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There have been many birds impacted and this is sad.

The turtles...yes, there has been many dead turtles, but not all of them are from the oil.

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For some reason I thought you were coming back on 12 June. Have you seen much of the coast and the animal and plant life devastation. I just saw a report of 50 sea turtles rescued but more than 250 dead. This makes me very sad.

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6 Jul...doing the procedure on the 11th. At least I'll have a couple days in the office to dig out--luckily, my deputy is handling things pretty well so it shouldn't be too painful. I'm keeping up w/ email down here.

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