

THE OIL SPILL

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How did the oil spill affect the animals and the humans?

The oil spill started in April 12, 2010. It happened in the Gulf of Mexico, when the Deepwater Horizon oil platform collapsed. The oil started to gush out.

The oil spill was caused by methane bubbles escaping, and when the bubbles got to the drill, they spread, and then blasted through the main seals. When the pipe broke, the oil started to gush out into the Gulf of Mexico. It contaminated the waters. Soon the fish, birds, and mammals were being contaminated from the oil, then dying. Their habitat was destroyed.

ANIMALS

The animals were affected because their habitat was destroyed. The oil spill was a threat to about 400 species. For example, the turtles were affected because, if the oil

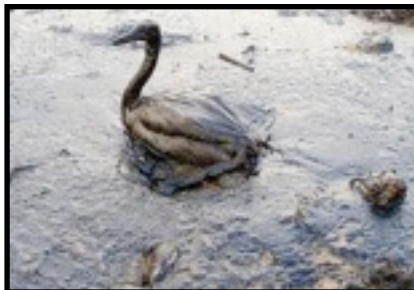
reaches to the turtle nest, it will kill the eggs. The dolphins were affected because, if the dolphins inhale the oil or swallow it, then they will die. That's how it affected the animals.

HUMANS

Humans were also affected, because fisherman lost their jobs, and 11 people died from the collapse on the oil platform. Many more of them were injured.



THE OIL SPILL IN THE GULF OF MEXICO CONTAMINATED THE WATER



AN ANIMAL THAT IS SICK FROM THE OIL



THIS IS HOW THE OIL SPILL ALL STARTED