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LAUNCH OF THE NEW MARITIME INTEGRATED SUPPORT INFORMATION SYSTEM ON TRANSPORT OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES (MIDSIS-TROCS 4.0)



April 14 - In the framework of West MOPoCo project, REMPEC is launching the new version of Maritime Integrated Support Information System on Transport of Chemical Substances (MIDSIS-TROCS 4.0). The decision tool is interlinked to the Marine HNS Response Manual - Multi-regional Bonn Agreement, HELCOM, REMPEC developed within the West MOPoCo

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OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

APRIL 8 – VIRTUAL MEETING OF NOWPAP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT REPORT (SOMER-3)

The NOWPAP Pollution Monitoring Regional Activity Centre (POMRAC) organised a virtual workshop on April 8, 2021, to discuss the structure and implementation process of the SOMER-3 Report. Regular assessment of the environmental status and trends within the NOWPAP region is one of the key components of the NOWPAP Programme of Work. UNEP / [Read more](#)

APRIL 12 - UN GLOBAL INITIATIVE TACKLES MARINE LITTER TO CLEAN WORLD'S OCEANS

A new program is being launched under the auspices of the United Nations to tackle marine litter and clean up the world's oceans.

The GloLitter Partnerships Project is being implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in partnership with the International Maritime Organization and 30 countries and initial funding from the Government of Norway through the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

APRIL 12 - EXERCISE ARCTIC GUARDIAN 2021 TO ENHANCE CIRCUMPOLAR COLLABORATION

The Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR) Working Group of the Arctic Council and the Arctic Coast Guard Forum (ACGF) will hold a joint online emergency response exercise from April 12-14, hosted by the Environment Agency of Iceland, the Polar Institute of the Wilson center said in an April 12 release.

The goal of the exercise is to improve Arctic nations' capability to respond to maritime incidents requiring joint search and rescue (SAR) and marine environmental response operations.

The Arctic Guardian 2021 exercise is designed to improve collaboration between Arctic Council and ACGF member states who are signatories of the Agreement on Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response in the Arctic (MOSPA) and the Agreement on Cooperation on Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue in the Arctic (Arctic SAR Agreement). The collaborative exercise will provide public and private operational and policy-oriented SAR and marine environmental response organizations with a means to discuss their communication and coordination processes in the event of a marine SAR and/or oil spill incident in the Arctic. The Arctic Guardian 2021 exercise follows a scenario where an oil tanker and an expeditionary cruise vessel collide off the North coast of Iceland. Originally intended as a live exercise following a table-top exercise in fall 2020, the virtual format will ensure that all stakeholders can participate, and the global pandemic does not hinder Arctic emergency preparedness. Seapower Magazine / [Read more](#)

APRIL 13 - GDACS SESSIONS AT THE HNPW 2021

The Humanitarian Networks and Partnership Weeks (HNPW) starts on Monday 19 April. You can join our GDACS events starting on Wednesday 21 April at 8:30 UTC with the Opening session.

1. Opening session on: "Multi-Hazard information analysis and coordination services for decision makers" (**21 April 2021 08:30-09:15 UTC**) - [Abstract and online registration](#)
2. GDACS Annual meeting (**21 April at 09:30 - 10:30 UTC**) - [Abstract and online registration](#)
3. Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems for Anticipatory actions (**22 April at 09:00 - 10:00 UTC**) - [Abstract and online registration](#)
4. Coordination tools for improving humanitarian preparedness and response (**5 May 9:00 – 10:00 UTC**) - [Abstract and online registration](#)
5. Follow-up of the 2020 HNPW Tropical Cyclones workshop (**23 April, 08:00 – 09:00 UTC**) - [Abstract and online registration](#)
6. 2020 Atlantic hurricane record-breaking season (**7 May, 14:00 – 15:00 UTC**) - [Abstract and online registration](#)
7. Launch of the revised Satellite Mapping Coordination System (**29 April, 09:00 – 09:30 UTC**) - [Abstract and online registration](#)

APRIL 13 - BALTIC COUNTRIES BENEFIT FROM EMSA'S REGIONAL RPAS SERVICE FOR ENHANCED MARITIME SURVEILLANCE

EMSA's regional RPAS service for enhanced maritime surveillance in the Baltic Sea began this week under the coordination of the Estonian Police and Border Guard, following initial steps taken in 2020.

Using remotely piloted aircraft to gain a better picture of what is happening at sea will be particularly useful in this region where busy shipping lanes and high cargo traffic make maritime safety and security a challenge. The RPAS service will be hosted by the Estonian Police and Border Guard in the first instance, followed by the Finnish Border Guard later in the year. EMSA / [Read more](#)

OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF (CONTINUED)

APRIL 14 - IMO COUNCIL SET TO EXPAND UNDER APPROVED AMENDMENTS

Amendments to IMO Convention will be forwarded for adoption at IMO Assembly in December 2021.

The IMO Council has approved draft amendments to the IMO Convention to expand the size of the Council, extend the term of its Members and recognize three additional language texts as authentic versions of the IMO Convention. The approvals were made at the 33rd extraordinary session of the Council, which was held virtually on 8 April 2021. Hellenic Shipping News / [Read more](#)

APRIL 16 - INTERNATIONAL BIRD RESCUE CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



Photo: Alice Berkner, founder of International Bird Rescue, pictured with a pelican. International Bird Rescue is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a virtual Groovy Gathering over Zoom in May. (Contributed Photo — International Bird Rescue)

A devastating oil spill in the San Francisco Bay that impacted thousands of seabirds had a silver lining. It turned out to be the spark to form the International Bird Rescue, an organization aimed at responding to oil spills and rehabilitating injured birds.

The organization, which has a center in Fairfield, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a pair of events: a virtual one in May and possibly an in-person one later in the fall.

International Bird Rescue was founded in 1971, the same year two Standard Oil tankers collided near the Golden Gate Bridge, spilling more than 800,000 gallons of crude oil and covering nearly 7,000 birds. The Reporter / [Read more](#)

NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

AUSTRALIA: NEW NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR COMPLEX MARITIME EMERGENCIES

April 16 - Complex maritime emergencies are a persistent threat to the global maritime environment, and those who work on and by the sea. We are periodically reminded of this threat by seemingly-random, catastrophic events ranging from collisions to offshore spills and even the loss of aircraft in remote areas. This handbook has been designed to provide leaders with cross-jurisdictional, multi-cross-sectoral framework and conceptual guidance for managing complex maritime emergencies.

AMSA / [Read the full report.](#)

CANADA: COAST GUARD TAKES PART IN INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC EXERCISE

Photo:

Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker CCGS Captain Molly Kool tows tanker Jana Desgagnes in Cabot Strait. In the background the CCGS Louis S St-Laurent is assisting with the difficult ice conditions by breaking a large field of ice so that the vessels can manoeuvre. (Photo courtesy of the Canadian Coast Guard)



April 13 - More than a dozen Canadian Coast Guard officials are taking part in an international online exercise simulating a joint search and rescue and environmental response operation following a collision between an expedition cruise ship and an oil tanker off the northern coast of Iceland. The Arctic Guardian 2021 exercise, which began Monday and runs through Wednesday, brings together representatives of all eight Arctic countries: Canada, Finland, Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the United States. It is organized by the Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR) Working Group of the Arctic Council and the Arctic Coast Guard Forum (ACGF). Iceland, which is the outgoing chair of both the Arctic Council and the ACGF, hosts the multinational exercise. RCI / [Read more](#)

CANADA: ENBRIDGE'S LINE 5 PIPELINE IS 'NON-NEGOTIABLE' FOR CANADA, TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT TELLS BIDEN

April 13 - Enbridge Inc.'s contentious oil pipeline crossing the Great Lakes is "non-negotiable" for Canada, and Justin Trudeau's government spoke with U.S. President Joe Biden to defend it.

With the Canadian pipeline giant and Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer locked in a legal battle over the state's efforts to decommission Enbridge's Line 5, Canadian Natural Resources Minister Seamus O'Regan said he has reached out to all levels of government in the U.S. Legislators on both sides of the border have also held over 20 meetings to seek an agreement, he said. He declined to say what Canada would do if a court orders the line to be shut. Regina Leader Post / [Read more](#)

CANADA: FAILED FITTING CAUSED 190,000-LITRE SPILL AT TRANS MOUNTAIN SITE IN ABBOTSFORD, B.C.: TSB



Photo: Workers are seen at the site of a crude oil spill at a Trans Mountain Pipeline pump station in Abbotsford, on Sunday, June 14, 2020. The Canadian Press

April 13 - A Transportation Safety Board report says the failure of a fitting on a section of narrow tubing at a Trans Mountain pumping station in British Columbia was the cause of a crude oil spill last year.

The investigation report into the spill on June 12, 2020, at the Trans Mountain Sumas pump station in Abbotsford confirms as much as 190,000 litres of crude, roughly 1,200 barrels, leaked when the fitting separated on the one-inch tube. Global News / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Dr Merv Fingas, M.Sc., Ph.D., Hon.FISCO, Member of ISCO Council for Canada]

CHINA: BATTLES LOST, WARS WON: AN ENVIRONMENTALIST'S STORY

In the photo: Zhang Boju in Beijing, March 2, 2021. Shi Yangkun/Sixth Tone

April 16 - The future of China's environment depends to no small degree on a windowless meeting room at the center of a tiny 21st-floor office in the country's capital. Its walls lined with all manner of brainstorming notes, this is where nongovernmental organization Friends of Nature contemplates the next steps for its dozens of lawsuits.

The NGO's litigiousness — courts have accepted 42 of its cases as of March, with 22 concluded and 20 still in various trial stages — is the result of careful strategy. Rather than fighting battles over individual incidents, the organization wants to use the law to effect systemic change, director-general Zhang Boju, 37, tells Sixth Tone in the organization's crowded office.



Founded in 1994, Friends of Nature has been at the forefront of China's green movement ever since. In its early years, the organization fought the then-already-obvious environmental strains of economic development. Most notably, it sought to protect Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys and Tibetan antelopes, which were threatened by habitat loss and poaching. Sixth Tone / [Read more](#)

CROATIA: FIRESPIILL PROJECT MEETING

April 15 - As part of the FIRESPIILL project (Fostering Improved Reaction of Crossborder Emergency Services and Prevention Increasing Safety Level), an online meeting was held on March 30, 2021, on the work package four Enhancement of emergency service organizations' operational capabilities — pilot projects' deployment, activity Oil spills, and other marine hazards pilots deployment. Apart from ATRAC, the partners in charge of this activity are the Abruzzo region, the County of Istria, the Puglia region and ARPA, and ATRAC's task is to develop a Methodology/guidelines for risk assessment for oil spills in the Adriatic Sea. ATRAC / [Read more](#)

FRANCE: CEDRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SUMMARY FOR MARCH 2021

The MRCCs (Mediterranean, Corsen, South Indian Ocean and Corsica) interacted extensively with Cedre to interpret photos in order to determine the nature of substances spilt at sea and their natural dilution potential. An engineering firm questioned Cedre on the types of detectors that can be used in the event of a gas release potentially in the presence of oil, in pipes. Cedre was contacted by Cherbourg's AEM (State action at sea) division following a diesel leak from a trawler. The port of Sète requested information on the action to be taken in the event of small diesel spills. A fuel supplier requested information on Cedre's capabilities to identify oil leaking from its site during periods of rainfall. The Yvelines fire brigade informed us of a spill of a substance that appeared to be home heating oil in the river Seine. Finally, Cedre took part in a MAR-ICE network exercise organised by Finland. The exercise simulated a collision between a chemical tanker and an oil tanker involving the potential release of 5 chemicals: isopropanol (UN 1219), phenol (UN 2312), xylene (UN 1307), 1,2-dichloroethane (UN 1184) and butanol (UN 1120).

[Read more in the March 2021 issue of the CEDRE Newsletter](#)

FRANCE: CEDRE'S VIRTUAL INFORMATION DAY

On Tuesday 23rd March, as the Ever Given coincidentally became wedged across the Suez Canal, Cedre was running its annual Information Day on this year's chosen theme of containers. This virtual event, featuring a series of online conferences, involved a wide array of speakers from the shipping industry. Following an opening speech by France's Permanent Representative to IMO, the main players in this field were given the floor. France's Secretariat General for the Sea (SGMer), Directorate for Maritime Affairs (DAM), marine casualties investigation board (BEAmer) and the Maritime Prefect for the Atlantic shared the viewpoint of the administrations in charge of maritime safety. CMA CGM presented the operating challenges involved in container shipping and the commanding officer of the Port of Le Havre addressed the specificities of container terminals. P&I Clubs were represented by the Director of McLeans, who presented examples of past incidents and their consequences in terms of compensation. Finally, Cedre gave an overview of the risks related to containers carrying dangerous goods illustrated with examples of a few major incidents. This event met with much appreciation, both among the shipping industry and the media, and was a timely reminder of the importance of reinforcing the safety of this mode of transport upon which the majority of world trade depends.

[Read more in the March 2021 issue of the CEDRE Newsletter](#)

FRANCE: CEDRE ATTENDS MARINE LITTER EXPERT MEETINGS

On 30th March, we attended the meeting of the Barcelona Convention's Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Marine Litter Monitoring, more commonly known as CORMON Marine Litter. This online meeting was organised by the Barcelona Convention Secretariat. Various topics were addressed, such as the assessment of litter-related pressure on the marine environment, monitoring protocols, and correspondences between the MSFD assessments and those conducted by the Convention. The meeting ended with a presentation of the projects currently in progress. We also took part in a presentation workshop on the beach litter database and visualisation tools developed through the EMODnet Chemistry IV project. Cedre was consulted, along with other European experts, on the data presentation formats and analysis methods used. [Read more in the March 2021 issue of the CEDRE Newsletter](#)

ITALY: ENVIRONMENT: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEDITERRANEAN PROJECT AND ISPRA



March 29 - An agreement has been signed between the Higher Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (Ispra), which operates under the supervision of the Ministry of the Environment, and the Mediterranean Project Association, which has been carrying out an expedition for 7 years for the entire Mediterranean area (Black Sea, Sea of Marmara, Mediterranean, Portuguese Atlantic, Spanish and Moroccan), and which is about to sail with its boat for another 3 years of nautical and research activity.

After a year of meetings and a common table between the Association and the Institute, a partnership agreement was signed with the aim of developing an organized and systematic monitoring and experimentation activity in collaboration and under the direction of ispra researchers. The aim is to collect information from the marine and coastal environment to support environmental analysis, experimentation and research programmes. ANSAMed / [Read more](#)

JAPAN JAPAN WILL RELEASE RADIOACTIVE FUKUSHIMA WATER INTO THE OCEAN

April 12 - Japan will soon begin releasing 250 million gallons of Fukushima nuclear plant water into the Pacific Ocean. And that's exactly what they should do.

The Japanese government has decided to release treated radioactive water that has been accumulating at the crippled Fukushima nuclear plant into the ocean. This despite opposition from fishermen and consumers in neighboring countries such as China and South Korea.

Tokyo Electric Power Company (Tepco) is expected to start discharging the mildly-radioactive water in 2023, a major development following over seven years of discussions on how to discharge the water used to cool down melted fuel at the Fukushima Daiichi plant.

Japan's Ministry for Economy, Trade and Industry just released a [basic policy](#) for disposing of the stored treated water. The water has been [treated using an advanced liquid processing system](#) to remove all contaminants below environmental levels and stored in tanks on the complex premises. However, the processing system cannot remove tritium, the least radioactive, and least harmful, of all radioactive elements. Forbes / [Read more](#)

NEW ZEALAND: WAIPAPA CHEMICAL SPILL EXERCISE TESTS FIREFIGHTERS' SKILLS



Photo: Firefighters from the Kerikeri and Paihia brigades hose down contaminated Mitre 10 workers. Photo / Peter de Graaf

April 14 - Emergency personnel from as far away as Whangārei descended on Waipapa on Monday night after a spill of a highly toxic chemical left multiple store workers dead and injured.

While the scene may have looked alarming to anyone passing by, it was, fortunately, an exercise designed to test the skills of firefighters and medics in case they ever need to respond to the real thing.

It also aimed to hone cooperation between different services with Fire and Emergency NZ, St John Ambulance, police and the Far North District Council taking part. New Zealand Herald / [Read more](#)

NIGERIA: DIRI TASKS REPS ON PIB, INSISTS ON CLEANUP OF NIGER DELTA REGION

April 14 - Bayelsa State Governor, Douye Diri, yesterday, charged members of the House of Representatives to expedite action on passage of the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) as to expeditiously correct some of the injustices in oil producing states. Governor Diri gave the charge when members of the House Committee on Oil Spill Investigation, Cleanup and Remediation in Oil Producing States visited him at Government House, Yenagoa.

In a statement issued by his Chief Press Secretary (CPS), Daniel Alabrah, he stated that when passed into law, the PIB would be an avenue to correct some of the wrongs oil companies had done to their host communities, noting that the National Assembly had neglected the bill for too long. Guardian Nigeria / [Read more](#)

NIGERIA: GROUP DEMANDS REMEDIATION OF POLLUTION AT SHELL'S FACILITY IN BAYELSA

April 14 - Environmentalists have urged Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) to remediate areas polluted by oil leak from its facility in Yenagoa and Ogbia Local Government Areas of Bayelsa. The environmentalists, under the auspices of Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria (ERA/FoEN) SPDC, said that the leak discharged crude into the Ekole River, a tributary of Nun River. ERA/FoEN's position was made known in its field report signed by the Head of Field Operations at the Bayelsa office of the Non-Governmental Organisation, Alagoa Morris, yesterday. The Tide / [Read more](#)

NORWAY: ARCTIC GUARDIAN EXERCISE 2021 UNDERWAY TO TEST JOINT EMERGENCY MARINE RESPONSE

Photo: "OV Bøkfjord" - Operated by Norwegian Coastal Administration - participates in collecting oil spill at sea. Photo: Thomas Nilsen

April 13 - The Arctic Council and the Arctic Coast Guard Forum launched their Arctic Guardian 2021 exercise on Monday to test the ability of circumpolar countries to respond to marine incidents in the Far North.

The scenario being practiced during the three-day exercise is the aftermath of a collision, due to human error, off the coast of northern Iceland between an oil tanker and an expeditionary cruise vessel carrying 250 passengers. The situation is being set in spring time when the waters would be filled with drifting sea ice.



"As maritime activity in the Arctic increases, it elevates the risk of serious incidents and the need to plan and prepare for emergency and pollution responses," Jens Peter Holst-Andersen, Chair of the Arctic Council's Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR) working group said. The Barents Observer / [Read more](#)

UK: EXTENSIVE UNDERWATER CAMERA NETWORK TO MONITOR AND PROTECT OCEAN WILDLIFE AND BLUE ECONOMIES

April 12 - The ocean wildlife and diverse ecosystems of the UK Overseas Territories (UKOTs) will soon be more visible than ever thanks to pioneering work to establish a major network of underwater camera deployments.

Funded as part of the UK Government Blue Belt programme, scientists from Cefas, the University of Western Australia and partners in the UKOTs are working with Blue Abacus, in a world first to supply and analyse the data collected from 66 non-intrusive stereo-Baited Remote Underwater Video Systems (BRUVS), which will be deployed in open ocean and coastal habitats.

Together these BRUVS will form the Global Ocean Wildlife Analysis Network, which will provide information on ocean biodiversity and ecosystems found in the vast maritime and coastal areas of the UKOTs in the Atlantic, Indian, Pacific and Southern Ocean. The UKOTs involved in the project are: Anguilla, Ascension Island, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St Helena and Tristan da Cunha. Ocean Business / [Read more](#)

USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

April 12 – Please click on the links below to read the latest News Reports from NOAA OR&R

[Aquaculture Debris Prevention and Storm Preparedness in North Carolina](#)

Aquaculture, or the farming of aquatic animals like oysters, is becoming more and more popular in coastal areas. As the demand for seafood rises around the world, aquaculture provides a sustainable way to meet that demand.

[OR&R Leads Workshop on Assessing Injuries to Marine Mammals in Alaskan Waters](#)

Scientists from OR&R's Assessment and Restoration Division and NOAA Fisheries, in collaboration with our partners from the Coastal Response Research Center, are leading a virtual workshop with NOAA marine mammal scientists from the Alaska Region, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Northwest Fisheries Science Center and other NOAA participants to discuss ways to approach Natural Resource Damage Assessment for marine mammals in sub-arctic Alaskan waters.

[Hurricanes and Adventures in Wind Engineering Research](#)

This week, Dr. Forrest Masters, Ph. D., P. E. will present as part of the “You Don’t Know What You Don’t Know” lecture series. Dr. Masters is a professor of civil and coastal engineering in the Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment at the University of Florida.

[Marine Debris Program Presents at Mote Marine Laboratory Symposium on Marine Pollution](#)

On March 30, Ashley Hill, the Marine Debris Program's (MDP) Florida and Caribbean Regional Coordinator, presented about marine debris initiatives and citizen science opportunities during a three-part Marine Pollution Symposium.

[Raising Awareness of NOAA Resources for Disaster Recovery](#)

NOAA continues to deepen engagement with the federal [Recovery Support Function Leadership Group\(link is external\)](#) (RSFLG), advancing the stewardship component of the agency's mission by aiding communities in disaster recovery.

USA: HOW A SHOCKING ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER WAS UNCOVERED OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST AFTER 70 YEARS

April 12 - Just 10 miles off the coast of Los Angeles lurks an environmental disaster over 70 years in the making, which few have ever heard about. That is, until now, thanks to the research of a University of California marine scientist named David Valentine. Working with little more than rumors and a hunch, curiosity guided him 3,000 feet below the ocean's surface. A few hours of research time and an autonomous robotic submersible unearthed what had been hidden since the 1940s: countless barrels of toxic waste, laced with DDT, littering the ocean floor in between Long Beach and Catalina Island.

The fact that his underwater camera spotted dozens of decaying barrels immediately in what is otherwise a barren, desert-like sea floor, Valentine says, is evidence that the number of barrels is likely immense. Although the exact number is still unknown, a historical account estimates it may be as many as a half a million. After 70-plus years of inaction, Valentine's research has finally helped initiate a huge research effort to reveal the extent of the contamination. But this offshore dump site is only a part of the story of environmental damage from years of DDT discharge along the coast of Southern California — a story which likely won't be closed for decades to come because of its ongoing impact, including a [recently discovered](#) alarming and unprecedented rate of cancer in the state's sea lion population, with 1 in every 4 adult sea lions plagued with the disease. CBS News / [Read more](#)

USA: COUNCIL SVP TARPLEY TO TESTIFY ON ORPHANED WELL REMEDIATION

April 14 - Council SVP Government Affairs Tim Tarpley will testify on behalf of the energy technology and services sector in a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee hearing Thursday, April 15 at 1 p.m. Central. The hearing will focus on Rep. Teresa Leger

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Fernandez's (D-NM-3) 'Orphaned Well Clean-up and Jobs Act of 2021,' which proposes a three-tiered grant program allocating \$7.2 billion to remediate wells on state and private lands. At the hearing of the House [Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources](#), Tarpley will highlight the experience, skills and expertise of Member Companies who do the work of plugging abandoned oil and gas wells. Market Screener / [Read more](#)

USA: GOLDEN RAY WRECK REMOVAL FACES LATEST SETBACK BUT WORK CONTINUES

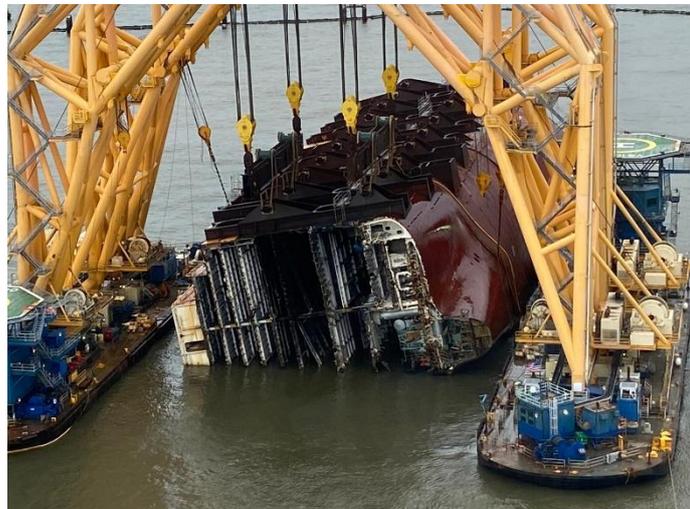


Photo: Aerial view of cutting operations to separate Section Seven at the Golden Ray wreck site on Sunday. St. Simons Sound Incident response photo.

April 16 - Crews working to cut up and remove sections of the Golden Ray shipwreck in St. Simons Sound, Georgia have restarted cutting operations on "Section Seven" after the cutting chain broke on two separate occasions over the last week.

The St. Simons Sounds Incident Response says joining links in the cutting chain failed on April 7 and again on April 12, but divers and personnel aboard the VB-10000 have now reconnected the chain, allowing the cutting of the section to continue.

Responders replaced larger profile joining links with slimmer Kenter joining links which are expected to optimize the cutting system. GCaptain / [Read more](#)

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

ENERGY INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES DR NICK WAYTH AS NEW CEO



April 8 - The Energy Institute has announced Dr Nick Wayth CEng MIMechE FEI as its new CEO, following the departure of current CEO Louise Kingham OBE FEI. Steve Holliday, President of the global professional body, made the announcement today – Mr Wayth, formerly Chief Development Officer of Alternative Energy at BP, will take up the new post on 4th May.

Louise Kingham is stepping down to become the UK Head of Country and Senior Vice President for Europe at BP. Energy Live / [Read more](#)

MARITIME NZ WELCOMES KIRSTIE HEWLETT AS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

April 13 - Maritime NZ has appointed senior Ministry of Transport executive Kirstie Hewlett as its new Chief Executive and Director. Ms Hewlett is currently Deputy Chief Executive, System and Regulatory Design, at the Ministry of Transport, responsible for transport safety, resilience, security, emissions, regulation, and the transport COVID 19 response.

The Chair of Maritime NZ's Board, Jo Brosnahan, said she was looking forward to Ms Hewlett continuing the strong progress the organisation had made as a leading regulatory, compliance and response organisation. Ms Hewlett replaces Keith Manch, who left in February to become Chief Executive of the Civil Aviation Authority. She will begin her role with Maritime NZ at the end of May. Maritime New Zealand / [Read more](#)



ISCO NEWS

ISCO ONLINE MEETING ON 22ND APRIL 2021

ISCO'S APRIL 2021 ZOOM MEETING TAKES PLACE THIS WEEK

Our next Zoom Meeting will be on Thursday 22nd April at 1500 EDT and 1900 GMT (2000 BST) or Friday 23th April at 0600 AEDT (or the equivalent date and time in your own region).

Link for joining our Zoom Meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85723022783> Meeting ID: 857 2302 2783

The meeting will last for approximately one hour and will be hosted by ISCO VP(Membership) Mary Ann Dalglish.

Mike Watson is preparing some very easy to follow Chanty tutorials and will be ready to answer your questions. You can feel free to raise any issues you want to discuss at the meeting.

DID YOU FORGET TO RENEW YOUR ISCO MEMBERSHIP?

ISCO welcomes lapsed members who decide to re-join. This way you can preserve your access to all our membership benefits, including delivery of the ISCO Newsletter.

An apology from your editor – In the covering letter accompanying last week's newsletter I inadvertently printed an out-of-date link for re-joining ISCO. The correct link is <https://spillcontrol.org/membership-application-form/>

NEW CHEMICAL SPILL RESPONSE GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The new MIDSIS-TROCS 4.0 Chemical Spill Response Guide from REMPEC (featured on Page 1 of this week's ISCO Newsletter) will be added to the Chemical Spill Response Section of ISCO's Technical & Reference Information in the Members' Area of the website.

NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

OSRL: COVID-19 UPDATE (16TH APRIL 2021)

Base alert levels updates - This week in the UK, the Southampton base alert level has been de-escalated from AMBER to YELLOW, as case numbers have decreased and vaccinations have reached 50% of the adult population. In recognition of the multiple layers of protection we now have in place for covid-safe base operations, we are able to remove the split A & B shift system, which we have had in place through the Red and Amber alert phases over the last year. This removal of the split shift arrangements will allow more flexibility in staff attending the base and is a first small step towards a gradual return to normal operations. This split shift system over the last year has been really important in preserving our ability to respond.

Therefore, we have updated our Southampton recovery plan has been updated and includes an "Internal Air Quality Assessment" which reviews the fresh air intakes to each office in line with the latest HSE advice, to ensure that we can safely accommodate all staff wishing to return to the site. In accordance with this update, we offer regular site reorientation sessions for all staff to ensure all our covid-secure procedures in place are followed and are there to keep staff and delegates safe during this time.

After closely monitoring case numbers in the Americas, we have also de-escalated our Houston base alert level from AMBER to YELLOW. Continued monitoring has unfortunately seen case numbers increasing in Bahrain and so we have taken the prudent step re-escalate the Bahrain base alert level from AMBER to RED as Ramadan commences.

Subsea update - We are pleased to communicate that the capping stack maintenance activities in South Africa have now been completed with no outstanding punch items. The work scope took the local team and our contractor (Trendsetter) approximately 6 weeks to complete. The team re-installed the HC/H4 connector which was re-certified last year onto the capping stack, completed capping maintenance and replaced all Subsea Accumulator Module (SAM) bladders. All equipment is response ready, has now been cleaned and returned to the warehouse. This is the second base that the capping maintenance has been completed in 2021 by the team. We'd like to thank all those involved in ensuring that the maintenance was completed efficiently, but most importantly safely, considering all the necessary COVID control measures.

In March, the OSRL Brazil team started work on the IBC (Intermediate Bulk Containers) change-out for the 500 m3 of Corexit dispersant (500 IBCs equivalent) located at our Rio de Janeiro facility. This work is needed as IBCs have a 5-year validity threshold for air cargo purposes. The activity is being conducted on a partner site and all COVID-19 mitigating measures are being followed with the health and welfare of personnel the top priority. As you may all know, Brazil is currently facing a difficult period in the pandemic, but with all safety measures in place, we were able to continue our activity. Overall progress is currently around 75%, with the activity scheduled to finish in April. We are proud to be able to continue our response readiness status for Members.

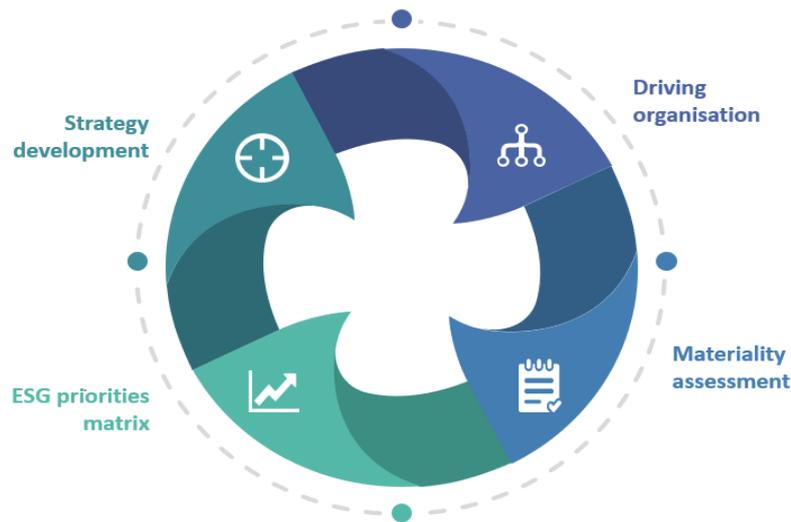
Country plans - If you would like to view all our covid-19 country plans, [please use this link.](#)

Latest news and events on our website - OSRL is delighted to share the news that the IOGP Subsea Well Response & Source Control subcommittee (SWRSC) has issued the latest document 591 - Guidance for Subsea Source Control Competency and Skills. [Read more here.](#) The pandemic and the rise of remote working has created several wellbeing challenges for people and businesses worldwide. At OSRL, the Crisis Management Team recognised this fact and prioritised wellbeing from the very beginning. Andrew Couch, Wellbeing Lead, talks about how we have been looking after the wellbeing of our employees throughout the pandemic. [Read more here.](#)

Seminar recordings and slides - Incident and Crisis Management - Working Together To Bring Order To Chaos. This seminar recording goes through the essential elements for responding to major events, how escalation is managed and the role of liaison between the different teams to enable them to achieve their objectives. [Click here to view.](#)

In this seminar, Yann Hajeri, Saipem, Technical Manager and Mario Fazio, OSRL Subsea Manager take a closer look at the use of our Offset Installation Equipment to deploy a capping stack and equipment when vertical access over the subsea well is not possible. [Click here to view seminar slides only.](#)

SHOULD THE OIL SPILL RESPONSE COMMUNITY CONSIDER STANDARDISING AND FORMALISING ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) CONSIDERATIONS INTO THEIR BUSINESS AND OPERATING MODELS?



There is no doubt that over the last few years, sustainability has become a dialogue central to shipping. Starting with acknowledgement of the need to reduce emissions from global shipping and spearheaded by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the discussion has voluntarily evolved to become more holistic. The focus now encompasses a variety of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Cooperation at the industry, intergovernmental and NGO levels has resulted in some remarkable work towards developing a common understanding as to what will make maritime activities including shipping sustainable in the long term. A notable output relevant to marine insurance and the management of shipping related casualties and oil spills are the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) Principles for Sustainable Insurance. This milestone publication involved a number of leading marine insurers and provides a clear indication of the growing focus of the shipping world to formally incorporate sustainability considerations and metrics in day-to-day activities.

Attention has yet to turn to systematically managing ESG risks and impacts when responding to oil spills or complicated and long-term wreck removal operations. The maritime emergency response sector is not alone. A recent UNEPFI report found that in fact a majority of maritime focussed businesses have yet to implement Blue Economy standards into their day to day business activities.

Would pre-agreed ESG management policies in the emergency response field lead to better environmental and societal outputs during an oil spill? Is there a risk that going down this route would lead to “green-washing” and a high administrative burden without yielding any tangible benefits?

The article below aims to address these questions in the wider context of the emerging “Blue Economy” concept; marine activities which are socially equitable and mitigate negative (or indeed result in positive) environmental impacts. It provides a potential roadmap for both the oil spill response and salvage communities. A process to develop ESG management systems that are flexible enough to apply all over the world, not delay emergency response or decision-making but also aim to make a real difference in how environmental and social risks to these incidents are managed.

Please note - The above is only a précis of a more complete article submitted by Nicky Cariglia of ISCO Corporate Member Marittima Ltd. The complete version is well worth reading and you can download it at –

<https://marittima.co.uk/articles/formally-incorporate-esg-standards-response-maritime-emergencies>

Thoughts and opinions from the ISCO network on this topic are welcomed. Please get in touch at nc@marittima.co.uk to discuss further.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

GI WACAF WEBINAR SERIES ON OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE RESUMES

Please visit our [website](#) to find more information about upcoming webinars and watch the replay of previous sessions.

FREE WEBINARS FROM UK AND IRELAND SPILL ASSOCIATION

Wed, 19 May 2021 15:00 BST [Spill Knowledge Base: Storage Tanks](#)

Wed, 16 Jun 2021 15:00 BST [Spill Knowledge Base: Marine Special Equipment](#)

Click on the blue titles for more info on specified webinars. [view our upcoming virtual events here.](#)

ALGA – AUSTRALIAN LAND & GROUNDWATER ASSOCIATION

Over 100 Webinars can be accessed - <https://landandgroundwater.com/webinars>

ONLINE AND OTHER TRAINING COURSES

CEDRE: E-LEARNING MODULE: SURVEYING SITES POLLUTED BY OIL

In every major spill, the oiled site survey phase is of primary importance. It enables decision-makers to assess the scale of the pollution, estimate its impact on the shoreline, determine response priorities, select the most appropriate response techniques and allocate adequate personnel and equipment. During 2020, Cedre added a new two-hour module on this theme to its online learning centre. The aim is to train any person liable to conduct a shoreline survey. This module aims more specifically to teach trainees the necessary skills to: conduct a field survey; segment a shoreline and describe the pollution; identify the relevant key information to be collected and passed on for clean-up operations and fill in a standard survey form. The English language version of this module is now available on our e-learning platform. <https://wwz.cedre.fr/en>

CEDRE: 2021 TRAINING PROGRAMME

Click on these links [training catalogue](#) and [2021 calendar](#). We also invite you to visit our new online training space and the training courses offered: <https://elearning.cedre.fr/>

USA: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CODE ENFORCEMENT P0615

June 13-18, 2021. Emmitsburg, Maryland. 6-day on-campus - This six-day course is designed to guide students in gaining and sharing the knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively recognize and analyze hazardous materials risk, classify the materials, and apply the codes, standards, and regulations to prevent incidents and mitigate threats to life and property. [More info](#)

INTERTANKO : NEW ENCLOSED SPACE SAFETY VIDEO LAUNCHED

The issue is hugely important and the IG is very keen to play a part in the mitigation of preventable deaths on board ships. The animation is available on the International Group website [Enclosed Space Entry - The International Group of P&I Clubs \(igpandi.org\)](#) and has been added to the Group's [LinkedIn](#) channel.

ALGA: PFAS 101 TRAINING MODULES

These training modules, prepared by members of ALGA's Emerging Contaminants of Concern Interest Group (EmCoC IG), consists of 9 online modules covering aspects of PFAS from health risk and community consultation to investigation and remediation. The content for the modules has been developed with a principally Australian and New Zealand focus, but also draws examples of best practice from around the world, making it up to date, expansive yet locally relevant. [More info](#)

CONTRACTS, TENDERS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTIFICATION SERVICE

This is a subscription service. [Have a look to see examples of open tenders.](#)

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: USA & EUROPE

US Government solicitations are frequently posted in Technology Innovation News Survey, US EPA Tech Direct and USA Federal Contracts Update.

CONTRACTS, TENDERS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

European Maritime Safety Agency invitations to tender are often posted in The EMSA Newsletter. See also POLLUTION RESPONSE SERVICES: PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN THE PIPELINE <http://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/newsletters/item/4372-newsletter-april-2021.html>

See “Links for other publications” for links to download current issues of these publications.

Readers are welcome to post tender invitations in this section.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event organisers are requested to notify ISCO immediately if a listed event is cancelled or postponed

Your Editor is doing his best to keep this listing up-to-date but it should not be assumed that listed events have not been cancelled or postponed. It is recommended that you check with event organisers before finalising your attendance plans.

If an event title is not printed in blue ink it is not hyperlinked to the event website. This may be because the website is not yet available or because the link for the website has not yet been given.

If you want to request the addition of an event please contact the Editor.

For more information click on Title of Event			
COUNTRY	2021	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
VIRTUAL EVENT	April 19-May 17	Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	April 20-21	Environmental Analyst Groundwater Conference	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	April 28	SCAA 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 1-2	Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research Open House	Online
USA	May 9	APICOM GM Meeting	New Orleans LA
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 10-13	International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC 2021)	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 11-12	ALGA New Zealand Land & Groundwater Conference	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 20-21	European Maritime Day	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 25-27	Fourteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	June 8-9	Environment Analyst Global Business Summit 2021	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	June 8-10	43rd AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response	Online
USA	June 8-10	Elastec Spill Workshop 2021	Carmi, IL
TUNISIA	June 15	Training on Readiness Evaluation Tool for Oil Spills	Hammamet
TUNISIA	June 16-17	Regional Workshop on Oil Spill Waste Management	Hammamet
USA	August 17-18	Clean Pacific Exhibition & Conference	Renton, WA
USA	September 7-10	Hazmat Emergency Response Workshop	Sacramento, CA
NETHERLANDS	September 9-10	Envirotech for Shipping Forum	Rotterdam
USA	Sept. 13-15	Clean Waterways Conference & Exhibition	Louisville, KY
CROATIA	October 26-28	Regional Workshop – Enhancing Preparedness and Response in the Adriatic & Mediterranean Regions	Opatija
CROATIA	October 29	MOIG General Assembly Meeting	Opatija
USA	Nov. 16-18	Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition	San Antonio, TX
BAHREIN	Nov. 28-30	International Conference & Exhibition on Spills, Clean Seas & Environment	Bahrein
CAMBODIA	December 1-4	East Asian Seas Congress	Sihanoukville

Please advise the Editor if any of the above entries require correction or updating. John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol

MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

NEW ZEALAND LAND & GROUNDWATER CONFERENCE

ALGA’s virtual New Zealand Land & Groundwater Conference is being hosted virtually 11 - 12 May 2021. We are very proud to announce the event will be opened live by Dean Kimpton, a panel member on the independent Resource Management Review Panel, responsible for the most significant and broad ranging review of the Resource Management Act, since it came into force in 1991.

[Download the programme](#) [Registration](#)

USA: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: 2021 CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Registration has officially opened for the [2021 CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition](#), taking place November 16-18 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX. If you are unable to travel or attend in-person, you can register for the virtual on-demand experience.

USA: CLEAN PACIFIC PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE OUTLINE

The [CLEAN PACIFIC Planning Committee](#) met virtually at the end of March to plan the conference sessions for this year’s event. Made up of a group of operators, state, federal and provincial regulators, consultants, service companies and OSROs, they programmed a total of six sessions focused on the most pressing issues we deal with regarding spill prevention, response and remediation in the Western United States and Canada. These sessions will take place at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington August 17-18 and will be live-streamed in our virtual platform for those who can’t attend in-person.

Lessons Learned from Virtual Command Posts, Exercises, and Responses - Chair: Conor Keeney, Lead Contingency Planner, Marathon Petroleum (formerly Andeavor), Co-Chair: Heather Parker, Navy On-Scene Coordinator, U.S. Navy NW Region

Transboundary and Stakeholder Issues - Chair: Dave Owings, General Manager, SEAPRO

Emerging Technologies - Chair: Maria Hartley Ph.D., Technical Lead, Enterprise Emergency Management, Chevron

Inland Prevention and Response - Chair: Richard Franklin, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, U.S. EPA Region 10
Co-Chair: TJ Engstrom, Director Emergency Services, Clean Harbors

Wildlife Issues and Regulations in the Northwest Region - Chair: Curt Clumpner, Sr. Consultant, Oiled Wildlife Care Network
Co-Chair: Linda Pilkey Jarvis, Preparedness Program Manager, Washington Dept. of Ecology-Spill Program

Response Case Studies - Chair: Devon Grennan, President, Global Diving & Salvage, Inc., Co-Chair: Jim Elliott, Vice President, T&T Salvage, LLC, Co-Chair: Greg Buie, Regional Manager, Western States and Pacific Region, U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center

Session details and descriptions will be announced at the end of this month! If you [register](#) for [CLEAN PACIFIC](#) by May 27th, you will receive our early bird registration discounts, which offer savings for both in-person and virtual registrations.

NETHERLANDS: EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY

Den Helder, May 20-21. EMD 2021 in Den Helder will be a virtual conference. <https://european-maritime-day-2021.b2match.io/>

LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING AND READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS

AMSA Update	Latest News from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority	Current issue
ATRAC Newsletter	News from the Adriatic Training and Research Centre	October 2020
AUSMEPA Bulletin	News from the Australian Marine Environment Protection Assoc’n	Summer 2020
BIMCO Bulletin	Marine and shipping-related news from BIMCO	March 2021
Newsletter from George Holliday	News and commentary on HSE issues from George Holliday	Free on request
Cedre Newsletter	News from Cedre in Brittany, France	March 2021
EMSA Newsletters	News from the European Maritime Safety Agency	Current issue
Environmental Expert	Environmental News from Environmental Expert	Current issue
GDACS Newsletter	Daily alerts for natural disasters – earthquakes, floods, typhoons, etc.	Free on request
GEF Newsletter	Monthly Newsletter from the Global Environment Facility	Subscription
GESAMP	Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection	Latest news
GISEA Quarterly Newsletter	News from Global Initiative for South-East Asia	Q3 2020
IMO News Magazine	News from the International Maritime Organization	Autumn/Winter 2020
IMO Publishing Newsletter	New and forthcoming IMO publications	September 2020
ITOPF Ocean Orbit	News magazine from ITOPF with interesting spill response articles	February 2021
JOIFF Catalyst Newsletter	Int’l Organisation for Industrial Hazard Management	Q1 2021 issue
Maritime Executive Magazine	Often contains articles of interest to the spill response community	Current issue
MOIG Newsletter	News from the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group	February 2021
NCEC Newsletter	News from the National Chemical Emergency Centre	December 2020
Navigate Response	Global crisis communications network for shipping & marine	Current issue
NOAA OR&R	Weekly round-up of news from NOAA’s Office of Response & Restoration	Latest issue
Oceanbuzz	Newsletter giving news on the Ocean Technology Industry	Current issue

LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING AND READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS

[OCIMF Newsletter](#)

[OHMSETT Gazette](#)

[Oiled Wildlife Log](#)

[OSPAR Newsletter](#)

[PEMSEA Newsletter](#)

[Pollution Online Newsletter](#)

[Salvage World](#)

[Sea Alarm Foundation Newsletter](#)

[Society of Maritime Industries](#)

[Spill Alert](#)

[Technology Innovation News Survey](#)

[The Maritime Advocate](#)

[UNEP News](#)

[USA EPA Tech Direct](#)

[USA Federal Contract Opportunities](#)

[Water Pollution & Flood News](#)

[WestMOPoCo](#)

News from the Oil Companies International Marine Forum

Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility Quarterly

Bi-annual Newsletter from Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research

Protecting & Conserving the N.E. Atlantic and its resources

Healthy oceans, people and economies in the East Asian Seas

News for pollution prevention & control professionals

Quarterly Newsletter of the International Salvage Union

Oiled wildlife Preparedness and Response news from Sea Alarm

News from the UK's maritime engineering and business services sector.

Quarterly Newsletter from UK & Ireland Spill Association

News from US EPA – Contaminated Site Decontamination

Maritime News from Sandra Speares

Latest News from United Nations Environmental Programme

Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater

The authoritative source for federal contract opportunities

Monthly round-ups of UK & Worldwide Spill and Flood News

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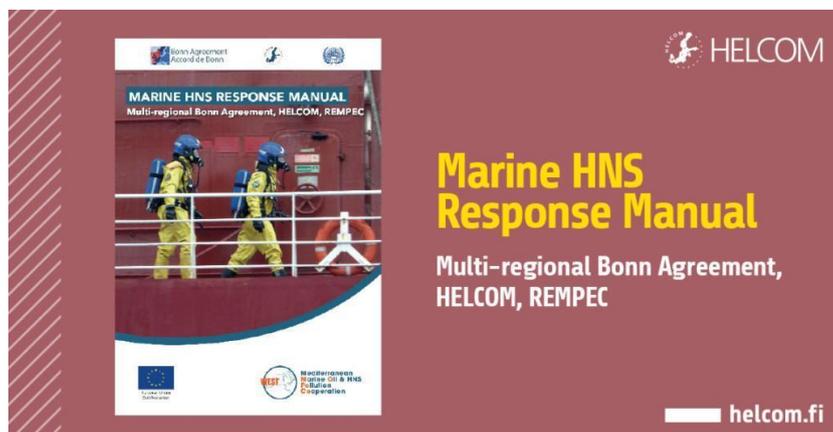
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NEW PUBLICATIONS

A NEW MULTI-REGIONAL MANUAL FOR THE RESPONSE TO MARITIME POLLUTION INCIDENTS IN THE BALTIC, GREATER NORTH SEA AND MEDITERRANEAN GETS JOINTLY PUBLISHED BY HELCOM AND ITS PARTNERS



A multi-regional manual for the response to maritime pollution incidents involving hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) was recently jointly developed by the [Bonn Agreement](#), [HELCOM](#) and [REMPEC](#).

The new [Marine HNS Response Manual – Multi-regional Bonn Agreement, HELCOM, REMPEC](#) offers a comprehensive operational guidance for first responders and decision makers on marine incidents involving HNS. It also replaces the HELCOM Response Manual Volume 2, as agreed by the Helsinki Commission during [its latest meeting](#) in March 2021 (HELCOM 42-2021).

The guidance includes specific annexes for the Mediterranean, Baltic and Greater North Sea. The decision to develop the manual was taken during the Thirteenth Inter-Secretariat Meeting between Regional Agreement Secretariats, DG ECHO and EMSA that was held in Lisbon, Portugal in 2017.

The HNS manual was developed under the [Western Mediterranean Region Marine Oil and HNS Pollution Cooperation](#)(West MOPoCo) project in collaboration with the Bonn Agreement, HELCOM and REMPEC. Financed by the European Union's [DG ECHO](#), the project was further supported by [Cedre](#), [ISPRA](#) and [ITOPF](#).

The manual was also presented [during the closure event of the West MOPOCO project](#) that was held online on 14 April 2021. West MoPoCo supports Algeria, France, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Spain and Tunisia, in collaboration with Monaco, in their cooperation on oil spills and HNS marine pollution. The project was supported by HELCOM. [Download the manual](#)

HELCOM MANUAL ON CO-OPERATION IN RESPONSE TO MARINE POLLUTION

The Baltic Sea co-operation in responding to spillages of oil and other harmful substances is based on the articles 13 and 14 of the Helsinki Convention¹ and HELCOM Recommendations, adopted by the Helsinki Commission. Since 2014 the Convention has explicitly also covered response co-operation on the shore. Annex VII: Response to Pollution Incidents of the Convention gives a legal status to the HELCOM Manual on Co-operation in Response to Marine Pollution (in the following the Manual). The Manual is applied by the Baltic Sea countries in operational co-operation, surveillance activities and response exercises. In Annex VII the

NEW PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

provisions of response to pollution incidents are defined and the Contracting Parties agree to apply, as far as practicable, the principles and rules included in the Manual. This Manual combines the previous Volume 1 regarding oil response to pollution incidents mostly at sea and Volume 3 which concentrates on response on the shore. Volume 2, replaced by the Joint Inter-Regional Marine HNS Response Manual, describes response to accidents at sea involving spills of hazardous substances. This Manual should be regarded as a practical implementation of the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC Convention) HELCOM / [Read more](#)

IPIECA 2020 ANNUAL REVIEW



The theme of the 2020 *Annual Review* is 'Contributing to the energy transition in the context of sustainable development'. It reflects how IPIECA is uniquely positioned to make a positive contribution to the energy transition by providing leadership for the oil and gas industry across four interconnected areas: climate, nature, people and sustainability.

Throughout 2020, IPIECA carried out a strategic review, involving member consultation and feedback from key external stakeholders, to develop IPIECA's 2021–2024 strategy. The key strategic aims were to determine IPIECA's role in the energy transition and sustainability agenda while continuing to advance the environmental and social performance of the industry.

During a challenging year for all, IPIECA continued to convene the oil and gas industry and key external stakeholders around a wide range of interdependent sustainability issues, adapting to the difficulties presented by the global COVID-19 pandemic, producing over 30 good practice guides, nearly 40 webinars and participating in 28 external events - including 8 UN conferences - representing the industry and sharing our resources widely. [Download](#)

INCIDENT REPORTS

THE NETHERLANDS: VESSEL LOSES 5 CONTAINERS OVERBOARD



April 7 - Container ship Baltic Tern, caught in rough weather, in the morning Apr 7 lost 5 containers overboard in north sea some 15 nm north of Ameland Island, West Frisian Islands, Netherlands. after the loss, the ship reduced speed and since then was proceeding in northern direction, probably to avoid more losses and container stacks collapse.

The ship is en route from St-Petersburg to Rotterdam, eta Apr 7. three containers are loaded with merchandise, one's empty, another one is with acetone. containers said to be drifting in southeast direction, so they may end up on West Frisian Island coast. Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#)

USA: LOUISIANA – CAPSIZE OF JACK-UP PLATFORM

April 14 - Jackup Platform Seacor Power was caught in rough weather and capsized some 5 nm south of Port Fourchon, Louisiana's southernmost port, Gulf of Mexico, in the afternoon April 13. Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In the Maritime Bulletin, Mikhail Voytenko regularly advises on vessel abandonments, groundings and sinkings – several every week – but, unless there is an immediate and significant release of oil or chemicals, spillages are not reported.

However many of Mikhail's reports cover incidents that may have potential to cause pollution. To view all of his reports, visit <https://www.maritimebulletin.net/>

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