RESPONSE CHALLENGES

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Advances in technology = Less Spills = Less Practical

Experience



LOW SULPHUR FUEL OILS



ESG - SUSTAINABILITY





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GLOBAL SHIPPING INDUSTRY





ITOPF'S REMIT ?

OTHER SUBSTANCES CARRIED BY SHIPS









Carcasses



Coal

Nurdes

CORAL REEF GROUNDINGS









ITOPF RESPONSE ACTIVITES



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EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLANNING

24th Jan 2023: Ishigaki Island JAPAN

XINHAIZHOU2 2023-01-25

ITOPF notified of grounding via emergency phone & requested on-site 24th Jan.

2023-01-24

2 members of the ITOPF Technical Advice staff mobilized & arrive in Ishigaki 26th Jan. ITOPF begins pre-spill shoreline surveys (assisted by NSC, then CSA for logistical support)



2023-01-28



124°



13/02/2023







21

123°20'

123°40'

124°20'

SHORELINE CLEAN-UP PLAN

Pre-spill shoreline survey data

EXAMPLE: IRIOMOTE



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SHORELINE CLEAN-UP PLAN

v1.0 submitted 2023-02-13

- 1. Roles & Responsibilities
- 2. Site Map and Zone Delineation
- 3. Overview of Site Categories
- 4. Nearshore Response Strategy
- 5. Overview of Shoreline Clean-up Techniques
- 6. Phases of Clean-up & Application of Techniques
- 7. Team Organization
- 8. Monitoring and Reporting
- 9. Waste Management Plan

APPENDIX I: Pre-Spill Shoreline Survey Data

APPENDIX II: Examples of Site Specific Clean-up Plan









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Port of El Callao

Date: 15th Jan 2022

Incident: Crude oil spill

Reported volume: 1,470 MT

~50 km of impacted shoreline

Only 50% of the shoreline was accessible

National Oil Spill Contingency Plan dated 1993

Covid era









RESPONSE CHALLENGES COMMAND & CONTROL

Advances in technology & preparedness:

- = Less Spills
- <u>Less practical response experience</u>,
 & Less command & control <u>practice</u> communicating with key stakeholders.

Problem?

This can lead to inefficient stakeholder communication & collaboration when a significant spill occurs.

Solutions?

- Regular realistic exercise scenarios.
- Periodic reviews of National Contingency Plans.
- Sharing of knowledge & lessons learnt across boarders & sectors.





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LOW SULPHUR FUEL OIL CHARACTERISTICS

- LSFOs have highly variable characteristics.
- Limited peer reviewed scientific studies discuss LSFO characteristics in relation to oil spill response.
- Research conducted to date suggests that VLSFOs typically have;
 - higher pour points than HSFOs.
 - **lower densities** than HSFOs.
 - lower viscosities than HSFOs; as well as a broader spread of viscosities in comparison to HSFOs.

Scarlett et al., 2021 & Sørheim et al., 2020 (SINTEF)



Fate and Behaviour

Oil properties dictate weathering & behaviour at sea! This influences environmental impact & the clean-up strategies that should be adopted.



WAKASHIO 25th July, 2020

- Constanting



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Oil Spill: 6th August 2020 Volume: ~ 1000m³

MV WAKASHIO

- Latest Contingency Plan Revision: 1990
- Shoreline clean-up: **5 months**
- Bow section: Removed & scuttled
- Stern: Removed ~1 year later Feb 2021 - Jan 2022.

Some 'Firsts':

- First major oil spill in Mauritius
- First major oil spill during the COVID-19 pandemic
- First major spill of Low Sulphur Fuel Oil





International Requests for Assistance

Mauritius declares environmental emergency after oil spill

Country's prime minister has asked France for help in tackling the disaster



▲ People gather to look at the stranded MV Wakashio ship which is leaking oil. Photograph: Dev Ramkhelawon/L'Express Maurice/AFP/Getty Images

The Indian Ocean island of Mauritius has declared a "state of environmental emergency" after a Japanese-owned ship that ran aground offshore days ago began spilling tons of fuel.

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Mauritius declares environmental emergency after mass oil spill from grounded tanker

The ship was carrying nearly 4,000 tons of fuel when its hull cracked.

() Saturday 8 August 2020 06:44, UK





MV Wakashio: Emergency declared as Mauritius tackles oil leak
Volunteer in Mauritius are scanding to create cordons to keep oil leaking from an
offshoe vosse and without he laind.
The MV Wakashio real aground on a cordi aref off the headin Oceane lained or 52 July At
least 1,000 tonoes of oil is thought to have leaked into the waters surrounding the nation.
Read more: Volunteers race to keep oil goil away from Mauritius
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SHIP-SOURCE SPILLS OF **PLASTIC PELLETS**



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RAPID PRIORITISATION FROM COMMAND & CONTROL

- Drift modelling
- Container location & source control
- Shoreline surveying & Identification of hot spots
- Deployment of clean-up teams
- Contamination mapping
- Marine debris indicates natural collection points.



How widespread is the problem?



RESPONSE CHALLENGES MICRO PLASTICS

- How do we reduce plastic pollution spill risk?
 - Packaging & transportation...
- What are the environmental impacts?
- At what point do you terminate clean-up?
 - % Recovery
 - Financial threshold?
- Recovery efficiency: Should macroplastic recovery be favoured over microplastic recovery?
- How do you determine baseline conditions, when plastic pollution is widespread globally?





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SUSTAINABILITY IN INCIDENT RESPONSE Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) considerations

Environmental aspects: Data on greenhouse gas emissions, biodiversity loss, pollution, energy use & water management.

Social aspects: Data on employee safety & health, working conditions, diversity, equity, & inclusion.

Governance aspects: Data on corporate governance such as preventing bribery, corruption, diversity of Board of Directors, cybersecurity & management structure.

= Quantitative data to inform decision-making?



Environmental impact – Green House Gas Emission (CO₂-e)



RESPONSE CHALLENGES CAN ESG BECOME A FOCUS WITHIN

AN EMERGENCY FRAMEWORK?

- How to practically implement ESG factors into response decision-making?
- How do we ensure data is robust & comparable?
- And do we develop a 'standardised' methodology & tool for this?
- How do we communicate these issues given the potential sensitivity of information?
- Risk: Avoid "Green washing?"
 Buzz words "green" and "eco"





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> Information Quantity > Quality Quality > Quantity Source credibility



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