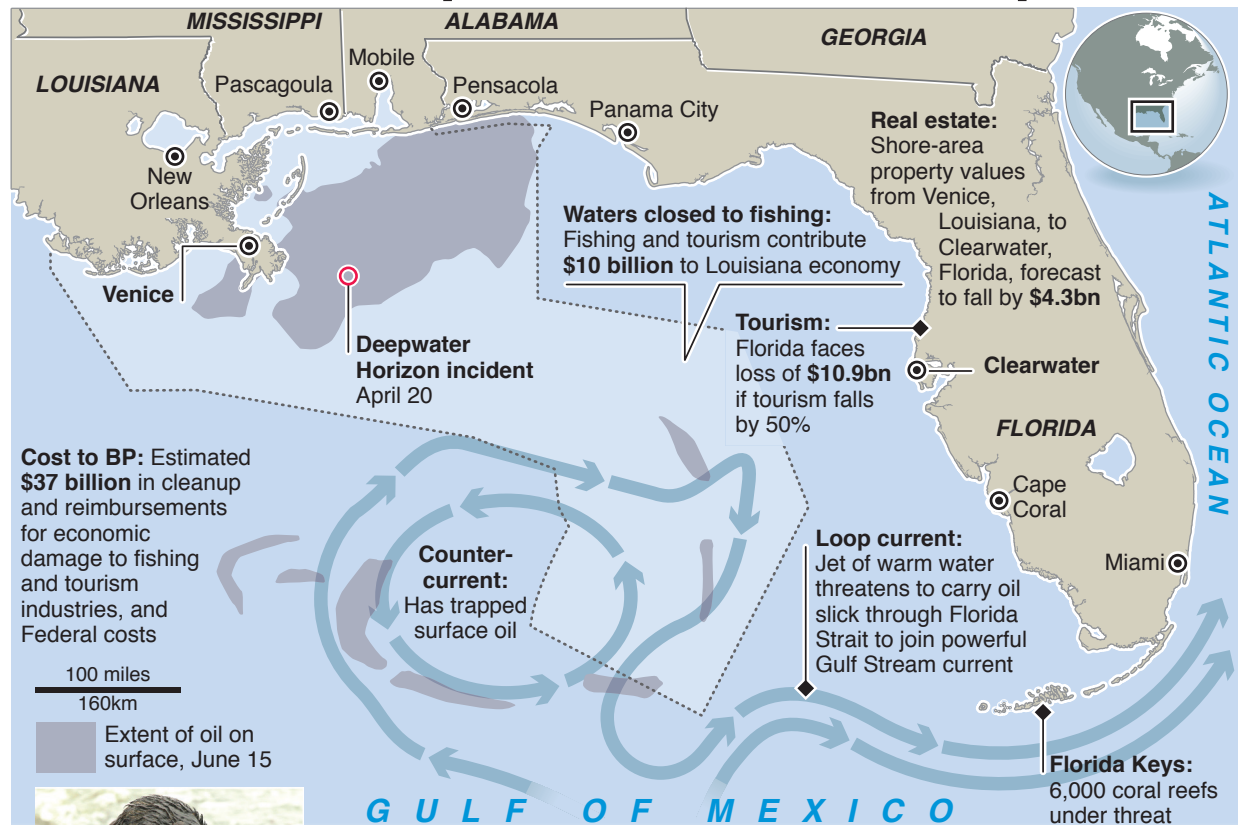


# Economic impact of Gulf of Mexico oil spill



**Size of spill:** Two teams of scientists, the **Plume Team** and **Mass Balance Team**, are estimating extent from undersea video of well and satellite images of oil on sea surface

Mass Balance (*maximum to June 15*): **171.7 million litres**

Plume Team (*maximum*): **343.4 million litres**

**Exxon Valdez**, Alaska, 1989: **40.9 million litres**

Collision between **Atlantic Empress** and **Aegean Captain** in Caribbean, 1979: **340.7 million litres**

**Ixtoc** offshore well in Gulf of Mexico, 1979: **556.5 million litres**

**Oil entering all world's oceans in single year:** **1,415 million litres**