



DEVELOPMENTS IN SPILL RESPONSE

+ ILLUSTRATIVE CASE STUDY

15th February 2024
PAJ Oil Spill Workshop 2024





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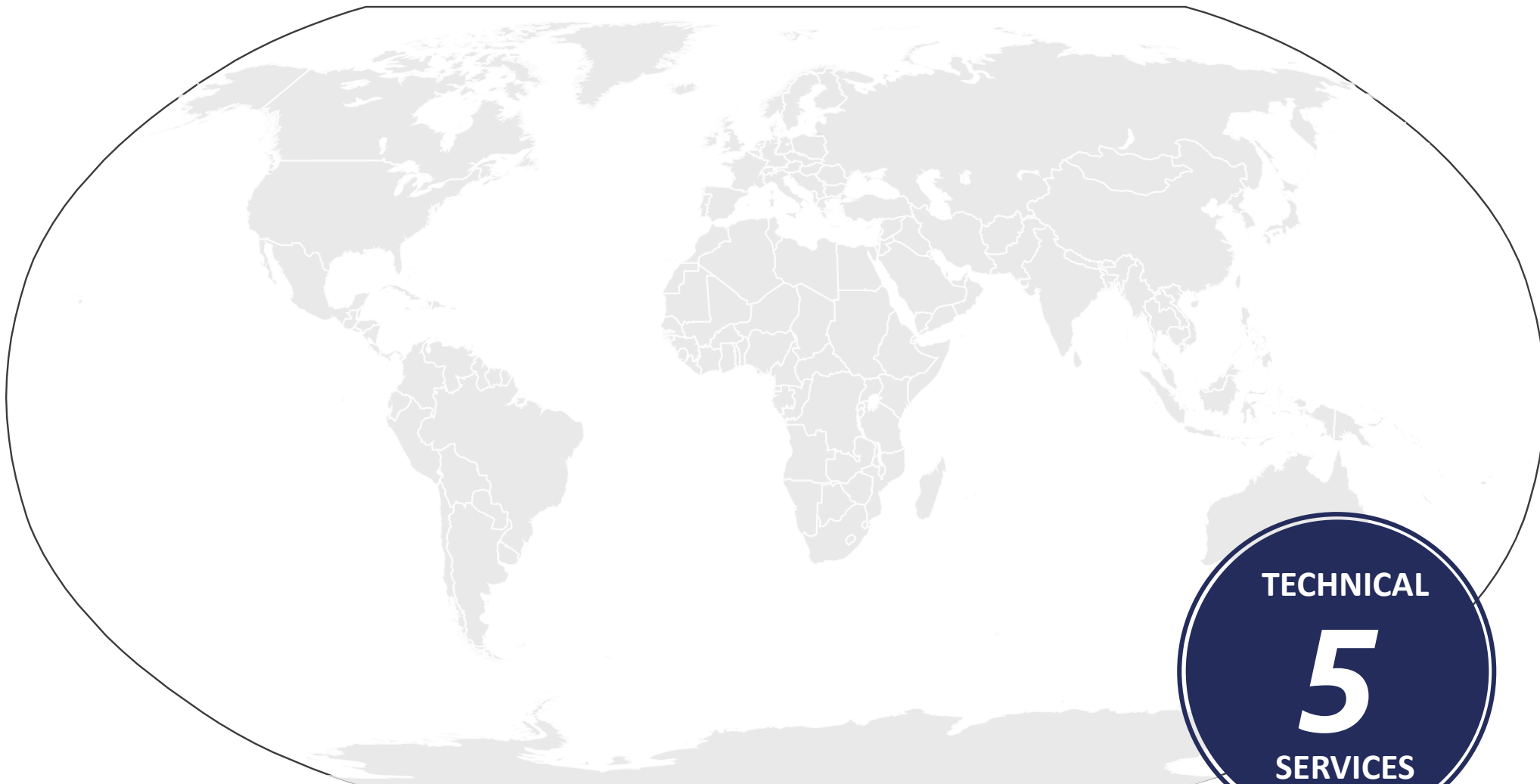


ITOPF'S AIM:



**PROMOTING EFFECTIVE
SPILL RESPONSE**






TECHNICAL
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SERVICES

ITOPF

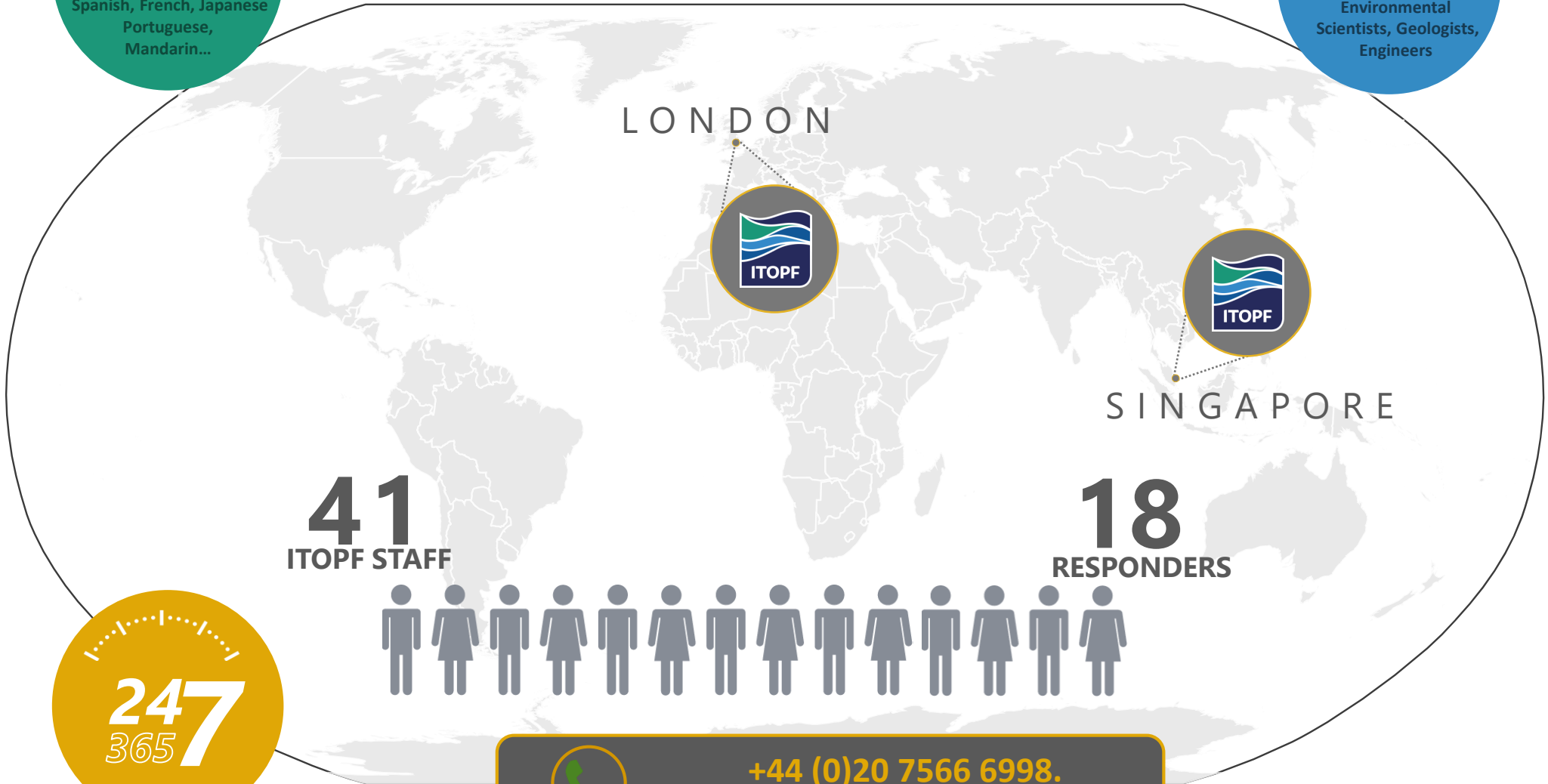
BACKGROUND



Multi-lingual
Fluency in English,
Spanish, French, Japanese
Portuguese,
Mandarin...



Multi-skilled
Biologists, Chemists,
Environmental
Scientists, Geologists,
Engineers




41
ITOPF STAFF

18
RESPONDERS



24/7
365

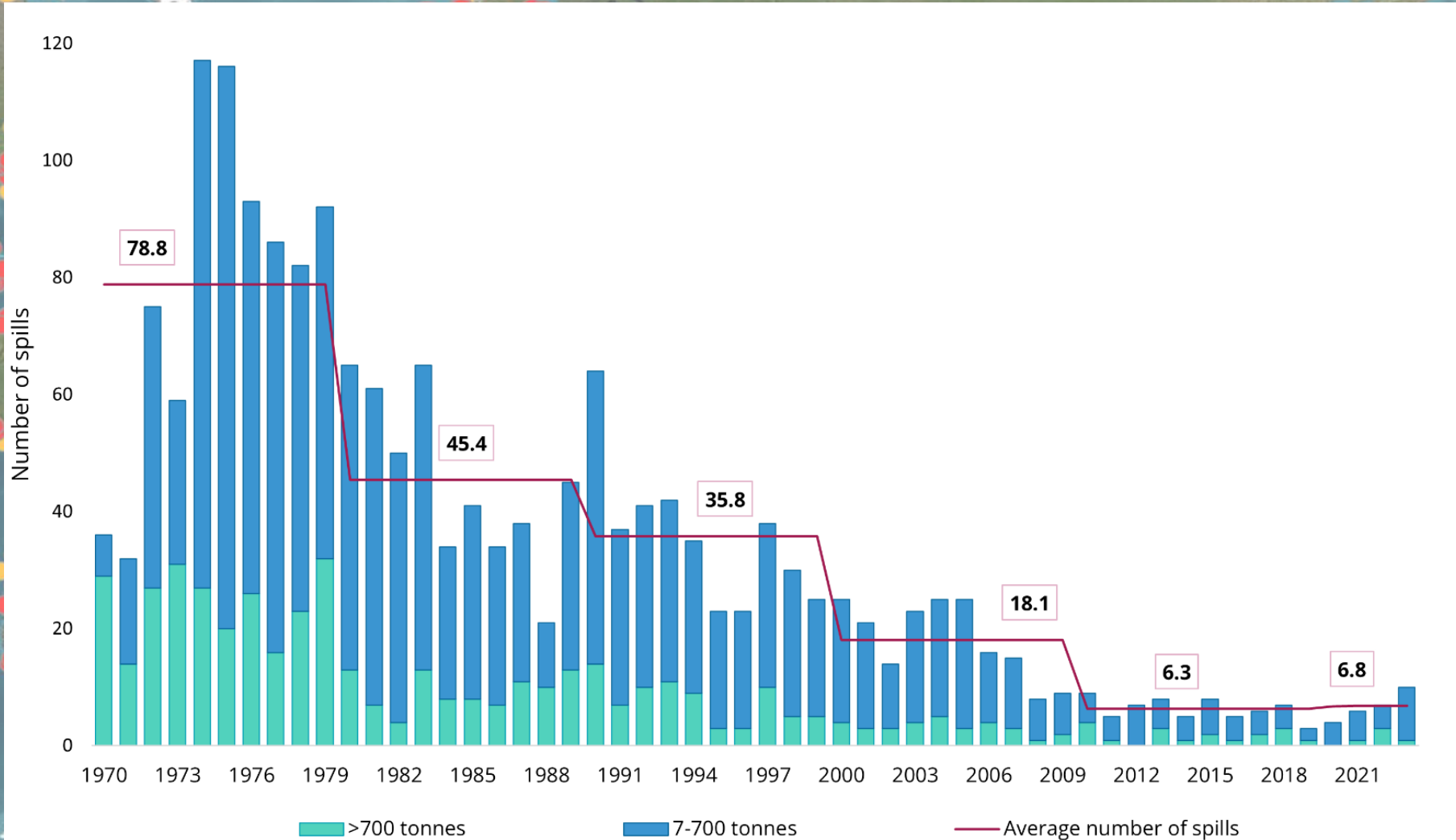


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GLOBAL SPILL TRENDS

1970 - 2023



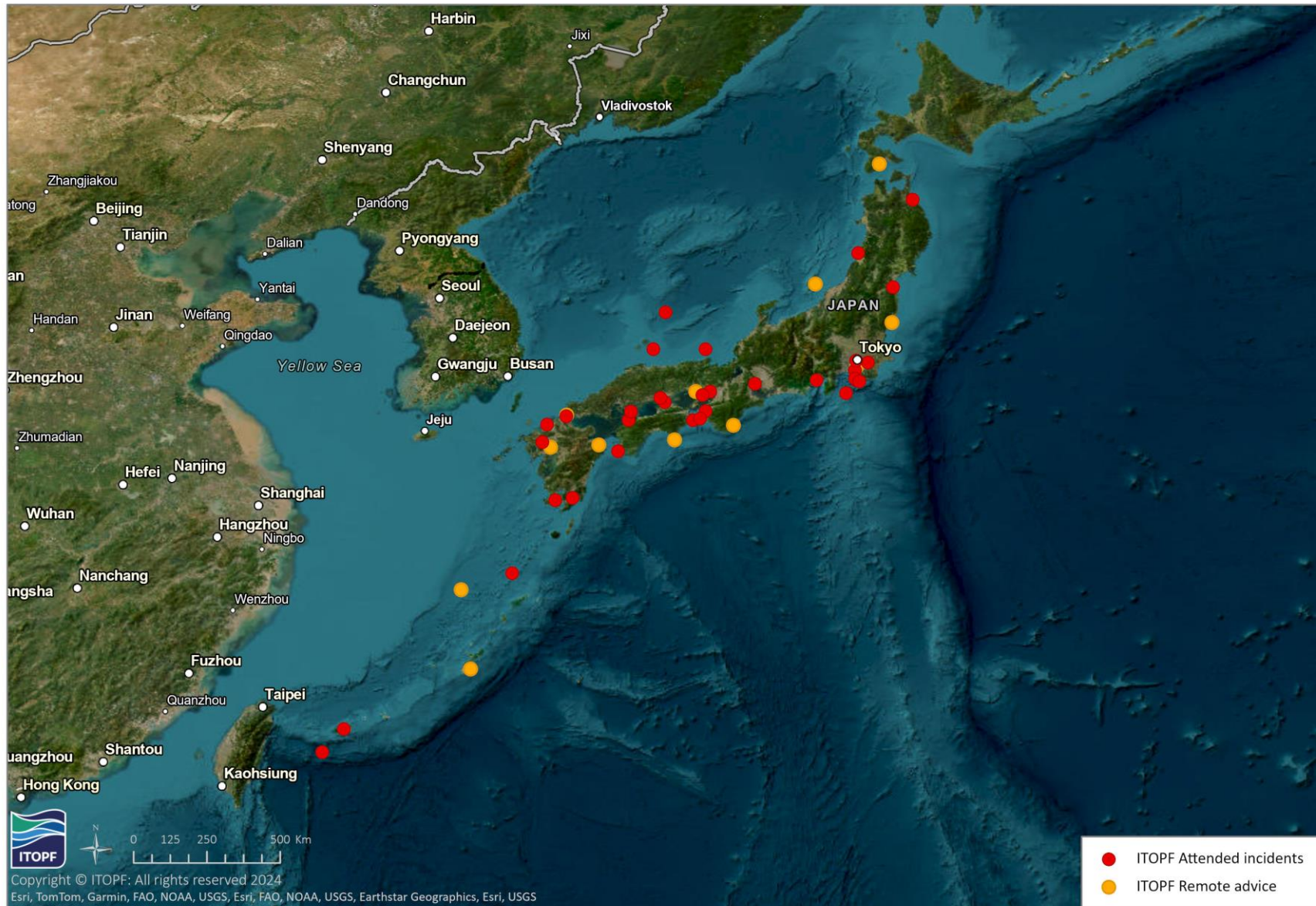


THE ISSUE

Lack of preparedness
Lack of awareness
Lack of experience

But spills
can and do
still happen

ITOPF IN JAPAN



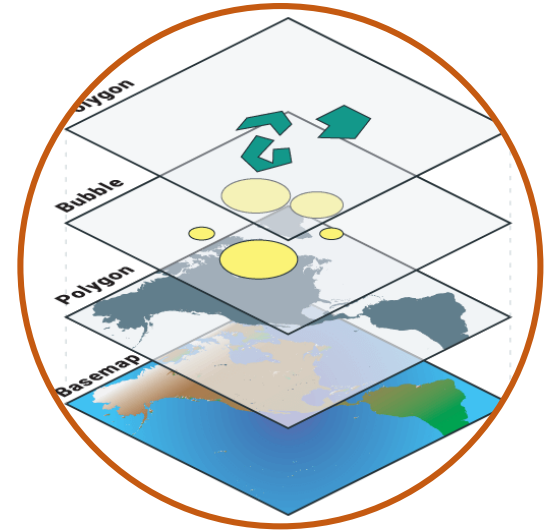
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DRONES



SATELLITES



GIS

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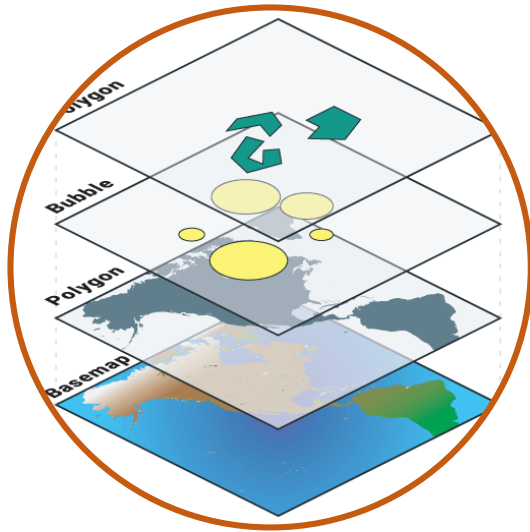


SATELLITES



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NEW TECHNOLOGY



GIS



X-Press Pearl - Survey data summary (FOG)

Nurdle contamination (Last 7 days)

Contamination Level	Count
Low	2
Medium	2
None	6
Ultra low	15

Nurdle contamination - Last 7 days

Nurdle weight (g)

- High (>30)
- Medium (>5)
- Low (>2)
- Ultra low (>0)
- None (0)
- Other

🔍 Nurdle contamination surveys

Survey date is on

27/11/2023

10/01/2022

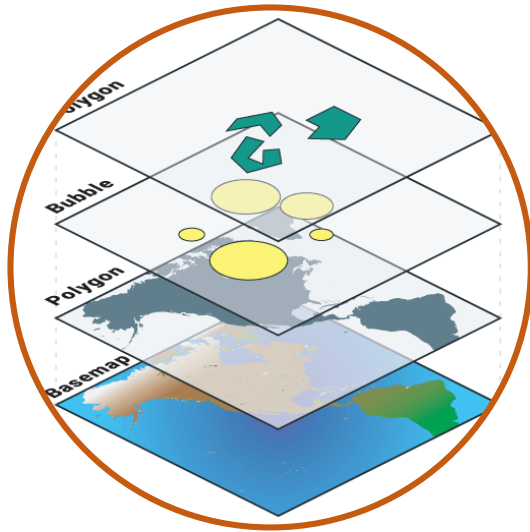
Surveys per person

District	Surveys per person
Aris	5
Dulanji	10
Eranda	2
Lumbini	8

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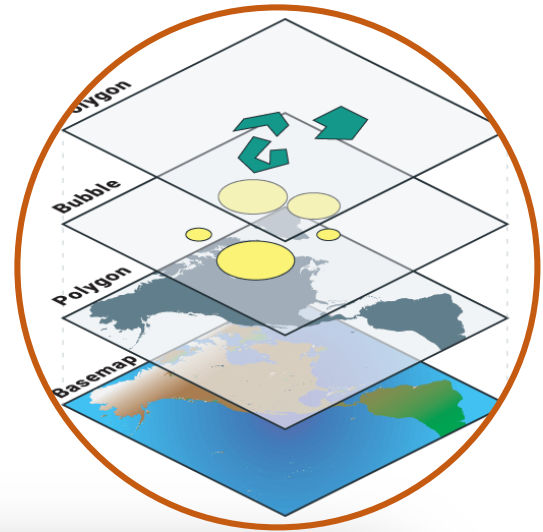
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REMOTE ADVICE VIRTUAL PLATFORMS

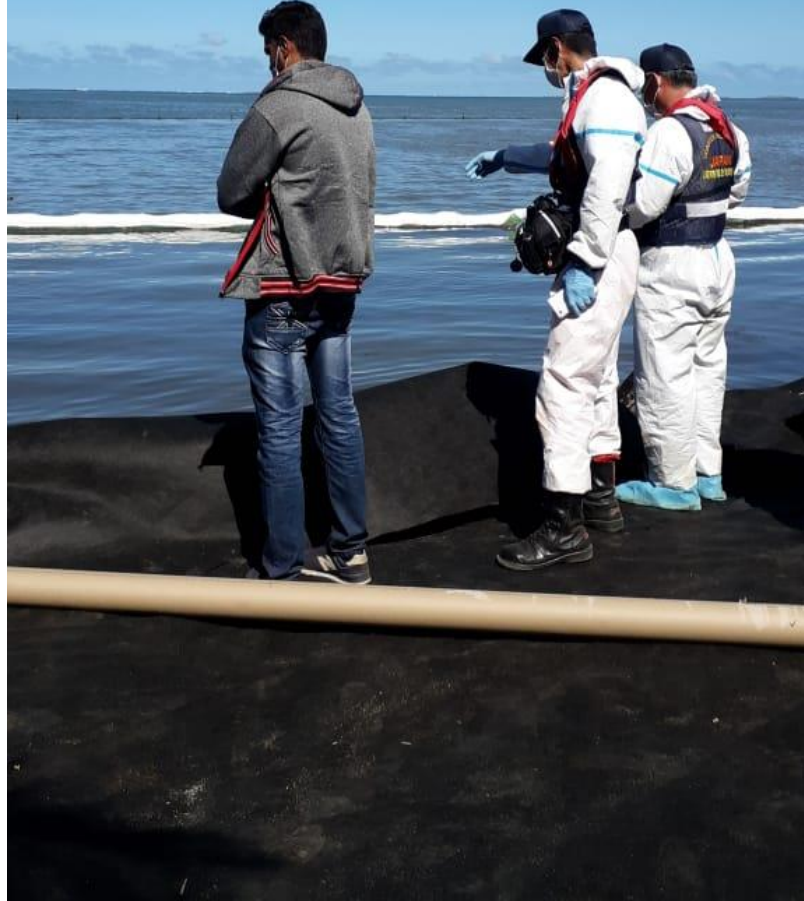
WORK FROM HOME



PROS

- **Reduces impacts on quality of life** for responders and their families;
- **Reduces worker stress** and tiredness by avoiding jet lag, fatigue etc, thereby increases productivity;
- **Reduces the overall costs** of mobilising and supporting large command centres of personnel;
- **Reduces the GHG footprint** of the response.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE



CONS

- **Limits the ability to build relationships;** as a result trust between different parties is harder to establish;
- **Reduces the range of perspectives** and limits the amount of technical input that can be provided;
- **Key aspects may be missed** by inexperienced responders;
- **Training opportunities are limited.**

ESG

ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL, GOVERNANCE

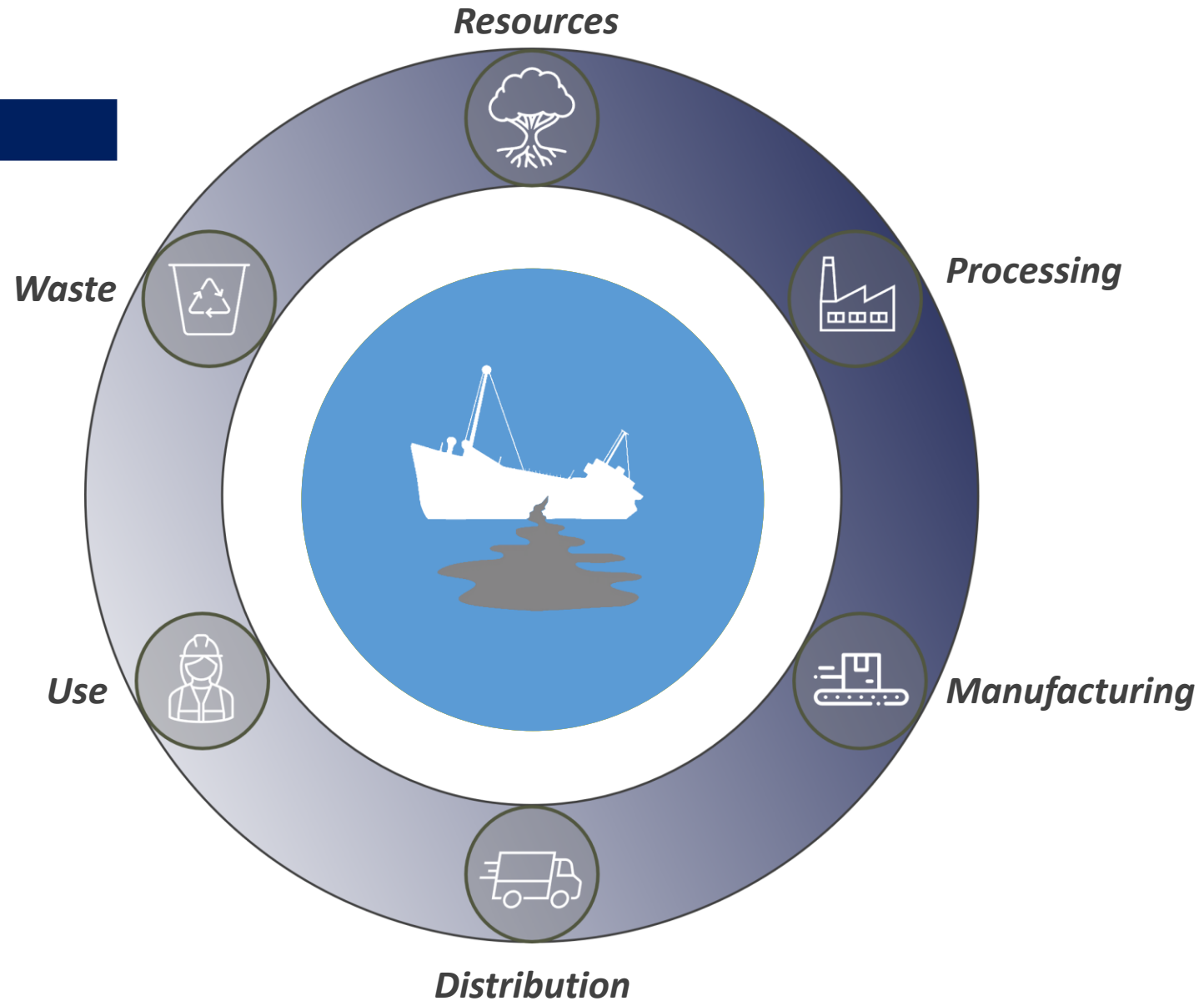
- **MEASURING GHG**
IN CASUALTY RESPONSE

- **ESG IMPACTS**
OVERALL MANAGEMENT



LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS

Cradle to Grave



POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

CONTINGENCY PLANNING



Technical expertise

OPERATIONS



Waste Management

PROJECT EVALUATION



Wreck removal



Stockpiles



End-points



Tendering

- Relatively new fuel that has seen widespread uptake due to IMO 2020 Regulations.
- Research ongoing in fate and behaviour in marine environment.
- Range of behaviours depending on physical and chemical properties.

LOW SULFUR FUEL OIL

Ultra low <0.1%
Very low <0.5%
Low <3.5%

Parameters	Units	Test Results	Specification Limits
Density @ 15°C	kg/m3	878.9	(975.0 Max)
viscosity @50°C	cSt	9.2	(30.0 Max)
Upper Pour Point	°C	21	(24 Max)
Carbon Residue	% (mass)	0.01	(10.00 Max)
Flash Point	°C	> 70.0	(60.0 Min)
Water	% (vol)	0.1	(0.5 Max)
Sulphur	% (mass)	0.36	(0.50 Max)



NURDLES

What are nurdles?

- Pre-production plastic pellet
- Shipped in one tonne pallets of 25 kg bags
- Mixed with melted plastic fragments



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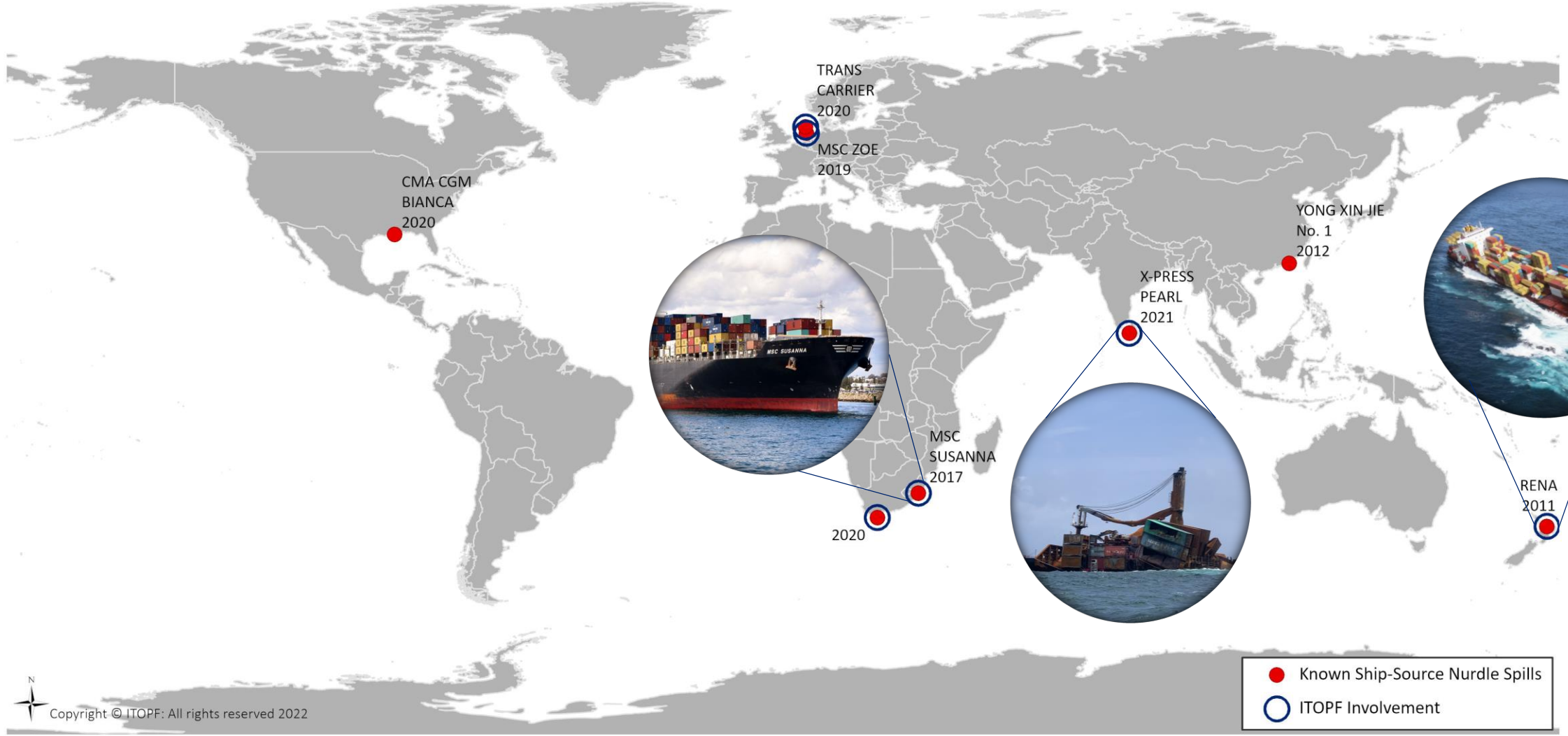
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HOW ARE NURDLES LOST?



CASE STUDY:
**PRINCESS
EMPRESS**



BATANGAS

MINDORO

CALUYA

T A B L A S S T R A I T

Oil tanker **PRINCESS EMPRESS** sank on 28th February 2023, 8 km off Naujan, Oriental Mindoro.



ITOPF attendance (Mindoro): 1st Mar

INCIDENT BACKGROUND

Pollutants of Concern

Cargo: 825 MT IFO 380



Bunkers: 113 MT diesel oil

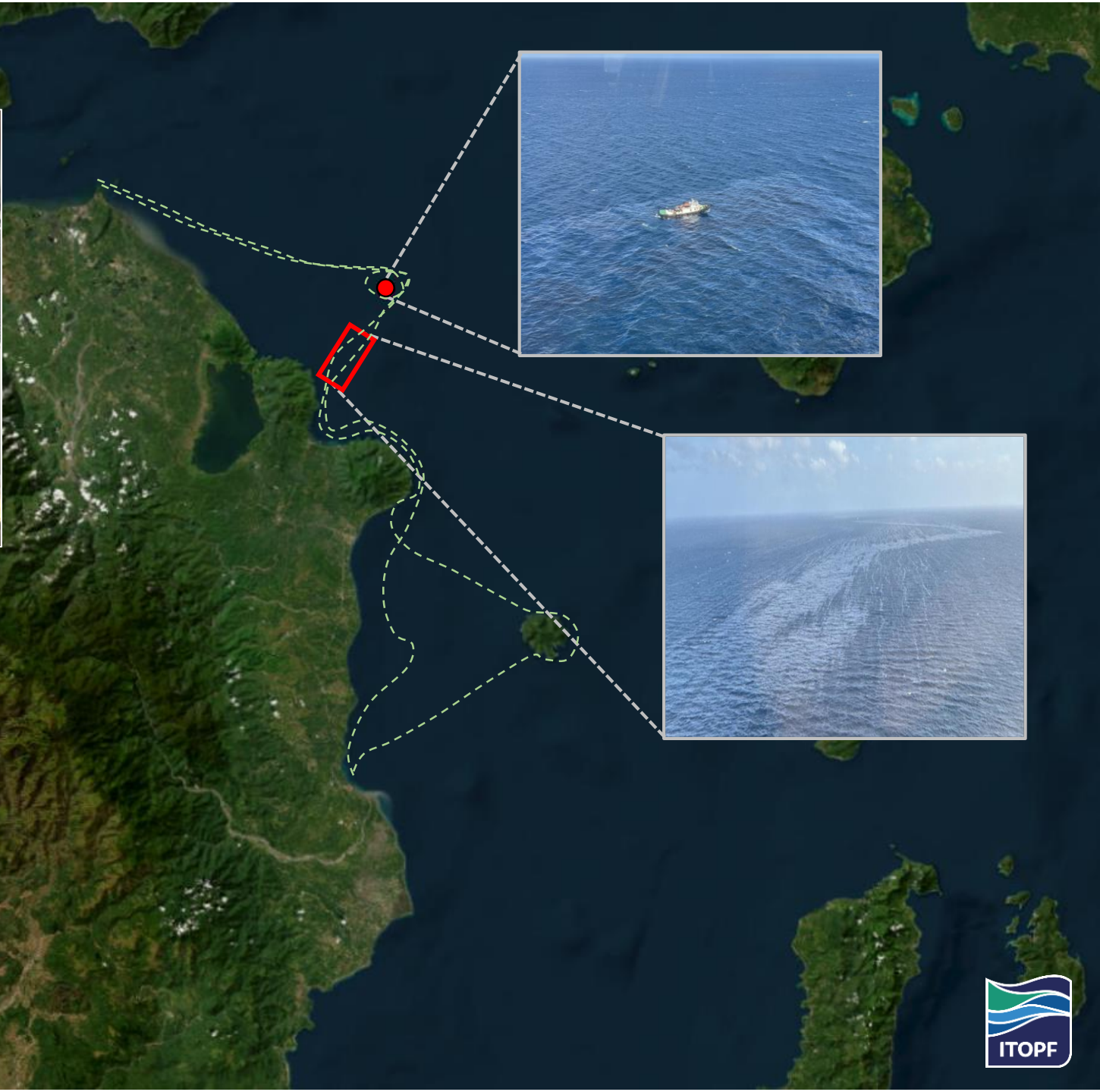


OIL DRIFT MONITORING

Aerial Surveillance

3rd March: Joint PCG/ITOPF aerial surveillance mission

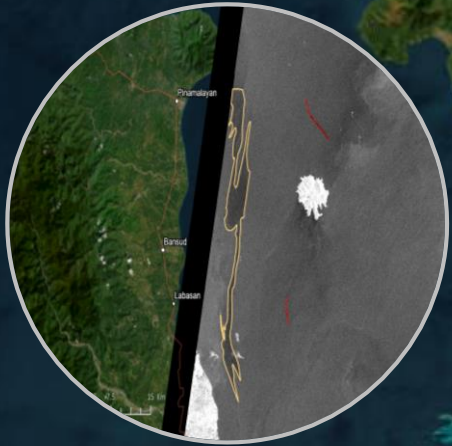




OIL DRIFT MONITORING

Aerial Surveillance

**SATELLITE
IMAGERY**



1st March 2023

**AERIAL
SURVEY**



1st March 2023 at 13:52 LT

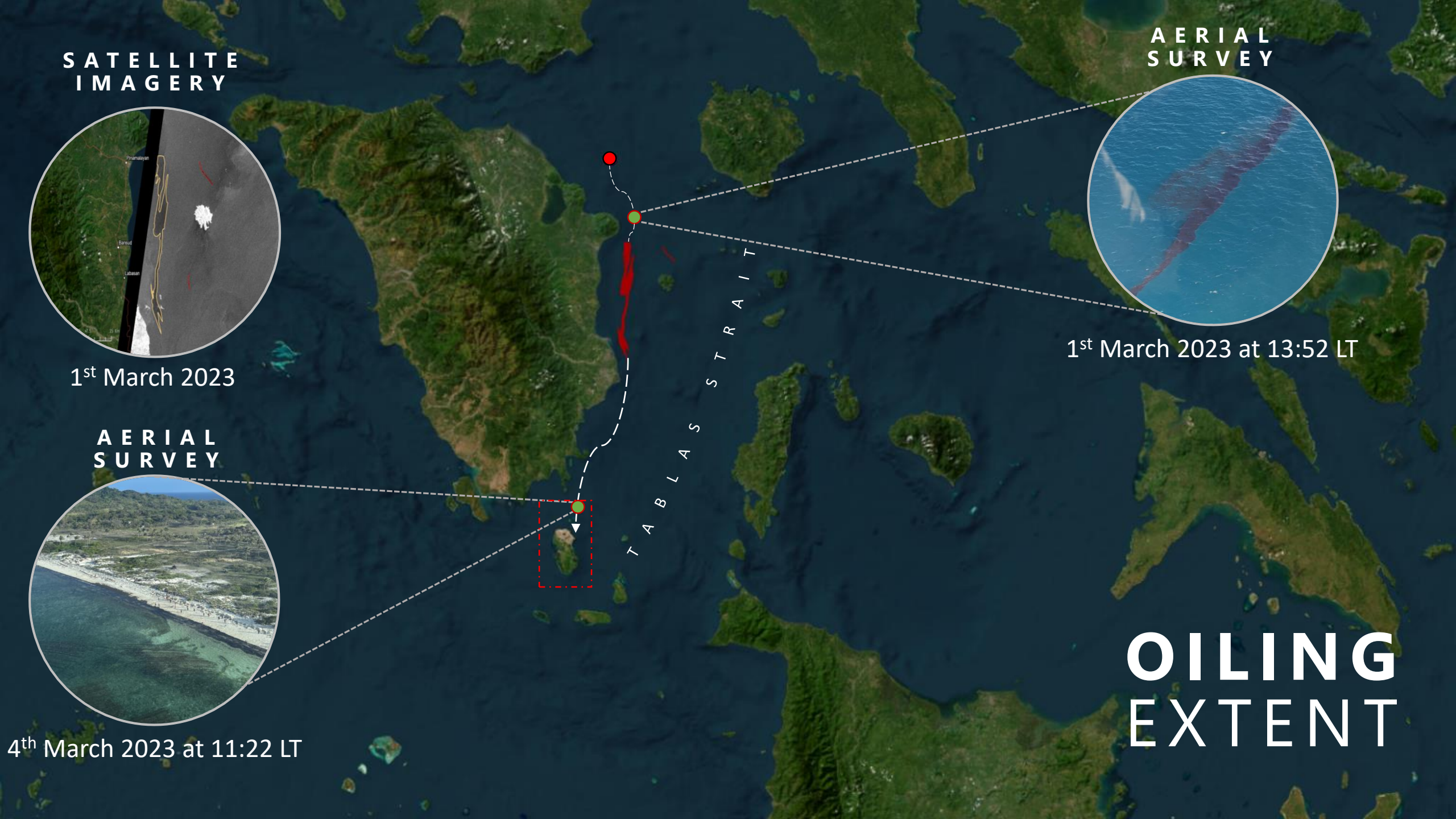
**AERIAL
SURVEY**



4th March 2023 at 11:22 LT

T A B L A S S T R A I T

**OILING
EXTENT**

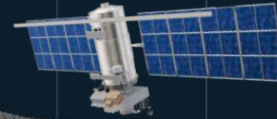


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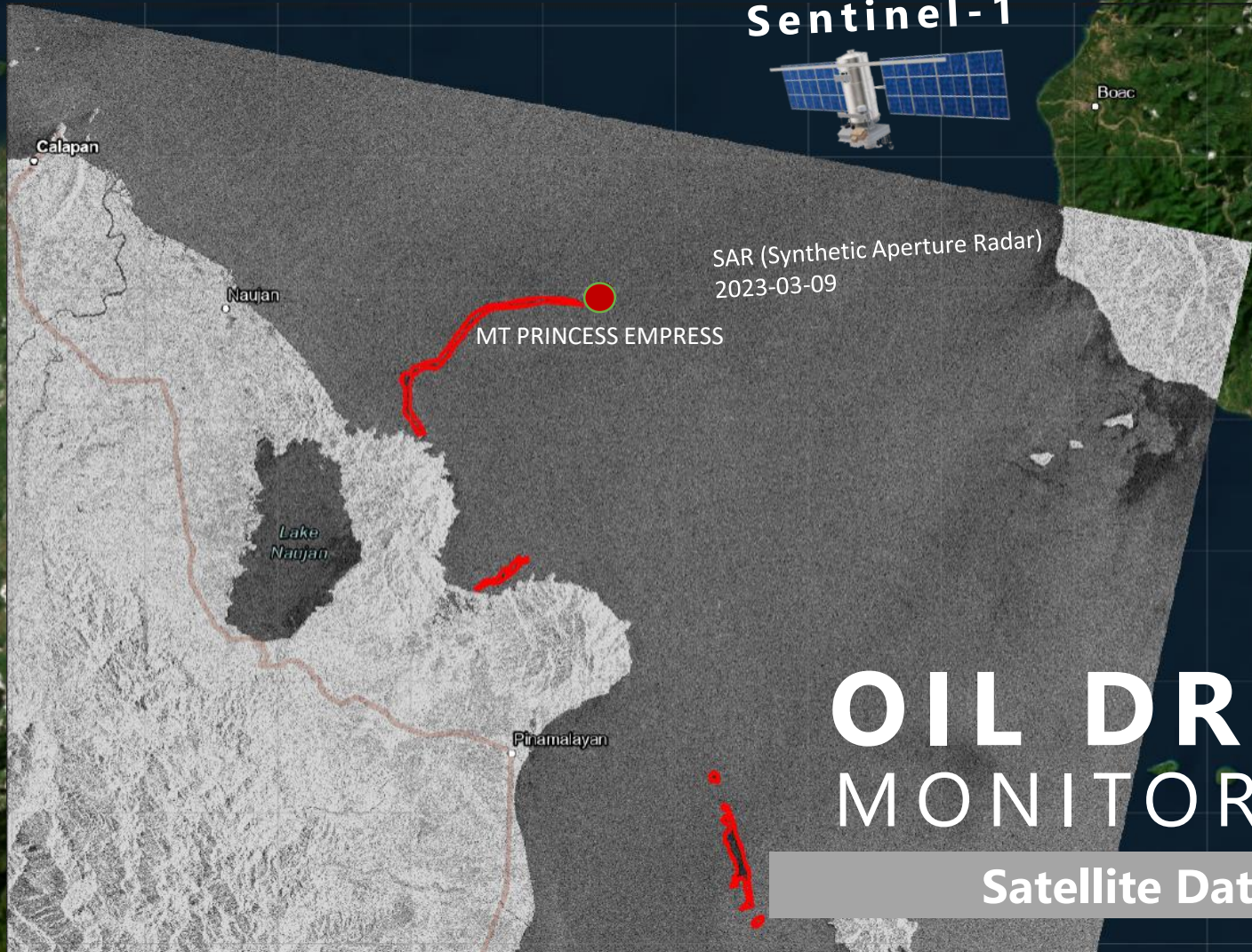
Western Visayas



Sentinel-1



SAR (Synthetic Aperture Radar)
2023-03-09



OIL DRIFT MONITORING

Satellite Data





MT PRINCESS EMPRESS

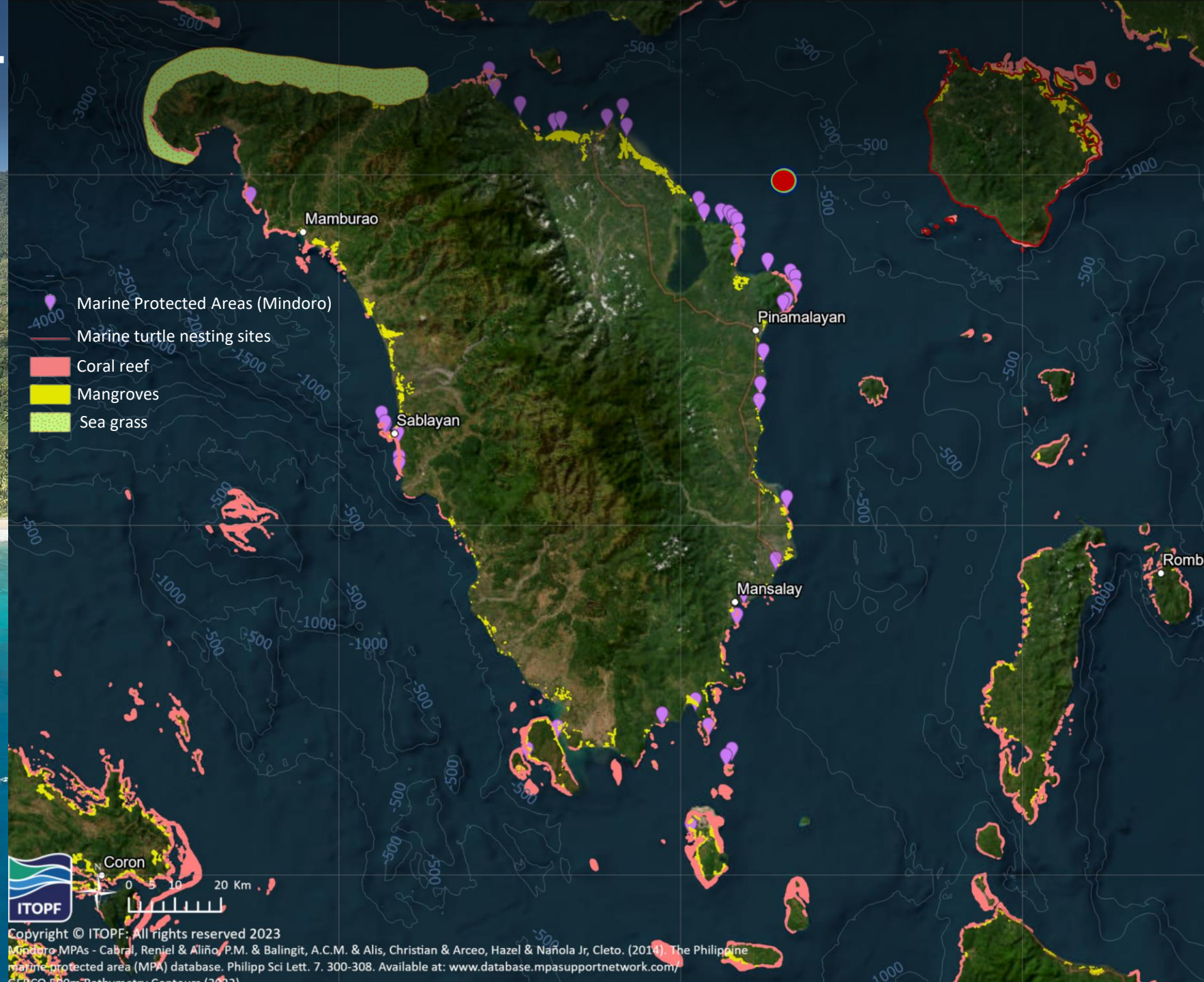
OIL DRIFT MONITORING

Modelling Data

AT-SEA RESPONSE



ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITIES



ITOPF prepared environmental sensitivity maps to characterise the ecological risks posed by the incident.

ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITIES

Mangroves



SOCIO-ECONOMIC SENSITIVITIES

Fishing & Tourism



SHORELINE SURVEYS

Oriental Mindoro

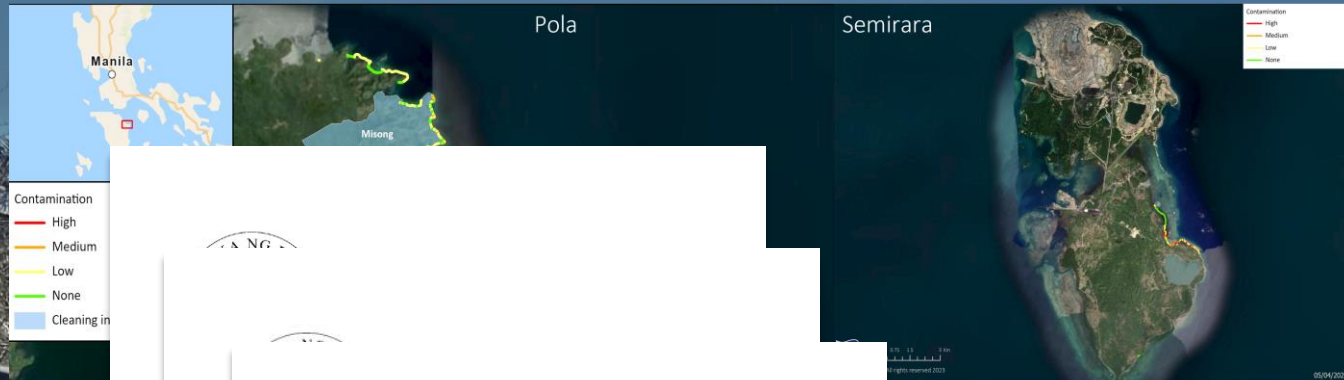




Western Visayas

SHORELINE SURVEYS

SHORELINE SURVEY REPORTING



Contamination
 High
 Medium
 Low
 None
 Cleaning in



PRINCESS EMPRESS INCIDENT, THE PHILIPPINES

NATIONAL SHORELINE CLEAN-UP PLAN

Initial Draft: 29th March 2023

Produced in collaboration with:



EXTENT OF OIL

SITE Segment: Sabang F / Oonong A – B
 Barangay: Tinogboc

DATE 08/03/2023

SURVEY START LOCATION Lat: 12°02'27.3"N
 Long: 121°24'55.1"E

TOTAL LENGTH Segment: 1.40 km
 Surveyed: 1.40 km

NOTES Site is difficult to access – have to climb over large boulders to get from one beach to another. Some access routes available for fit and active responders. Further south cannot be surveyed due to no access by foot. High energy environment and therefore difficult to bring equipment via boat.



Length: ~ 120 m
 Lightly oiled:
 • Stains on pebbles and cobbles
 • No pooled oil noted

Oily waste debris present in this area. Continuous to patchy stains and coats on rocks.



Length: ~ 80 m
 Moderately oiled:
 • Covers on pebbles and cobbles
 • Oiled organic materials noted on the backshore

Some oil present within the pores of the coarse sediment.



Length: ~ 20 m
 Heavily oiled:
 • Organic matter and natural debris
 • Cobbles and pebbles

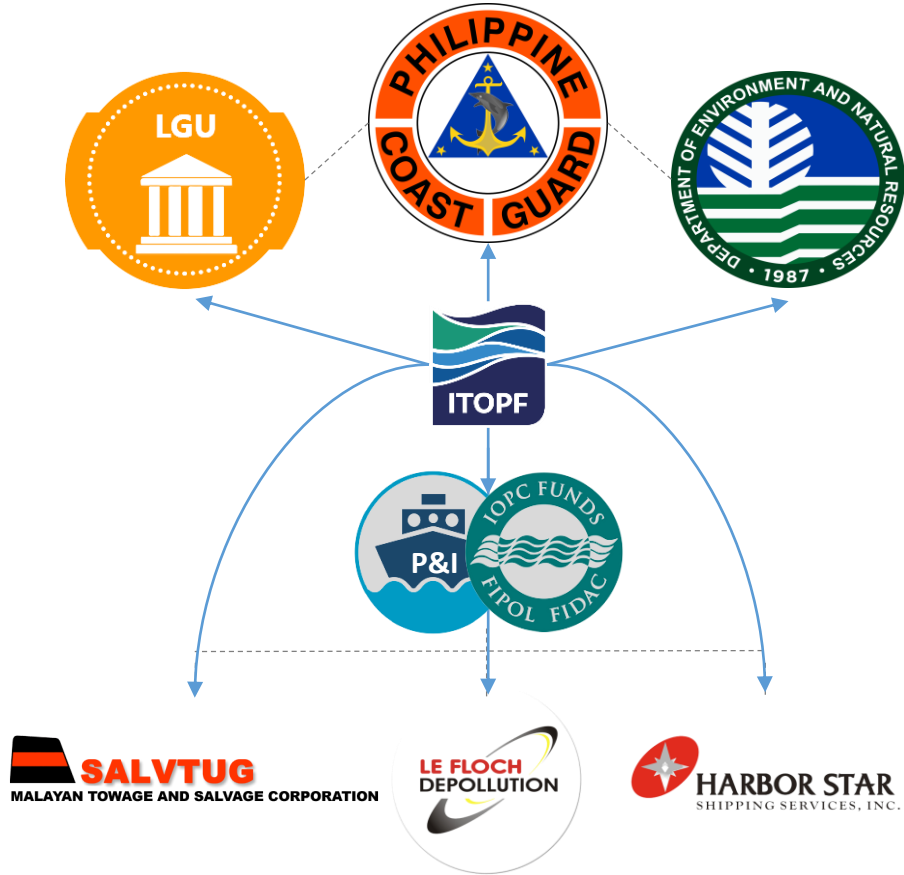
Continuous 20m band of heavily oiled debris and sediment. Liquid oil is present escaping from between the pores.



Length: ~ 200 m
 Lightly oiled:
 • Tar balls
 • Heavy staining on the strandline
 • Sporadic oiled debris

Frequent occurrences of oil-impregnated sand, oiled plastic waste and debris.

RESPONSE STRUCTURE



AT-SEA OPERATIONS



SALVTUG
MALAYAN TOWAGE AND SALVAGE CORPORATION



SHORELINE OPERATIONS



RESPONSE STRUCTURE



SHORELINE RESPONSE

Emergency PCG Response





SHORELINE RESPONSE

Contractor Response



PHASE I:

BULK REMOVAL

Manual Collection

PHASE II: RESIDUAL OIL REMOVAL

Low Pressure Flushing



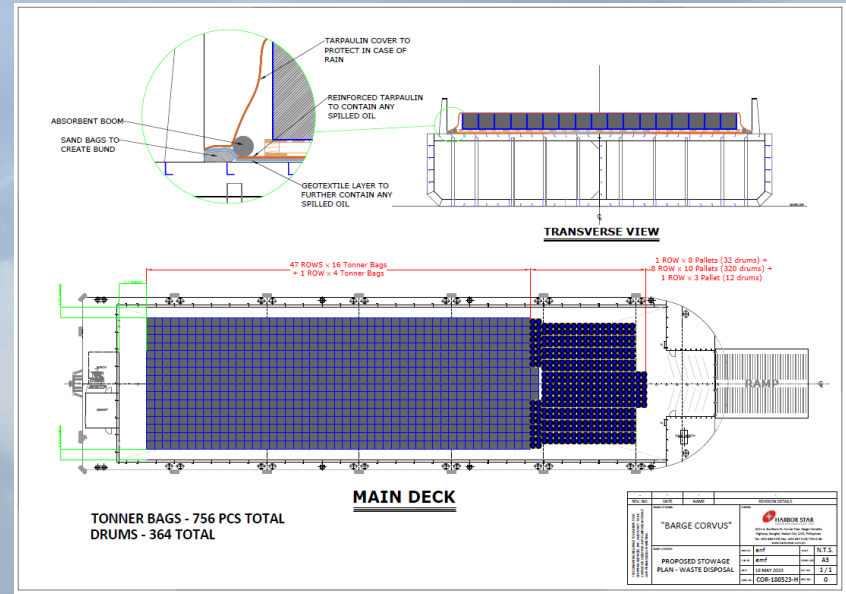


PHASE II: RESIDUAL OIL REMOVAL

Manual cleaning



**CLEAN-UP
PROGRESS**



**WASTE
MANAGEMENT**

MANGROVES



OIL vs CLEAN-UP
IMPACTS

CHALLENGES

LOGISTICS



MANY INACCESSIBLE
AREAS

WASTE MANAGEMENT



COMPLEX LOGISTICS &
UNCLEAR FRAMEWORK

**MANGROVE
FORESTS**

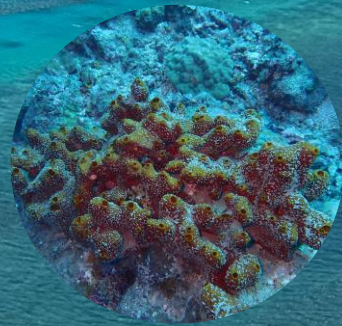


ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE

RAPID ASSESSMENT



**CORAL
REEFS**



**ROCKY
SHORES**



**SEAGRASS
BEDS**



**FISH SAFETY
& CHEMICAL ANALYSIS**



**CLAIMS
OFFICES**

**FISHING & AQUACULTURE
ECONOMIC IMPACTS**



**RESPONSE
OFFSET**



**LOCAL FISHERIES
CHARACTERISATION
ASSESSMENT**

SUMMARY OF ITOPF'S INFLUENCE



PROMOTING
EFFECTIVE
RESPONSE



CLAIMS
ANALYSIS



CAPACITY
BUILDING



ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT
ASSESSMENT

Thank you