



Federal Ministry
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The Bonn Agreement

International Cooperation in dealing with Pollution of
the North Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances



The Bonn Agreement – Structure

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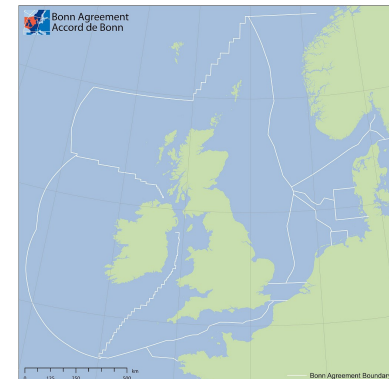


1. About the Bonn Agreement

International Cooperation in dealing with Pollution of the North Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances

Contracting Parties:

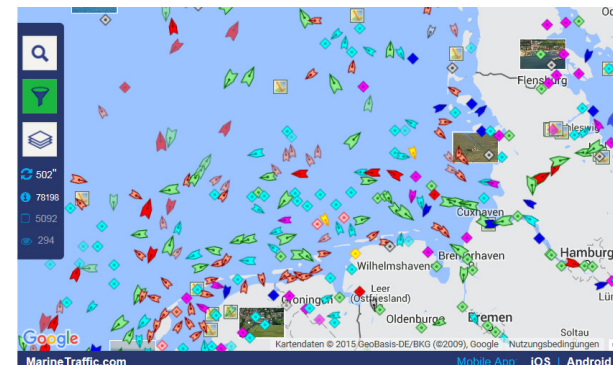
- Surveillance for threats of marine pollution
- Alerting each other
- Common operational approaches
- Support in response operations
- Research and developments
- Joint exercises





2. 40 Years of the Bonn Agreement: New Challenges

- Traffic volumes and pollution
- Vessel sizes
- Hazardous and noxious cargoes
- Marine pollution offences





3. Activities in the Framework of the Bonn Agreement

- Surveillance
- Response:
 - Emergency towing
 - Clean up
 - Cooperation on shore
- Exercises (BONNEX)
 - Alarm
 - Equipment
 - Response





3. Activities in the Framework of the Bonn Agreement

–Research

- **OTSOPA** (Working Group on Operational, Technical and Scientific Questions concerning Counter-Pollution Activities)



Sinking of Tanker Erika, 1999



4. Cooperation in Combating Pollution from Major Incidents

➤ MSC Napoli Incident 2007

January 2007, English Channel

- Place of refuge in French Waters (-)
- > bilateral agreement with UK-> South coast of England
- Bonn Agreement Contracting Parties: resources and technical support
- Removal of 3,500 tonnes of fuel oil and containers



Thank you for your attention!

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