

# PRDNER Grounding Response



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# OBJECTIVE

- ▶ Enhance interagency collaboration and communication.
- ▶ Restore impacted ecosystems.



# Target smaller incidents

## No Incident Command Post cases

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Yes



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Yes



NO



# Mandate of most agencies is saving lives



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# DNER addresses the resulted impacts to marine ecosystems



# Legal jurisdiction

## **Law 147, 1999: Law for the Protection, Conservation and Management of Coral Reefs in Puerto Rico**

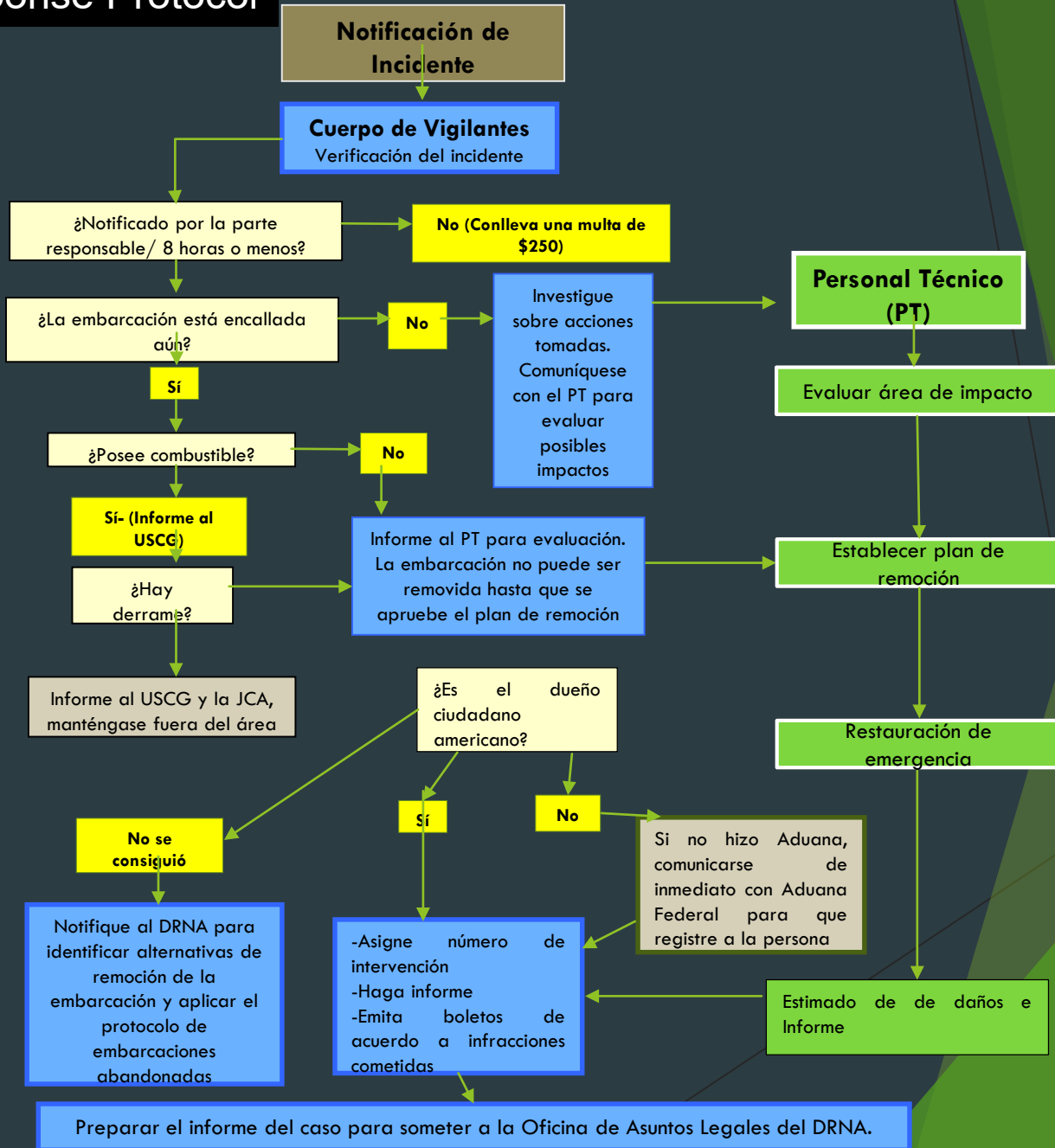
- ▶ **Mandates the creation of a Grounding Response Protocol**

## **Regulation 8809: Coral Reef Regulation, 9 September 2016**

### **Article 10**

No matter the cause, any person that damage coral reef and/or coralline communities is responsible for its restoration, including a year of monitoring

# Grounding Response Protocol



# General Procedure

- Notification
- Verification
- Evaluation of Impacts and documentation
- Identify restoration actions
- Legal Process through DNER  
Office of Legal Affairs or  
Insurance company



# EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO START

- ▶ INFORMATION OF THE CASE

*We need your help*

# Notification of Incident

Most REPORTS receive from USCG

From a meeting held last week, it was identified the need to verify the agencies receiving the reports, as not all interested state agencies receive them, in order to include them.

Conversations with USCG regarding the importance of issuing a report for **every grounding case**, acknowledging is an extremely valuable communicating tool.

With FURA- sometimes they are the first responders and the information they could gather at that time is extremely valuable to start the case.

# RESPONSIBLE PARTY

-Owner

- Contact information
- Valid ID

(we have had cases of false identification)

-Persons in the boat

-Vessel ID

(PR #, documents, Hull #)

-PHOTOS

-What happened with the vessel? (A massive damage=possible great damage to a reef)

-Does it has an insurance?

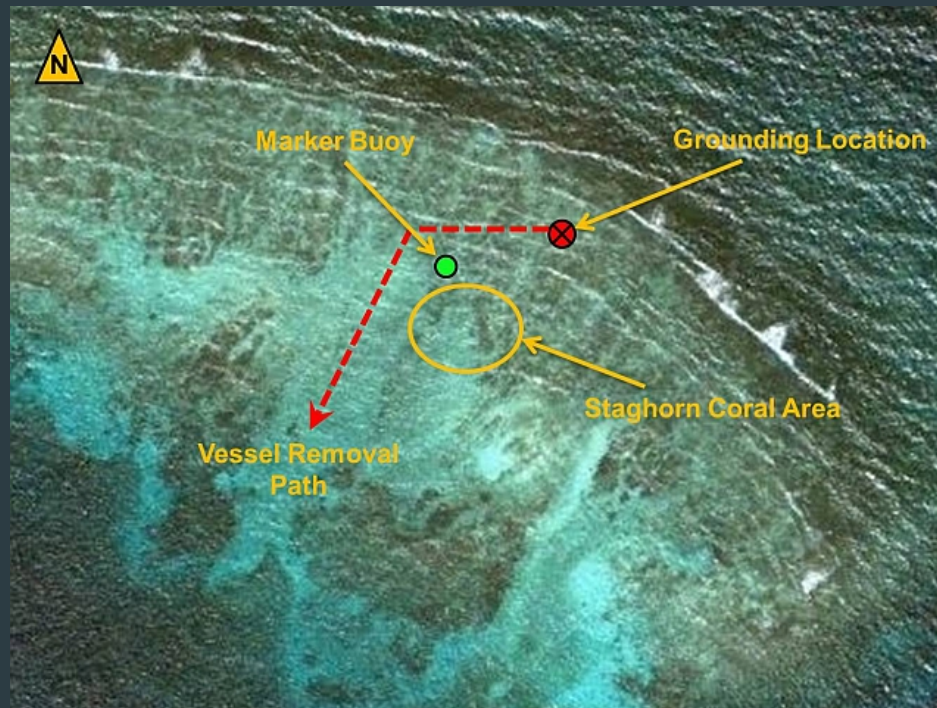
# COORDINATES OR REFERENCES!!!



# REMINDER

## Regulation for the registration, navigation and aquatic safety of PR 31 May 2005 (Regulation 6979) (Law 430)

When a vessel requires support to be removed after a grounding, from a second party, then removal must wait for DNER technicians to provide advise regarding removal route, to prevent further damage to the ecosystem.



# REMOVAL OF THE VESSEL IS A PRIORITY





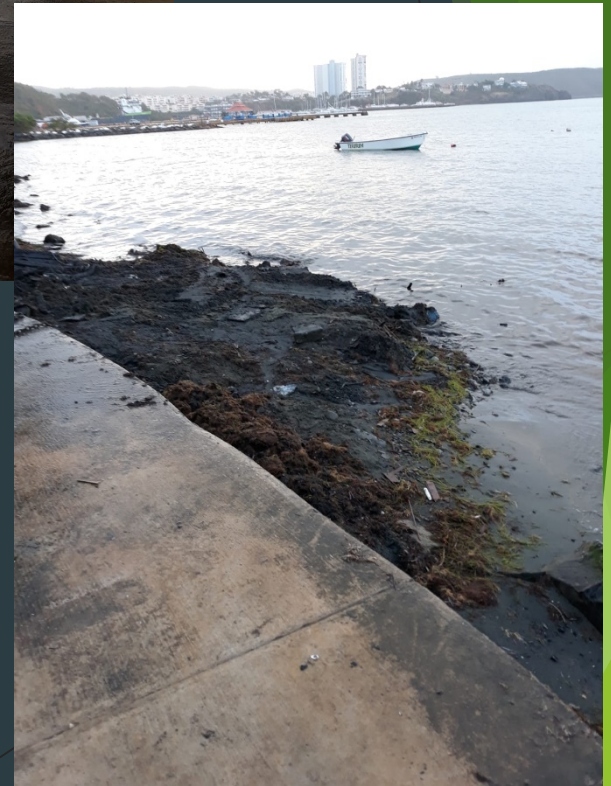
Vessel in Ponce



Vessel from SAR case in Culebrita



Vessel in Guanica, Caña Gorda



Vessel at Fajardo, Maternillo





