



## Stranded cetaceans

- ✓ Reduce manipulation and stressful condition, in particular in pelagic species.
- ✓ Maintain people at safe distance.
- ✓ Approach the animal from one side or in front.
- ✓ Do not touch eyes, blowhole and genital area (protect blowhole and eyes with saline solution or lubricant).
- ✓ Do not use fins to move the animal.
- ✓ Dig holes under pectoral fins.
- ✓ If is possible use inflatable of foamy mattress on rocky beaches.
- ✓ The animal must be positioned on its belly.
- ✓ **Avoid overheating** (also in cloudy days) by:
  - Wet towels
  - Shadowing the animal
  - Suntan or hydratant cream (zinc dioxide)
- ✓ **Avoid cooling** (especially during winter):
  - Use mineral oils or cream on fins in small and emaciated animals to avoid thermic dispersion

## Moving the animal

- ✓ **Do not use ropes.**
- ✓ **Do not pull an animal without towels or in presence of rocks**
- ✓ **Do not pull from fins and/or tail.**

