## OIL SPILL

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On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, there was an oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico which threatened more than 400 species of animals. Scientists found a lot of hurt animals including fish, seahorses, whales and Brown Pelicans. The animals that inhabit this area have become endangered, getting sick and even dying.

The incident started with a carrier ship transporting oil to the United States. The ship tilted and oil spilled into the sea, creating this disaster. The ship fell in the water and hit an oil filled pipe, which then exploded, spreading additional oil.

All kinds of animals from the Gulf are entering the polluted, water area not knowing about the danger of the oil. The animals enter the dirty water zone causing them to get sick.

There are many people trying to help the animals affected by this situation. Some of the ways the animals are being assisted include getting food, being taken out of the dirty waters to be cleaned and brought to safer places.

Animals are still getting sick and killed from the oil spill, even up to today. Oil continues to flow into the water and interfere with the environment of the many, Gulf area species.

