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## A NEW UNITED NATIONS MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND FOR CORAL REEFS



September 16 - A new, first of its kind fund to protect coral reefs was officially launched today on the sidelines of the 75<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly, with a coalition of partners convening to mobilise resources to make coral reefs more resilient. The Global Fund for Coral Reefs **seeks to raise and invest USD \$500 million in coral reef conservation** over the next 10 years.

The Fund, a finance instrument that blends private and public funding, will also support businesses and finance mechanisms that improve the health and sustainability of coral reefs and associated ecosystems while empowering local communities and enterprises.

Found in over 100 countries and territories globally, coral reefs support a quarter of all marine life—up to **1 million species**. They also provide **at least half a billion people with jobs and food** while protecting coastlines from storms and flooding. Despite their immense value and immense vulnerability, the protection of coral reefs has been underfunded on a global scale. UNEP / [Read more](#)

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS (CONTINUED)

### NOWPAP AND PEMSEA TO RENEW BILATERAL COOPERATION

September 15 - The Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP) and the Partnerships in the Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) discussed the renewal of a long-standing cooperation agreement between the two organizations regarding sustainable development and management of marine and coastal environment. Representatives from both organizations explored cooperation in various fields in a bilateral teleconference on 15 September 2020.

Ms. Aimee Gonzales, Executive Director of PEMSEA Resource Facility, presented the Twelfth East Asian Seas Partnership Council Meeting's outcomes, preparing the East Asian Seas Congress in 2021, and PEMSEA work towards a blue economy. Dr. Yegor Volovik, NOWPAP Coordinator, informed PEMSEA that NOWPAP is to revise its Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter and to develop the Regional Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Conservation. He also introduced other ongoing projects like eutrophication assessment in cooperation with Google Earth Engine and marine litter activities. UNEP NOWPAP / [Read more](#)

### EMSA PROVIDES SATELLITE IMAGES TO ASSIST IN THE MAURITIUS BULK CARRIER ACCIDENT

On 25 July, the bulk carrier Wakashio grounded south east of the island of Mauritius. The ship was carrying 3984 metric tons of low sulphur fuel oil, 207 metric tons of diesel oil and 90 metric tons of lubricants. The casualty area was near the ecologically sensitive areas of Pointe d'Esny Wetlands (Ramsar site), the Ile aux Aigrettes (nature reserve), the Blue Bay Marine Park and the Mahebourg Fishing Reserves (a shallow lagoon protected by coral reefs and mangrove areas). The ship broke in two parts on 15 August. The aft part remained at the grounding location and was dismantled, while the fore part was towed and sunk on 24 August at a depth of 3180 meters. On 6 August, EMSA received a request for assistance from the Republic of Mauritius via ERCC and the EU Delegation following the detection of an oil spill from the bulk carrier of an estimated amount of 1,000 metric tons of fuel. EMSA planned and provided satellite services until the 31 August. The number of satellite images currently planned are nine optical and 11 radar images. EMSA / [Read more in EMSA's September Newsletter](#)

### TWO EMSA CONTRACTED OIL SPILL RECOVERY VESSELS ENTERED INTO STAND-BY SERVICE

M/t Kijac and m/t Monte Anaga were successfully accepted into stand-by service and are now part of the EMSA Network of Stand-by Oil Spill Recovery Vessels. M/T Kijac is based in Rijeka, Croatia, and its primary operational area is the Adriatic Sea. Kijac has an onboard capacity of 1,730 m3 for recovered oil. After successful completion of the preparation phase, m/t Monte Anaga is also now in operational service. The tanker based in Algeciras, Spain, was previously part of the EMSA Network and covers the West Mediterranean Sea. The vessel offers a storage capacity of 4,069 m3. Both ships are equipped with the standard arrangement for mechanical recovery that comprises sweeping arms, offshore boom and high capacity skimmer system. The recovery operations are supported by radar-based oil slick detection systems. In addition, the arrangement in the Adriatic Sea offers at-sea dispersant application capabilities including a spraying system for the vessel and a dispersant stockpile onshore.

EMSA / [Read more in EMSA's September Newsletter](#)

## NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (COUNTRIES LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

### CANADA: TRANSPORT CANADA'S 2020 EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK IMPROVES INITIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

September 15 - The Government of Canada is committed to the safety of first responders and the communities they serve. Transport Canada has taken concrete action to support first responders and enhance response capabilities and the Emergency Response Guidebook (Guidebook) is a significant tool to assist first responders in quickly identifying the hazards of the materials when an accident involving dangerous goods occurs, and also to determine the best approach to address the situation.

Today, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Marc Garneau released the 2020 edition of the Guidebook which is a joint

publication by Transport Canada, the United States Department of Transportation, the Secretariat of Transport and Communications of Mexico and the CIQUIME (Centro de Información Química para Emergencias) of Argentina. It is updated every four years. Transport Canada / [Read more](#)

### FRANCE: CEDRE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR SUMMER 2020

September 15 - The summer was a busy period for Cedre's duty team. The main event was the grounding of the bulk carrier MV Wakashio on a coral reef off the south-east of Mauritius on 25th July. The vessel was carrying 3874 tonnes of bunker fuel, 200 tonnes of diesel and 90 tonnes of lube oil. Although part of the bunker fuel was pumped out of the vessel, between 800 and 1,000 m3 of oil was released and quickly reached the coast, in particular in a sensitive natural area comprising mangrove forests. Under the auspices of the sub-regional oil spill contingency plan for the Western Indian Ocean Islands, France immediately provided support to the Mauritian authorities by dispatching equipment and personnel from the naval base and Polmar stockpile on Reunion Island. Cedre's response centre was also mobilised, as well as Météofrance then the members of the slick drift committee (IFREMER and SHOM) to conduct and analyse daily drift forecasts for the oil slicks and any objects potentially lost from the wreck. Experts from Cedre and Ceppol conducted a joint mission on Reunion Island then in Mauritius to provide their technical support to the French authorities involved in assisting the Mauritian authorities.

In early summer, a half-sunken wreck from the Second World War, the Frisco, off Gauriac, Gironde attracted attention when it began to leak. Cedre's laboratory was also called upon to analyse the oil samples collected. Our emergency response team was contacted by a company having caused a spill of 800 m3 of ferric chloride (flocculating agent) on the shoreline of Lavera (Bouches-du-Rhône) to provide advice on the behaviour of the product, response techniques and monitoring of the fate of the flocs in the environment. Several other spills of variable sizes occurred in rivers and on land during the summer: mineral oil in the Guiers Mort, a sensitive river in the Chartreuse Mountains (Isère); dairy sludge (milk residues, potentially acid and caustic soda) causing high fish mortality from Aisne to Challerange (Ardennes); a spill of 400 m3 of digestate from a biogas plant in Châteaulin (Finistère) into the river Aulne, causing an increase in the ammonium hydroxide content of drinking water and restrictions on its consumption across 50 communes, for which Cedre was called upon by the Préfecture du Finistère to provide advice and conduct site surveys; finally, a diesel spill which contaminated the edge of a road crossing through a forest to the west of Sinnamary (French Guiana) when a tanker truck overturned.

The MAR-ICE network was activated following illegal discharge of tall oil (a by-product of the kraft process of wood pulp manufacture) in the port of Rauma (Finland) and an ICE exercise was launched by the Czech Republic (sodium hypochlorite). CEDRE / [Read more in the latest issue of the CEDRE Newsletter](#)

### INDIA: ASSAM OILFIELD FIRE: WILDLIFE INSTITUTE WANTS REVIEW OF ECO CLEARANCES, RTI SHOWS

September 16 - In the wake of the fire and resulting [ecological catastrophe](#) at the Baghjan oilfield in Assam, the [Wildlife Institute of India](#) (WII) called for a reassessment of [the environmental clearance granted to Oil India Limited](#) (OIL) in April 2020 for drilling 18 wells and laying gas pipelines in this area, a [report](#) obtained under a Right to Information (RTI) request shows.

WII is an autonomous body under the [Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change](#) (MoEF&CC).

The WII report, finalised in mid-July, is part of an assessment mandated by the [National Green Tribunal](#) (NGT) following [the blowout of one of OIL's wells](#) in Baghjan, in Assam's Tinsukia district, on May 27, which went on to [catch fire](#) on June 9. The fire was [doused](#) on September 13. A "blowout" is an uncontrolled release of oil and/or gas caused by failures in pressure control systems.

India Spend / [Read more](#)

### JAPAN: JOINT BURN CONTROL DRILL CONDUCTED BY THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AND FOUR BRANCHES OF THE SOUTH SEA AREA

September 15 - On 14 July, The Korea Maritime Environment Agency (KOEM) announced that it had conducted joint burn control response drills in preparation for the oil spill situation for four offices in the South Sea region.

The training was replaced by joint iconophatal exercises for each region using video conferencing in accordance with the Corona 19 situation, and was promoted for the second time following the four branch iconophator sit-in exercises in the West Sea region.

In addition to Yeosu, the four governors of the South Sea region, including Masan, Mokpo, and Jeju, conducted drills based on the crisis in which about 100 oil spilled due to a ship collision in the waters near Yeosu City, Jeonnam, and spread oil to the nearby coast. KOEM / [Read more](#)

### KUWAIT: MULTIPURPOSE SPILL RESPONSE AND TOWAGE NEWBUILD WILL HAVE CATHELCO MGPS

September 14 - Water and waste management specialist Evac reports that its Cathelco unit is to supply a new multi-purpose oil spill response and towage vessel being built for the Kuwait Oil Co with a marine growth prevention system (MGPS) to prevent bio-fouling and corrosion in seawater pipework. The system is manufactured by Cathelco which has been part of the Evac Group since 2018.

The 60 meter vessel is currently under construction at the Uzmar Shipyard in Turkey with delivery scheduled for fourth quarter 2020. Marine Log / [Read more](#)

### MALTA: TWO MALTESE MARITIME TRAINING ORGANIZATIONS LAUNCH NEW PARTNERSHIP

September 14 - Two of the leading Maltese maritime training and contingency management training organisations will be offering a new set of integrated courses from 2021 after agreeing a memorandum of understanding earlier this month.

The Mediterranean Maritime Research and Training Centre (MaritimeMT) and the International Safety Training College (ISTC ) will be creating a new set of courses covering both maritime training and the oil & gas sectors offering some of the highest training standards in these industry sectors from January 2021. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

### NIGERIA: SHELL RECORDED 46.6 % REDUCTION IN OIL SPILLS IN 2019

September 15 - Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC) has said it reduced operational spills to the lowest levels in 2019. Records made available by SPDC show that only seven operational spills were reported in 2019, a 46.6 per cent decrease over the previous year, 2018, when the company recorded 15 operational spills.

The company also reported a significant reduction in breaches from wellhead, and clean-up of more spill sites than ever before, in 2019. However, there was an increase in cases of theft and sabotage in 2019, according to records made available by the company. The Eagle / [Read more](#)

### USA: MICHIGAN - NEW LEGISLATION WOULD RAISE THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON LAWSUITS OVER GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION

September 18 - New legislation in the Michigan Senate would increase the timeframe during which legal action could be taken against polluters in Michigan. Under current state law, the clock on when legal action can be taken starts ticking at the moment pollution occurs.

State legislators say that is far too soon. They argue it can sometimes take decades before pollution is discovered - or before a substance is even identified as toxic. Michigan Radio / [Read more](#)

## CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

### FROM NOAA OR&R - WHAT WE DO TO HELP ENDANGERED SPECIES



NOAA developed an oil spill response plan for killer whales that includes three main techniques to deploy quickly to keep these endangered animals away from a spill. Image credit: NOAA

## CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

For over 40 years, the **1973 Endangered Species Act** has helped protect native plants and animals and that habitats where they live, and many government agencies play a role in that important work. That's one reason the United States celebrates Endangered Species Day every year in May.

The Office of Response and Restoration contributes to the efforts to protect these species in our **spill response** and **assessment and restoration** work.

When a spill occurs in coastal waters one priority for our emergency responders is identifying any threatened or endangered species living in the area near the spill.

At every spill or chemical release, our scientists need to take into account:

- Is it breeding season for any protected species in the area?
- Is any of the spill area nesting grounds for protected species?
- Are protected species likely to come into contact with the spilled contaminant?
- What are possible negative effects from the cleanup process on the protected species?

We assist the U.S. Coast Guard with a required Endangered Species Act consultation for spills to ensure those species are considered in any response action taken. We've also developed tools that can be used by all emergency responders and environmental resource managers to help protected endangered plants, animals, and their habitats.

**Environmental Sensitivity Index** maps identify coastal habitats and locations that may be especially vulnerable to an oil spills. The main components of these maps are sensitive wildlife, shoreline habitats, and the economic resources people use there, such as a fishery or recreational beach.

**Threatened and Endangered Species Geodatabases** allows oil spill planners and responders to easily access data on federal or state listed threatened and endangered species for specific regions. These data are a subset of the larger, more complex environmental sensitivity index data and are a convenient way to access some of the more critical biological information for an area.

**Environmental Resources Management Application**, called ERMA®, is our online mapping tool that integrates static and real-time environmental data and allows users to investigate data in their area. There are hundreds of publicly available base layers including many endangered and threatened species. Environmental Sensitivity Index maps are available in this tool.

Marine debris affects endangered and threatened species including species of sea turtles, whales, seals, and corals. These fragile populations face a variety of stressors in the ocean including people, derelict fishing gear, trash, and other debris. To learn more about the dangers of marine debris on marine life visit the [NOAA Marine Debris Program website](#).

For more information on threatened and endangered species, and local events for Endangered Species Day, visit the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#). For information on endangered and threatened marine species visit [NOAA Fisheries](#).

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## NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

### ALPHAMERS DEVELOPS A 'TANDEM SWEEPING SYSTEM' FOR LAKE CLEAN-UP



With a sweep of roughly 6 Meters between the boats, these boats help sweep the surface trash and weed to the lake sides for removal by land based gear. This system uses waterjet propulsion to prevent the propeller fouled up by the weed. The boats have been custom made by AlphaMERS Capt.Sekhar, Director of AlphaMERS and ISCO council member for India, believes this may be adapted for spill response application in due course. Currently this system has been requisitioned by a number of Municipal Corporations.

<https://www.alphamers.com/home>

## WEBINARS & ONLINE TRAINING

### WEEK 3 - EM DISPERSANTS / HERDERS WEBINAR SERIES

Please join dispersant / herder webinar series week 4. The focus for week 4 will be on the use of herders to enable in situ burning on open water without booms. Note that there is still room for more participants so feel free to forward invite to others but I ask that potential attendees email me to RSVP: [tim.j.nedwed@exxonmobil.com](mailto:tim.j.nedwed@exxonmobil.com)

The agenda for week 4 is as follows and Zoom link to join is below that:

Webinar 4 September 22 9 – 10:30 am Central

- Herders for in situ burning Basics of herder use Tim Nedwed
- Toxicity of herders Summary of studies on herder toxicity testing Kelly McFarlin
- Safety of burning free-floating oil slicks How ISB rates, choice of burn location, and understanding of slick movements allows for safe burns David Cooper

Zoom Link: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: Please click this URL to join.

<https://exxonmobil.zoom.us/j/91394551832?pwd=d1hDUGwwUk5xWGpKVVdTQUiNDNadz09> Passcode: 201669

Details of the complete series of the ExxonMobil webinars and joining instructions were published in Issue 751 of the ISCO Newsletter. For more info and to register please send email to [tim.j.nedwed@exxonmobil.com](mailto:tim.j.nedwed@exxonmobil.com)

### LECTURE SERIES FROM NOAA

**"You Don't Know What You Don't Know" lecture series (every Thursday at 3 p.m. ET):**

- **Sept. 24:** The History of Oil Spills with NOAA OR&R's Senior Marine Biologist Gary Shigenaka.
- **Oct. 15:** Harmful Algal Blooms with Quay Dortch, senior harmful algal bloom (HAB) scientist, NOAA.

More info: [https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/oil-and-chemical-spills/oil-spills/orr-lecture-series-you-dont-know-what-you-dont-know?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=GovDelivery](https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/oil-and-chemical-spills/oil-spills/orr-lecture-series-you-dont-know-what-you-dont-know?utm_medium=email&utm_source=GovDelivery)

### SHORELINE CLEANUP PROCESSES AND EQUIPMENT

When oil reaches the shoreline, considerable effort may be required to clean the affected areas. It is therefore essential that comprehensive and well-rehearsed arrangements for shoreline clean-up are included in contingency plans.

The techniques available for shoreline clean-up are relatively straightforward and do not normally require specialized equipment. However, inappropriate techniques and poor organization can aggravate the impacts caused by the oil itself.

25th September, 2020 @ 1500 hrs. (IST). Presenters:

Christian Ole Ingvorsen, Business Development and Sales Manager, [coi@desmi.com](mailto:coi@desmi.com)

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[More info](#)

### PLANNING AHEAD IN A PANDEMIC : THE SCIENTIFIC OUTLOOK. COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR

If you did not see our webinar last month with public health expert Alanna Shaikh (Global Health & Bio Security Expert) and immunologist Luke O'Neill (Chair of Immunity and Infection Panel, European Research Council) please do consider taking the time to watch it. These two extremely qualified specialists to give their unbiased views on the possibilities that lie ahead.

They are joined by Dominick Hoare (Group CUO, Munich Re Syndicates) and Martin McCluney (Managing Director, U.S Liability Practice) who speculate what this might mean for the insurance community. [View the webinar here](#)

Everyone is holding their breath wondering what is to come in the next few months. Luke & Alanna take a full hours worth of questioning from the marine insurance community and they give a sobering response to some of the speculation in the mainstream news.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### EXPERIMENTATION ON HNS BEHAVIOUR

As part of the "Chemical behaviour at sea and response sheets" project, funded by the French Navy and the French Ministry for the Ecological Transition (MTE), Cedre has continued to pursue its experimental study on the fate of chemicals at sea, through trials in floating mesocosms conducted in June and July. Through these trials, the fate of a slick of 5-methylhexan-2-one and 2-butoxyethyl

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (CONTINUED)

acetate was determined by regular sampling at the surface, in the water column and in the atmosphere. The results obtained will help to fine-tune response strategies, generally established based on the physical and chemical properties determined in the laboratory and to define the risks to which emergency response teams may be exposed. The results of these different experimentation programmes will be used to draft response sheets. CEDRE / [Read more in the latest issue of the CEDRE Newsletter](#)

## MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

### POSTPONEMENT OF CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are officially postponing the October 20-22, 2020 [CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition](#) to **November 16-18, 2021**.

Please know that our decision did not come lightly as we were genuinely looking forward to celebrating CLEAN GULF's 30th Anniversary. But, after extensive consultation with industry and regulatory community representatives, as well as our valuable sponsors, we all share the same safety concerns that prompted us to postpone. Additionally, because local and state regulations limiting the size and scope of events such as ours are currently still in place, we are unable to deliver the CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition that our community deserves. Your safety IS our top priority, as well as maintaining the CLEAN GULF experience of a quality learning and networking event.

The CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition will now take place November 16-18, 2021 in San Antonio, Texas, and we look forward to all joining safely together to recognize and celebrate our 30th year. Please contact the CLEAN GULF Team if you have any questions regarding logistics.

We appreciate your support and patience during this time. As your conference chairman, please be assured that we are committed to providing a safe event for our community to connect, learn and share in our common environmental mission. Jimmy A. Martinez, Deputy Director, Texas General Land Office, Conference Chair, CLEAN GULF Conference

### ARCTIC SHIPPING VIRTUAL WEEK

27 – 30 October 2020 Virtual event, Live-streamed & Available On-Demand Afterwards.

Bringing together the European and North American Arctic Shipping Forum series. Focusing on the regulatory, strategic, operational and technological developments for the Arctic region. [More info and full agenda](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

### TRANSLATIONS FOR 'OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE: AN INTRODUCTION' NOW AVAILABLE

September 17 - The 2019 update of the [IPIECA-IOGP Oil spill preparedness and response: An introduction](#) guidance document is now available in French, German, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish language versions.

As with the English-original, these translated documents offer an introductory overview of the broad topics of oil spill preparedness and response, and provide signposting and hyperlinks to the full range of guidance materials, detailed reports and technical support documents in the [IPIECA-IOGP oil spill series](#).

These documents supersede the 2015 publication and associated translations under the same title and, for the first time, encompass sub-sea well intervention and Arctic response.

Bringing together 45 years of experience and knowledge from member companies, IPIECA develops and disseminates good practice to enable the industry and its partners to improve oil spill preparedness and response globally. [Download the translations here.](#)

## CONTRACTS, TENDERS & BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: USA & EUROPE

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EUROPE – European Maritime Safety Agency invitations to tender are often posted in The EMSA Newsletter.

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

ISCO Members 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 sent to the Editor.

COUNTRY	2020	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
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MALTA	POSTPONED	<a href="#">Regional Meeting of National Experts on the Post-2021 Mediterranean Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships</a>	
UK	October 12-13	<a href="#">El Hazardous Area Classification</a>	Online
UK	October 12-14	<a href="#">IMO Council Meeting</a>	Online
UK	October 19-23	<a href="#">IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee</a>	Online
USA	POSTPONED	<a href="#">Clean Gulf Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>	
UK	October 27-29	<a href="#">Arctic Shipping Forum North America</a>	Online
MONACO	October 27-28	<a href="#">Regional Workshop to enhance Marine Oil and HNS regional cooperation in the Mediterranean (MEDEXPOL 2020)</a>	Online
NETHERLANDS	November 4-5	<a href="#">European Environmental Ports Conference 2020</a>	Rotterdam
USA	November 5	<a href="#">NAMEPA Marine Conference &amp; Awards</a>	Online
SWEDEN	Nov. 26-27	<a href="#">Swedish National Oil Spill Conference 2020</a>	Online
MALTA	December 2	<a href="#">Fourth Meeting of the Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention</a>	Online
UK	December 2-4	<a href="#">Salvage &amp; Wreck Removal Conference</a>	Online
UK	December 2-4	<a href="#">Meetings of the IOPC Funds' Governing Bodies</a>	London
BAHREIN	December 7-8	<a href="#">El Middle East HSE Forum</a>	Bahrein
MALTA	December 10	<a href="#">Regional Meeting of National Experts on the Post-2021 Mediterranean Strategy for Prevention of and Marine Pollution from Ships</a>	Online
COUNTRY	2021	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
ICELAND	March 2-4	<a href="#">International Symposium on Plastics in the Arctic and Sub-Arctic Region</a>	Online
FRANCE	March 23	<a href="#">CEDRE Information Day on Containers</a>	Paris
USA	May 9	<a href="#">APICOM GM Meeting</a>	New Orleans LA
USA	May 10-13	<a href="#">International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC 2021)</a>	New Orleans, LA
MALTA	May 25-27	<a href="#">Fourteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)</a>	Valetta
CANADA	June 8-10	<a href="#">43rd AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response</a>	Edmonton, Alberta
USA	June 8-10	<a href="#">Elastec Spill Workshop 2021</a>	Carmi, IL
USA	June 28-30	<a href="#">Clean Pacific Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>	Seattle, WA
USA	September 7-10	<a href="#">Hazmat Emergency Response Workshop</a>	Sacramento, CA
USA	Nov. 16-18	<a href="#">Clean Gulf Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>	San Antonio, TX
COUNTRY	2022	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
NETHERLANDS	Details TBA	<a href="#">Interspill Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>	Amsterdam

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 Marine and shipping-related news from BIMCO  
 News and commentary on HSE issues from George Holliday  
 News from Cedre in Brittany, France

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## INCIDENT REPORTS

### FROM NOAA OR&R - INCIDENT RESPONSES FOR AUGUST 2020

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*Photo: On Aug. 21, 2020, 3 barrels (126 gallons) of oil reportedly discharged from a Hilcorp platform in Southwest Pass near Venice, Louisiana. The discharge was secured and containment boom was deployed to contain the oil within the area surrounding the facility. No shoreline impacts or oiled wildlife were observed. Image credit: U.S. Coast Guard.*

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- [TPIC Platform Explosion Main Pass 67](#)
- [Mystery Sheen IVO 238](#)
- [FV SAAMI Aground](#)
- [S/V Ocean Lady Grounding](#)
- [Mystery Sheen](#)
- [SM-3 Barge Grounding](#)

## SRI LANKA: CONTINUATION OF REPORTS TIMELINE

### September 13 - Salvors Complete Dive Inspection of Fire-Damaged VLCC New Diamond

The fire-damaged tanker New Diamond is "stable and safe" at a position about 50 nautical miles off the coast of Sri Lanka, the Indian Navy reported Sunday. A joint Sri Lankan Navy, Indian Navy and commercial salvage team completed an underwater dive inspection to assess the vessel's integrity on Sunday. The salvors are still working on deballasting the vessel and blanking an underwater non-return valve, according to the Indian Navy. Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

**September 14 - Sri Lanka has initiated repair work on the ruptured fuel oil tank** in the engine room of a stricken fully loaded oil supertanker after plugging the leak, the country's Navy said.

The supertanker is currently 52 nautical miles (96 kms) from the Sri Lankan coast, Navy spokesman Indika de Silva said.

"Salvors are on board, they plugged the leak and the repair is still going...They have vacated the ruptured tank and transferred the dirty water into the ballast section," de Silva told Reuters. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

### September 16 - Sri Lanka Seeks Compensation and Will Charge New Diamond's Captain

Sri Lanka confirmed that it will seek compensation for the firefighting efforts and is also planning to bring charges against the captain of the burnt-out VLCC the New Diamond. Speaking to the media the Attorney General's office said that it would seek to hold the owners of the vessel accountable for all environmental damage as well as the costs incurred in the firefight and ongoing recovery. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

### September 17 - Captain of 'MT New Diamond' noticed to appear in court

The Colombo Magistrate's Court today issued notice on the Captain of the 'MT New Diamond' oil tanker to appear before the court on September 28. Notice was issued by Colombo Additional Magistrate Priyantha Liyanage after considering a request made by Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa Peiris, appearing on behalf of the CID which is conducting investigations. Adaderana / [Read more](#)

**September 19 - The laboratory report by the Government Analyst on the oil samples collected from the stricken MT New Diamond vessel will be presented to the Attorney General's Department on Monday**, the Chairman of the Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA), Attorney-at-Law Dharshini Lahandapura said. Sri Lanka is seeking compensation for its efforts to combat the fire on the MT New Diamond and averting a large scale disaster. MSN / [Read more](#)

### September 20 - Oil slick from MT New Diamond located 02 nautical miles close to distressed tanker

Dr. Terney Pradeep Kumara, the General Manager of MEPA said the oil slick is currently located in a 02 nautical mile area close to the distress Super Tanker. Sri Lanka Air Force airdropped dispersant to minimize the potential impact on the marine environment. News First / [Read more](#)

## VENEZUELA: LARGE OIL SPILL WASHES UP TO VENEZUELA SHORES.

September 13 - Oil has washed up to Venezuela's west coast after a leak in a pipeline that takes crude to the country's main refinery, national oil company PDVSA said on Saturday. The spill has spread over more than 13 kilometers (eight miles) according to the environmental commission of the opposition-majority national parliament. Deccan Herald / [Read more](#)

## TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: GOV'T PREPARING TEAM TO INSPECT NABARIMA VESSEL

September 16 - Minister of Foreign and Caricom Affairs Dr Amery Browne said TT is preparing an inspection team to visit the vessel Nabarima to confirm if the sinking ship poses any threat. The sinking tanker, which is permanently docked between Venezuela and TT has nearly 1.1 million barrels of crude oil stored in it. Newsday / [Read more](#)

## MAURITIUS: CONTINUATION OF REPORTS TIMELINE

### September 16 - Ecological rescue mission for Mauritian reptiles affected by oil spill.

Conservationists from Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, Mauritian Wildlife Foundation (MWF), BirdLife International, National Parks and Conservation Service of Mauritius (NPCS), and Forestry Service have enabled the emergency rescue of three species of rare reptiles, which might otherwise be facing extinction, following the Wakashio oil spill in Mauritius. The reptile rescue was made possible with the support of the Jean Boule Group and further builds on their history of conservation in Mauritius.

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## INCIDENT REPORTS (CONTINUED)

**September 18 - AfDB approves \$500k aid grant to Mauritius for recovery after oil spill.** The Board of Directors of the [African Development Bank](http://www.AfDB.org) (www.AfDB.org) on Wednesday approved a \$500,000 emergency assistance grant to support international recovery efforts after a significant oil spill earlier this year off the coast of Mauritius. The funding, to be sourced from the Special Relief Fund, will complement ongoing activities by the government of [Mauritius](#), development partners, and other actors to undertake salvaging and cleaning operations, conduct damage and loss assessments, along with other socio-economic evaluations. Devdiscourse / [Read more](#)

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## AND NOW FOR A DASH OF HUMOUR ...

Following last week's news that Origami Bank had folded, we are hearing that Sumo Bank has gone belly up and Bonsai Bank plans to cut back some of its branches. Karaoke Bank is up for sale and is going for a song. Meanwhile, 500 back-office staff at Karate Bank got the chop. And analysts report that there is something fishy going on at Sushi Bank and staff there fear they may get a raw deal... [Thanks to Nick Elliott / The Maritime Advocate]

Members and readers are invited to send contributions to the Editor. We could all be doing with something to cheer us up.

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