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IMO SHARES EXPERTISE ON OIL SPILL RESPONSE



IMO has outlined key insights for tackling marine pollution incidents at the International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC 2024) in New Orleans, United States (13-16 May). IMO / [Read about the IMO initiatives](#)

ISCO CELEBRATES IMO INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR WOMEN

We are proud to honour the women in the industry who are shaping the future of maritime operations and safety.

ITOPF TAKES PART IN IOSC 2024

ITOPF's involvement was spread across multiple mediums and formats throughout the week and presented multiple papers covering critical topics affecting the industry. [Read ITOPF's Report and activity at IOSC](#)

THE GEF – BIODIVERSITY FUND APPROVES 18 NEW PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS

The Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF) has approved a new round of project preparation grants and set aside more than \$70 million for 18 new projects in Angola, Belize, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Fiji, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Mozambique, Nauru, Palau, Peru, the Philippines, Samoa, Senegal, South Africa, Suriname, and Tonga. The GEF / [Read more](#)

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ISCO AT INTERNATIONAL OIL SPILL CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS, USA



Pictured above – On left, Jane Delgado (ISCO Director) and, on far right, Kerem Kemerli (Meke Marine and ISCO Council Member) at the stand of CEDRE (ISCO Industry Partner) during the IOSC Conference in New Orleans .

For ISCO, the event was a great success. Lots of interest in ISCO's activities, and new members joining the organisation.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

World News is collated from websites located at <https://spillcontrol.org/national-organizations/> On request we can add websites to our checking list but we are also planning to remove sites that fail to provide interesting up-to-date news and press releases appropriate for inclusion in your weekly newsletter.

BRAZIL: IBAMA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL BIODIVERSITY DAY AND ANNOUNCES CONSERVATION INITIATIVES

May 22 - In honor of the vast diversity of species and ecosystems in Brazil, the Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (Ibama) celebrated, this Wednesday (22/05), the International Day of Biodiversity. During a ceremony organized by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MMA), the president of the Institute, Rodrigo Agostinho, announced three new initiatives focused on conservation: the National Biodiversity Pathways Program, the 2nd Cycle of the Turtle PAN and the Biodiversity Data Management System for Environmental Impact Assessment. IBAMA / [Read more](#)

CANADA: COAST GUARD ISSUES \$15,000 FINE FOR A HAZARDOUS VESSEL

May 21 - Owners are responsible for the costs of addressing their problem vessel. This includes cleanup or repairs, and any remediation action taken by the Canadian Coast Guard. The Canadian Coast Guard works with vessel owners to address their problem vessels. The issuance of a penalty is a last resort when all other avenues have been exhausted. Coast Guard / [Read more](#)

CROATIA: 'EKO-INCIDENT' CONFERENCE

May 17 - From 15th to 16th of May 2024, ATRAC held a conference named 'Eko-incident' in Opatija, Croatia. The „Eko-incident“ conference is a result of recognizing the level of technological advancements and times that we live in. This conference is marked by high risk levels, and taking into consideration the theme of conference, the risk mainly refers to potential pollution sources, their prevention, response and recovery of environment. ATRAC / [Read more](#)

NIGERIA: FG SEEKS IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

May 19 - The Federal Government has asked the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) and other stakeholders to improve on environmental regulatory framework and use of cleaner technologies for sustainable future.

Gazelle News / [Read more](#)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: INCIDENT IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (GULFSTREAM) – IOPC FUNDS DIRECTOR VISITS AREAS AFFECTED



Above: IOPC Funds' Director (second from right) and Trinidad and Tobago's Minister of Energy and Energy Industries (third from right), together with officials from the Ministry and the IOPC Funds, following their meeting on 20 May 2024. (Photo courtesy of IOPC Funds)

May 22 - During their time in Trinidad and Tobago, the Director and Mr. Homan met with the Member State's Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and representatives from the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard, the Ministry of Works and Transport and the Institute of Marine Affairs. The Director underscored the IOPC Funds' commitment to putting in place the processes to receive and assess claims arising from the incident and thanked the Minister for the Member State's cooperation with the organisation since the oil spill was detected in early February 2024.

The Minister noted that investigations to determine the ownership of the two vessels involved in the incident were still underway and reaffirmed that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago would take legal action against the owners once they were identified.

IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

TUNISIA: MOIG – BIAT.RH MEETING

May 18 - a meeting was held between the MOIG Director and Mr. Badii Lakhdhar, the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the "Bureau International Africain de Tunisie" (BiAT.RH). BiAT.RH is a specialized firm on continuous training and support to Tunisian companies for setting up projects and development of programmes in the area of skills and human capital.

The main objective of this meeting was to see the possible ways of collaboration between the two institutions in order to promote training programmes aiming to the continuous improvement of oil spill preparedness and response capability in the Mediterranean region. Medoil Group / [Read more](#)

UK: SRI LANKA AND THE UK AGREE A NEW PARTNERSHIP TO PROTECT THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT



May 21 - This week the Ministry of the Environment and the UK government's Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two nations, to protect and enhance the marine environment.

Mr. Prabath Chadrakeerthi, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Sara Rusling, Deputy Director for the UK's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) today signed the agreement that represents a united effort to work together to protect and enhance marine ecosystems to support biodiversity and good water quality, whilst also providing sustainable seafood for Sri Lankans.

Through the UK's Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCP), Sri Lanka and the UK will be collaborating to tackle the three key challenges of marine biodiversity, marine pollution and sustainable seafood. The OCP aims to support the marine environment and to make a positive impact on the livelihoods of coastal communities that depend on healthy marine ecosystems.

CEFAS / [Read more](#) (Photo courtesy of DEFRA)

USA: LATEST NEWS REPORT FROM NOAA OR&R

May 20 – Please click on the link below to read the latest news

OR&R Participates in Expert Working Group Determining Social Costs of Plastic

The NOAA Marine Debris Program Chief Scientist, Amy V. Uhrin, attended the first meeting of the Social Cost of Plastic Pollution Working Group of the [National Center for Environmental Analysis and Synthesis \(NCEAS\)](#)(link is external).

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS (

IPIECA APPOINTS EXXONMOBIL'S PAUL KRISHNA AS NEW CHAIR



Ipieca has appointed ExxonMobil's Paul Krishna as its new Chair. Paul has been an active member of Ipieca since 2009.

Prior to his appointment as Chair, Paul was Ipieca's Vice Chair for two years and has previously served as Chair of Ipieca's Reporting Working Group.

IPIECA / [Read more](#)

CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP AT PACIFIC TOWING.



Gerard Kasnari (Manager) has replaced Neil Papenfus (who has taken up a new position with PNG Ports Corporation).

Prior to his appointment, Gerard was Pacific Towing's Marine Operations Manager. Has been part of Pacific Towing's leadership team for 10 years and has 30+ years' maritime sector experience.

<https://pacifictowingmarineservices.com/>



DESMI CELEBRATES RECORD-BREAKING YEAR AND UNVEILS AMBITIOUS GROWTH STRATEGY

DESMI will celebrate its 190th anniversary in 2024 but is not resting on its laurels.

An ambitious growth strategy both organically and via strategic acquisitions has been unveiled with a commitment to innovation within Flow Technology. The target for 2028 is to double revenue alongside strategic investments in product development, organizational structure and processes to deliver increased value to our customers, stakeholders, and to societies at large.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Group CEO Humphrey Lau DESMI A/S at hlau@desmi.com

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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HOW FUNGI COULD HELP CLEAN UP OUR BIGGEST TOXIC MESSSES

Once introduced to a contaminated environment, fungi “literally eat contaminants” much the same way they would degrade a dead tree in nature, Stevenson explained. They secrete enzymes that can break down complex pollutants into simpler components that the fungi absorb back into their system. Eventually, organic contaminants such as diesel and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons — the byproduct of incomplete combustion — can be metabolized by the fungi into less harmful compounds, such as carbon dioxide, water and mineral nutrients. In the lab, fungi are also adept at cleansing soil of pesticides, some phthalates and even TNT. Fungi can also take up heavy metal contaminants (though not as effectively as other bioremediation options.)

There's also limited research suggesting fungi could break down per- and polyfluorinated substances — known as PFAS or “forever chemicals” — but it's not clear whether the resulting components would be less harmful. EHN / [Read more](#)

EVALUATING BIOREMEDIATION STRATEGIES ON MICROBIAL DIVERSITY IN CRUDE OIL-CONTAMINATED SOIL OVER THREE TO SIX MONTHS IN PORT HARCOURT, NIGERIA.

The study aimed to evaluate the efficacy of various bioremediation approaches on microbial diversity in crude oil-contaminated soil over a duration of three to six months in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. This study underscores the potential of mushrooms and earthworms as effective bioremediation agents for restoring microbial diversity in crude oil-contaminated soil, offering insights for sustainable environmental restoration practices in oil-affected regions like Port Harcourt, Nigeria. Researchgate/ [Read more](#)

MICROPLASTICS IN MARINE ECOSYSTEMS: A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF BIOLOGICAL AND ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS AND ITS MITIGATION APPROACH USING NANOTECHNOLOGY FOR THE SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

Microplastic contamination has rapidly become a serious environmental issue, threatening marine ecosystems and human health. This review aims to not only understand the distribution, impacts, and transfer mechanisms of microplastic contamination but also to explore potential solutions for mitigating its widespread impact.

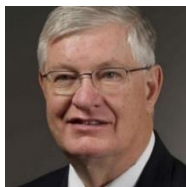
This review encompasses the categorisation, origins, and worldwide prevalence of microplastics and methodically navigates the complicated structure of microplastics. ScienceDirect [Read more](#)

EFFICIENT ADSORBENTS FOR OIL SPILL REMOVAL USING A CELLULOSE ACETATE-BASED NATURAL FIBERS DEVELOPED BY ZINC OXIDE BIONANOCOMPOSITES

Highlights - Development of cellulose acetate-based natural fibers/zinc oxide Eco-friendly material + Efficient Adsorbent-based bionanocomposites for Oil Spill Removal + The sorption capacity of raw DPF and modified DPF for diesel oil has been investigated + The oil adsorption isothermal studies fitted with Langmuir isothermal model + Five sorption cycles have been displayed indicating good reusability. ScienceDirect / [Read more](#)

RECENT INTERESTING PEER-REVIEWED OIL SPILL PUBLICATIONS

A COLUMN CREATED BY DR. MERV FINGAS, Hon.FISCO, MEMBER OF ISCO COUNCIL



This is a weekly column which provides the references and abstracts of new peer-reviewed scientific publications on oil spills.

To read Dr Merv Fingas' weekly column, please click on <https://spillcontrol.org/interesting-peer-reviewed-oil-spill-publications-collated-by-dr-merv-fingas-member-of-isco-council-for-canada/>

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Please advise the Editor if any of the entries require correction or updating. If you are holding an event you would like to be featured here, please send details to John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org The listings below give only very basic details – To get access to all information visit <https://spillcontrol.org/upcoming-events/>

MAY 2024

- WEBINAR – from Exxon Oil Spill Response Knowledge Transfer – “Inland Spill Response: Coordination Challenges and Lessons Learned”, Wednesday 29th May at 10am Eastern Time

JUNE 2024 Onwards

- UK – UK & Ireland Spill Association – Marine Spill & Plastic Conference, 11th-12th June 2024, Southampton
- USA – AHMP – EHS HAZMAT SUMMIT, 14-17 July, 2024, Kansas City, Missouri
- CANADA – International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation, Montreal, 5-6 August 2024
- GERMANY – “14th International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation”, Berlin, August 25-27, 2024
- SPAIN & ONLINE – “14th International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation, Barcelona, August 25-27. 2024
- CHINA / ONLINE – WSH Asia Awards 2024, 5th September 2024
- UAE - SPE International Health, Safety, Environment, and Sustainability Conference and Exhibition 10–12 September 2024, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- USA – Elastec River Spill Workshop, Carmi, Indiana, 8-10 October 2024
- UK – Water, Waste & Environmental Monitoring – 9-10 October 2024, NEC, Birmingham, UK
- CHINA – 8th East Asian Seas Congress, Xiamen, 6-8 November 2024
- UK – Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference, London, 11-12 December 2024

SOME OTHER INFORMATION

- IOPC Funds has released a calendar of its upcoming events – to view, click on <https://iopcfunds.org/news-events/events/>
- Econext has released a programme of upcoming courses and webinars. This can be viewed at https://econext.myvirtualcampus.co/product-category/webinars/?orderby=date&mc_cid=9c2c758fcd&mc_eid=6a430f153
- Recordings of past ExxonMobil OSR Knowledge Transfer Webinar Recordings – [Access and Download](#)
- Gulf-Alaska Knowledge Exchange – A Workshop Series chaired by Ed Levine, Hon.FISCO – [More information](#)
- IG P&I Podcast - Exploring some of the topics discussed at the Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference - [Listen](#)

REMINDER: MARINE SPILL & PLASTIC POLLUTION CONFERENCE

Marine Spill and Plastic Pollution Conference 11 and 12 June 2024, National Oceanography Centre, Southampton, UK [More info](#)

UPDATES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

USA: CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2024

November 18-20, 2024 George R. Brown Convention Center | Houston, TX

The 2024 [CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition](#) is 6 months away but only 45 exhibit spaces remain! Book your space today and secure access to 1,500+ potential buyers from oil & gas, maritime, rail, environmental companies, and regulatory agencies. These buyers will be walking the exhibit hall, actively looking for practical solutions, emerging technologies, and services to help them better prepare, respond, or recover from, an environmental emergency.

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Contact Renie Mayfield - 720-289-7008 or rmayfield@accessintel.com - to discuss the exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities available for this year's event!

INDIA: OIL SPILL INDIA CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION, NEW DELHI, 11-12 SEPTEMBER 2024

In the backdrop of the recent oil spill incident, caused during cyclone Michaung in Chennai's Ennore Creek, it is with a sense of urgency and shared responsibility that we announce that the 7th edition of Oil Spill India (OSI 2024), the region's flagship conference & exhibition on the Oil Spill Prevention, Planning, Preparedness, Response & Restoration industry, will be organised during 11th & 12th September 2024 at Hotel JW Marriott, Aerocity, New Delhi, India. [View the OSI 2024 website](#)

EUROPE – INTERSPILL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION – 8-10 APRIL 2025 – ExCel, LONDON

This internationally respected triennial event (which connects global stakeholders involved in marine oil spill research, prevention, preparedness, response and restoration) will return on 8-10 April 2025 at ExCeL London. <https://www.interspill.org/2025>

For information updates, click on the links - [PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME AND CALL FOR PAPERS](#) [PARTICIPATION UPDATE](#)

The Interspill conference is recognised for its excellence, focus on emerging research and depth of scientific content. It is organised by the Conference Committee that has new chairs Rob Holland and Richard Johnson, who were appointed at the Conference Committee Meeting held in London on 20 February 2024.

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ISCO Members can post requests for submission of invitations to tender for supplies / services in this section.

USCG - BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT FRESHWATER OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND SCIENCE RESEARCH PART III [More info](#)

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

MAY 2024 GEF MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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INCIDENTS

INDIA: MASS FISH DEATHS IN PERIYAR RIVER SPARKS PROTESTS IN KOCHI; LOCALS ALLEGE CHEMICAL WASTE SPILL

May 22 - Thousands of dead fish were found floating in the Periyar river, sparking protests from local farmers and residents in Kochi on Wednesday, 22 May. They claim that illegal discharge of chemical waste from nearby factories was to blame for the incident. The South First / [Read more](#)

USA: CALIFORNIA - UNIFIED COMMAND CONDUCTS VESSEL POLLUTION RESPONSE EFFORTS NEAR STOCKTON



May 22 - A Unified Command with representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response and the City of Stockton has been formed to respond to a sinking vessel in Little Potato Slough near Stockton.

A report to the California Office of Emergency Services on Wednesday indicated the Aurora, a non-operational 294-foot cruise ship permanently moored northwest of Stockton began to sink in 13 feet of water and discharge pollution. Sheen was observed in the immediate vicinity of the vessel.

Containment boom is deployed around the vessel and the City's drinking water intake pump station.

Additional mooring lines were also attached to the vessel to ensure stability. USCG / [Read more](#) (Photo courtesy of USCG)

USA: WASHINGTON - FEDERAL, STATE AGENCIES RESPONDING TO CONTAMINATED WILDLIFE AND TAR BALLS ALONG THE NORTHERN OREGON AND SOUTHERN WASHINGTON COASTS

May 22 - Federal agencies along with Washington and Oregon state agencies are responding to a tar-like substance from an unknown source affecting a shoreline near Beards Hollow, Washington, and multiple birds in northern Oregon and southern Washington, Wednesday.

The oil spill response organization NWFF Environmental has been contracted to clean up tar balls that were discovered along Benson Beach and a beach at Beards Hollow in Ilwaco, Washington. Responders have collected samples of the tar balls and sent them to a lab for analysis. USCG / [Read more](#)

USA: IOWA - FERTILIZER SPILL YIELDS 'NEAR-TOTAL' FISH KILL IN 60-MILE STRETCH OF RIVERS: 'ASTOUNDING AND DISHEARTENING'

May 24 - The New York Times [reported](#) that a fertilizer spill in Iowa killed the majority of fish across 60 miles in waters that flow into the [Missouri River](#), resulting in an estimated 789,000 perishing. The spill expanded into both Iowa and Missouri, being seen as an ecological disaster. Yahoo News / [Read more](#)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: MYSTERIOUS TUG THAT CAUSED TOBAGO OIL SPILL MAY HAVE BEEN FOUND IN ANGOLA

May 24 - After three months of searching, government officials in Trinidad and Tobago may have finally located the mysterious tug thought to have caused the disastrous oil spill off the coast of Tobago in February. International sources and independent researchers have all been working to confirm the identity of the tug and to locate it after it went dark at the beginning of February.

“The government has received information that the tug Solo Creed may have been detained by the authorities in Angola,” the Trinidad and Tobago Energy Ministry announced in a statement yesterday. They reported that an official inquiry had been submitted to Angola through diplomatic channels. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

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