

Update on IMO's International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation

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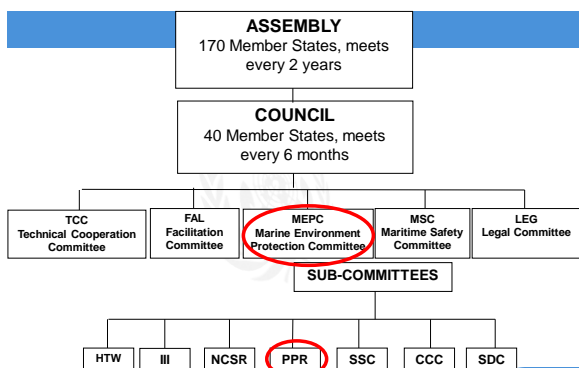
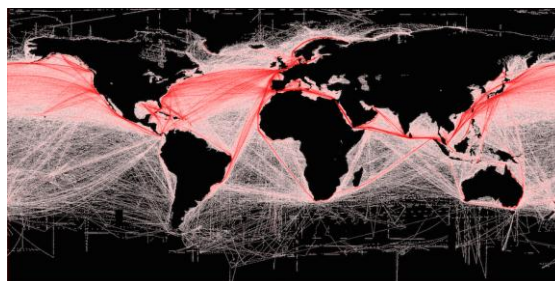


IMO's mandate:

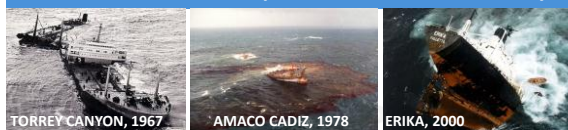
Safe, secure and efficient shipping on cleaner oceans



Need for international regulation



Prevention, Compensation & Liability



Development of idea → Proposal to IMO Committee → Discussion, refer to Sub-Committee, working group → Development of draft Regulation, circular, Code or resolution → Adoption of new regulation or amendment to existing measure



Preparedness and Response



EXXON VALDEZ, Prince William Sound, Alaska – March 1989

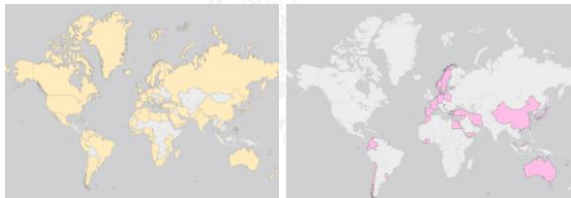
- Adoption of the International Convention on Oil Pollution, Preparedness, Response and Cooperation (OPRC) – November 1990
- Importance of effective preparation
- Pollution emergency plans for ships, offshore units, sea ports and oil handling facilities
- Reporting requirements and development of adequate response capacity
- Need for mutual aid and international cooperation



OPRC Convention

International convention on oil pollution preparedness, response and co-operation, 1990

Protocol on preparedness, response and co-operation to pollution incidents by hazardous and noxious substances, 2000



OPRC Convention – Key Articles

Article	Description
3	Oil pollution emergency plans
4	Oil pollution reporting procedures
5	Action on receiving an oil pollution report
6	National and Regional systems for preparedness and response
7	International co-operation in pollution response

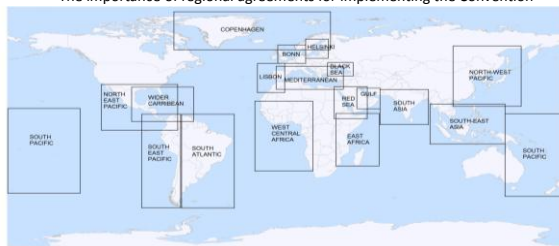


Cooperation: A regional approach

Article 10

Promotion of bilateral and multilateral co-operation in preparedness and response.

The importance of regional agreements for implementing the Convention



25 years of OPRC

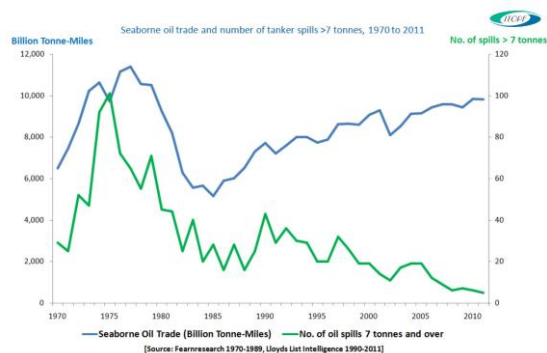
108 Member States

>100 Workshops/training courses/seminars

25 Manuals/Guidelines/Guidance

15 Regional agreements / initiatives supported

3 Model Training courses



Incidents still happen and still challenge



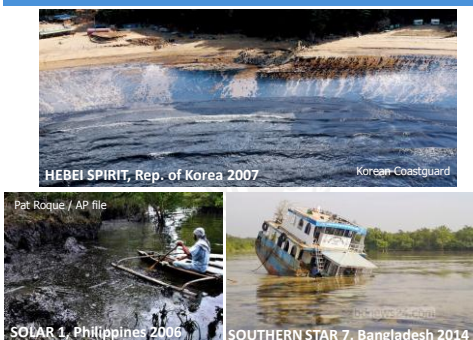
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Encouraging effective International cooperation



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OPRC related developments

Guidelines completed at PPR 2



- Guidelines on International offers of assistance in response to a marine oil pollution incident
- Tool to assist in managing requests for spill response resources and offers of assistance from other countries and organizations when confronted with large, complex or significant oil spill incidents



- Part III of the Guidelines for the use of dispersants for combating oil pollution at sea (Operational and technical sheets for surface application of dispersants)
- Parts I (Basic information) and II (National policy) were approved by MEPC 65

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OPRC related developments

Guidelines completed at PPR 3



- Section II of the Manual on Oil Pollution – Contingency planning
- Extensive use as reference material by countries developing or updating their National oil spill contingency planning for offshore units and more general advances in the field of contingency planning



- Guide on oil spill response in ice and snow conditions
- Used to identify and describe those aspects of planning and operations that are directly associated with a response to a marine oil spill in ice and snow conditions anywhere in the world, including a summary of the most up to date research and development in this field.

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OPRC related developments

Guidelines and tools currently under development



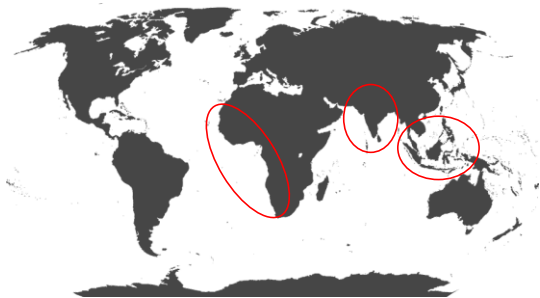
- Part IV of the IMO Dispersant Guidelines (Sub-sea dispersant application)
- Work underway by a correspondence group who aim to submit at final draft to PPR 4 (Jan 2017)



- Update of OPRC Model training course
- Final review of materials underway with an aim to submit at final draft to PPR 4 (Jan 2017)
- Level 3 – Strategic – Administrators and Senior managers
- Level 2 – Tactical – Supervisors/On Scene Commanders
- Level 1 – Operational – First Responders
- Level 0 – Raising awareness – Basic introduction

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Current OPRC Regional Projects



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The GI WACAF project

- **Goal:** Enhance oil spill response capability in West, Central, and Southern Africa
- **Scope:** Organise trainings, exercises and workshops
- **Key feature:** Partnership between Industry/Government
- **Area:** Covers 22 countries
 - Funding from IMO
 - Funding from IPEICA: 10 oil industries members



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22 countries of the
GI WACAF Project



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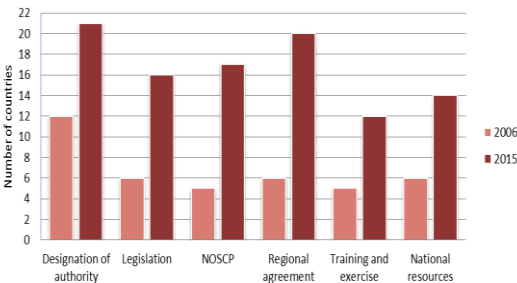
GI WACAF – Core Objectives

1. Legislation
2. Contingency planning
3. Designation of authority
4. Trans-boundary agreements
5. Training and exercise
6. National resources

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What has been achieved?

GI WACAF Key Performance Indicators Results



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What type of activities?

Diversification of GI WACAF Programme per biennium



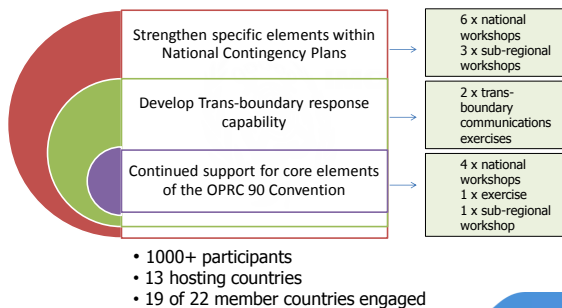
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Nigeria / Cameroon trans-boundary exercise (2015)

- 150+ participants from both government and industry
- Exercise scenario based on a tanker accident impacting the Nigeria and Cameroon coastlines
- Exercise was conducted in real time simultaneously in two locations
- The purpose was to test lines of communication and promote agreements between Cameroon and Nigeria on oil spill topics

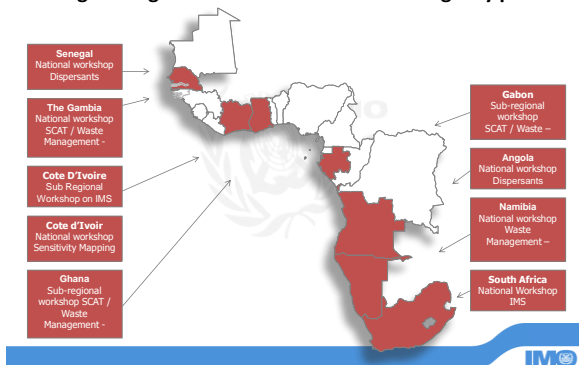


Summary of 2014 – 2015 Activities



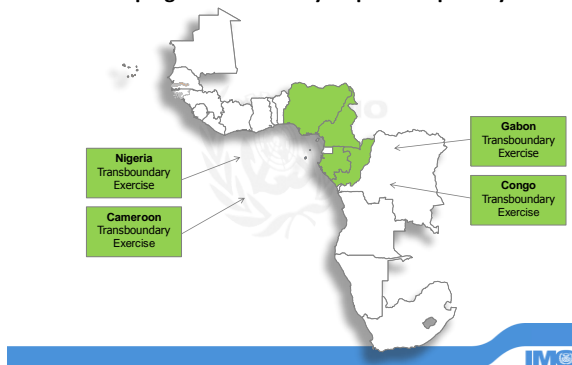
2014 – 2015 Activities

Strengthening elements with national contingency plans



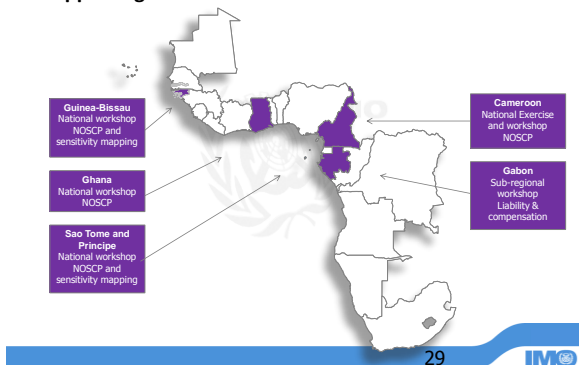
2014 – 2015 Activities

Developing trans-boundary response capability



2014 – 2015 Activities

Supporting core elements of the OPRC 90 Convention



Current challenges for Pollution, Preparedness, Response and Cooperation

- Maintaining preparedness with fewer resources
- Ships increasing in size
- Encouraging HNS preparedness and response



Thank you

