

# LPO mobile care units for birds in distress

The Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux (LPO) is now equipped with two mobile first aid structures for birds in distress. They are articulated trucks converted to take birds and provide first aid\*.

Like field hospitals, thanks to generators and water tanks, they can operate in areas far from permanent protection centres.

\*First aid: birds are first registered, ringed, weighed, they diagnosed by a vet. They are rehydrated and fed. Thus each bird is taken care of before it is transferred to a protection centre, where it will be washed, placed in a swimming pool (oil-covered waterbirds) or monitored and rehabilitated in an aviary (birds of prey and passerines).

**LPO mobile care unit** is a 19-ton articulated lorry, which can be converted into a space of up to 160 m<sup>2</sup>, fully equipped to rescue birds covered in oil during an oil spill, river pollution, harsh weather conditions in winter or even an epidemic in birds. It can take in as many as 500 birds. Inspired by and designed according to the techniques of firemen and civil security, this "Mobile emergency medical service" for birds provides the link between collecting in zones hit by disasters and the permanent protection centres.

## General features :

**Name :** UMS LPO

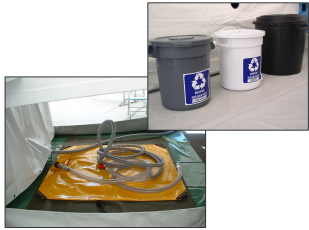
**Length :** 13.9m

**Width :** 2.5 m closed or 10.5m opened out

**Height :** 3.9m

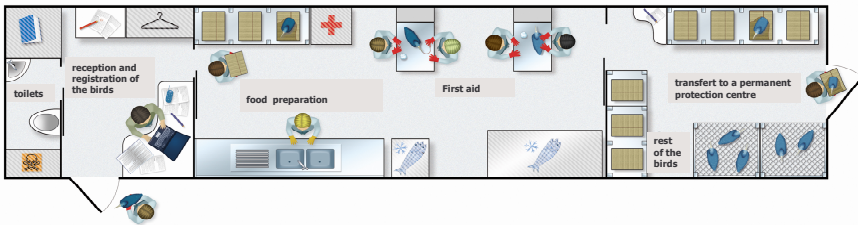
Floor surface required to put up the awnings : 210m<sup>2</sup>

After the awnings are spread out : 160m<sup>2</sup>



## Partners

For its conception and manufacture, the LPO received financial support from the French Environment Ministry, the city of Paris and the town of La Rochelle and LPO donors after the Erika oil spill.



## General features:

**Name:** UMS LPO / Wildpeace

**Length:** 13.6m

**Width:** 2.6m

**Height:** 4m

Floor surface required:

before connection to networks: 50m<sup>2</sup>

after connection to networks: 130m<sup>2</sup>



## LPO / Wildpeace mobile care unit,

is an articulated lorry, which converts into a 35m<sup>2</sup> field hospital with a capacity to take in simultaneously 150 birds (e.g. Alcidae such as Guillemot). It is equipped with the necessary items to provide first aid, medical care, and food to birds in distress, be they either covered in oil, weakened, hurt or even too young to fly...

## Partners:

This articulated lorry was designed and offered to the LPO by Wildpeace (www.wildpeace.be). The equipment in the lorry was provided thanks to LPO donors after the Erika oil spill.

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