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1	13.08.77	SE Sicily, 35.5°N 16.11E	Collision Italian tanker AGIP VEREZIA (51304 dwt) and Egyptian freighter RAMSES II	Local Newspaper	5000t	Libyan Anha	Dispersant 9400L. FIMASOL Booms and Skimmers on shore and in port	none	Report Ministry of Merchant Marine received in October 1977
2	17.09.77	Porto Torres, Italy	Damage Liberian tanker DR. DE BANY (92655 dwt)	Ministry of Merchant Marine, Italy	5 sq. miles	crude oil	Dispersant at sea	none	Report Ministry of Merchant Marine received in October 1977
3	29.10.77	Genoa - Muttado	Damage Kuwait tanker AL RAHMATAYN (32674 dwt)	Ministry of Merchant Marine, Italy	5000 - 12000 t 21 sq. miles	Kuwait 47 crude oil	Dispersant BP at sea	none	Report Ministry of Merchant Marine received in December 1977.
4	02.11.77	Baia S. Porto Palo, Sicily	Unidentified oil slick	Port Authorities, Syracuse	8 sq. miles	?	none	none	
5	24.11.77	2 miles SSE Larnaca, Cyprus	Unidentified oil slick	Israel Focal Point	"medium size"	?	none	none	BOCC alerted Focal Points in Cyprus, Syria and Lebanon
6	28.11.77	Vasiliko Cement Works Ltd., Cyprus	Overflowing of tanks	Fisheries Department, Cyprus	80 t	crude oil	Dispersant 4500L. BP and SHELL	none	Report Fisheries Department received in March 1978

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7	11.01.78	V. Sicily 38.02N 12.30E	Fire Greek tanker PAVLOS V (2625 dwt)	Local Newspaper	50 sq. km 50 - 500 t	bunker fuel?	Dispersant at sea about 4 t FYNASOL	?	
8	19.01.78	50mls E. Malta	Unidentified oil slick	Armed Forces of Malta	50 sq. ml	?	Aerial survey	none	ROCC contacted RAC 1
9	06.02.78	20mls NW Goso	Discharge due to damage grounding freighter COPHIA D	Armed Forces of Malta	5mls x 200yds	bunker	Aerial survey. No dispersant because of weather condition	none	Aerial photo of vessel and slick
10	15.02.78	3mls off Qala Pt. Malta.	Unidentified oil slick	Air Traffic Control, Malta	2 sq. mls <1000 t	?	Dispersant at sea	none	Samples sent to RAC 1
11	04.06.78	Trieste pipeline terminal, Italy	Wrong manoeuvre Libian tanker COCORO BRITANNIA (117710 dwt)	"Oil Spill Intelligence Report" / Centre for Short-Lived Phenomena	?	?	?	?	
12	08.06.78	Off Zueitina, Libya 30.53N 19.53E	Grounding Spanish tanker MORTOLES (54357 dwt)	TOVALOP Spanish Focal Point	Very few	Libyan crude oil	None. Tanker towed to Algeria	none	
13	12.06.78	4mls SE Gibraltar	Collision IBN BAROUTA, U.S. freighter YELLOWSTONE (11034 dwt)	Times of Malta	?	?	Salvage	none	
14	13.09.78	1 mile of Pylas, SE Greece	Grounding Greek freighter ADMIRAL C (4300 dwt)	Greek Focal Point	chemicals	toxics	Unloading	none	Report from Greek Focal Point on 06.02.79
15	19.10.78	Off Bizerte, Tunisia 37.02N 09.50E	Grounding Greek vessel PARNASSOS (8194 dwt)	Tunisian Focal Point	none		Lightening	none	ROCC/INCO seconded an Expert
16	20.10.78	Off Paphos, Cyprus	Unidentified oil slick	Fisheries Department, Cyprus	1 sq. ml. <1000 t	?	Aerial survey	none	
17	16.11.78	Off Labrion, Greece	Grounding Greek tanker DAPFODIL B (36264 dwt)	TOVALOP	?	fuel oil	Lightening	none	

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18	01.07.79	Venice, Italy	Collision with a pillar of G. BRITAIN tanker CHEMICAL VENTURER (29081 dwt)	"Oil Spill Intelligence Report"	?	bunker fuel	?	?	
19	01.03.79	Suez Canal V. Bunk	Collision with Bunk Libian tanker CRYON II (98135 dwt)	"Oil Spill Intelligence Report"	2200 t	Crude oil	Dispersant	?	
20	02.01.79	1ml S. Kaloi Liannes, Crete	Grounding Libian tanker MESSINIAMI FRONTIS (152798 dwt)	TOVALOP INCO	5000 / 10000 t	Libyan crude oil	Dispersant on shore and at sea. Booms	Beaches	Report Vocal Point received 12.10.79
21	04.03.79	500m NE Ft. Europa, Gibraltar	Grounding U. Britain tanker GREY HUNTER (123964 dwt)	"Times of Malta"	722 t 48 t	crude oil bunker fuel	Dispersant 20000L BP. Removal sand of beaches	Beaches	
22	14.03.79	S. Sicily, 36.30N 13.15E	Dumping unknown vessel	Luftwaffe aircraft through Luca Air Traffic Control, Malta.	?	?	none	?	
23	04.05.79	Off St. Raphael, France	Derazing Senegal tanker TIDIANE 1 (3698 dwt)	"Oil Spill Intelligence Report"	?	?	none		
24	26.06.79	35km V. Fiumicino, Italy	Collision Italian tanker VERA BERLINGERI (7220 dwt) French freighter E DELMAS	Malta Radio	5200 t	gasoline and gas oil	Fire fighting; Dispersants	none	
25	10.07.79	Port de Bouc, France	Collision barge CITERNE 36 (carrying 880 t fuel oil)	"Oil Spill Intelligence Report"	80 t	fuel oil	Booms, dispersant, offloading	Beaches	
26	15.11.79	Bosphorus Strait, 1ml. off Istanbul	Collision Rumanian tanker INDEPENDENTA (147631 dwt) Greek freighter EVRIALY	INCO	94600 t (source 197)	Libyan crude oil	Fire fighting, booms	Far balls on shore	ROCC Seconded an expert
27	04.12.79	Malta N. and NE coast	Unidentified oil slick	Armed Forces of Malta	120 t	"chocolate mousse"	Removal; beach cleaning	Beaches	ROCC contacted RAC 1 for analysis

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28	19.01.80	Strait of Messina 38.44N 15.59E Italy	Collision Italian bulk carrier MARIA SIERANZA - cargo ship BAVARIA	"Oil Spill Intelligence Report"	b-low 100 t	bunker	Dispersants at sea - Co-ops and Tranship- ment	7	Report Port Authority of Messina received 17.04.80
29	23.02.80	Navarino Bay 30.56N 21.40E Greece	Fire and sinking of Greek tanker IRENES SHERADE (100 000 dwt)	Greek focal point	40000 t (total of 100000 t but part burned)	Iraki Kirkuk light crude	Dispersants, booms, skimmers, aerial survey, etc....	surrounding beaches (Coastal area)	Report Focal Point received 26.05.80
30	05.05.80	Sicilian Channel 37.37N 11.41E	Unidentified oil slick	Luqa Air traffic control, Malta	2 miles long	?	none	none	ROCC alerted Italian Focal Point
31	08.05.80	Central Mediterranean 36.03N 17.18E	Unidentified oil slick Appearance: slops from tank	Motor vessel MANCHESTER CONCEPT (Malta Radio)	?	slops	none	none	
32	27.05.80	Malta Channel	Oil slick separated into three oil patches	Port Authority of Valletta, Malta	total area approx. 27 sq. km. (1000 t)	weathered crude oil	Aerial surveillance dispersion	none	ROCC kept in touch with Maltese and Italian Authorities
33	30.05.80	40 km from Taranto, Italy	Grounding Greek tanker WELLY P (20648 dwt)	LLOYD'S telex	?	Gasoil	Offloading - towage to Taranto harbour	none	
34	11.06.80	2 miles off Larnaca, Cyprus	Sinking Swedish ferry ZENOBIA	UNEP Representative in Cyprus	50 - 500 t	Bunker C	Dispersants, booms, skimmers, transfer of cargo	pollution - Larnaca harbour, tourist resorts	Assistance provided by Greece (experts, booms). Director on the spot. Expert sent 1. August for advice on salvage of the wreck
35	28.07.80	Sicilian Channel 36.58N 13.08E	Unidentified oil patches	Malta Radio (S.S. MIKA)	2.5 sq. mi. (1000 t)	?	none	7	ROCC alerted Armed Forces of Malta
36	31.10.80	Eastern Algerian Coast 37.42N 7.46E	Greek tanker KAPETAN HAMBOS M.L. on fire (loaded with 70095 t). Tugged towards Bajaia	I.M.C.O.	0	Libyan crude oil	Firefighting organi- zed by Algerian authorities. No pollution mentioned	Ship damaged but not lost	Centre informed by Algerian Authorities on the going operations.
37	08.11.80	Strait of Bosphorus, near Kavak, Turkey	Collision between British tanker MORDIC PAIR (81745 dwt) and Greek tanker STAVANDA (29840 dwt)	Oil Spill Intelligence Report	645 t spilled from STAVANDA	kerosene	Straits were tem- porarily closed because of fire risk	both ships damaged. Pol- lution appreciable. Oil slick on fire	
38	17.11.80	Straits of Dardanelles	Collision between Greek tanker YOTAF (34568 dwt) and Italian tramp TEZATTA ROSSA	"Oil Spill Intelligence Report"	0	crude oil	-	-	Accident confirmed directly to Centre by "Ege Universitesi" Izmir
39	28.12.80	Arzew Harbour Algeria	Grounding of the Uruguayan tanker JUAN A LAVALEZA after parting cables during a storm	Algerian Authorities	40000 t	condensate	Cargo transferred and anti-pollution equip- ment brought on scene of storm	Little damage compared with consequences of storm	Centre assisted Algerian Authorities and indicated Societies offering services

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40	11/01/81	Parine Cape, Tunisia	Explosion in the bow part of the Liberian tanker BLOSSOM (1959 - 19740 dwt). Ship broken in two. Front part sinks. Unsuccessful towing towards Sardinia. Grounding Parine Cape.	I.M.C.O.	?	Fuel Oil	Pumping of the remaining fuel oil in the tanker	-	Alert and assistance given by the Centre to Tunisian Authorities.
41	02/02/81	Near Constanze in Turkey	The Greek Carrier GRECIAN LIGHT (22777 dwt) collided with the Russian vessel TURGH PRUMTS (10794 dwt).	O.S.I.R.	?	?	?	?	Information asked from Turkish Authorities. No reply has been received.
42	25/02/81	Porto Isola of Gela, Italy	While discharging at Gela, the MT Oil/Chemical Greek Tanker STEFANI (1958, 18213 dwt) released oil in the sea.	LLOYD'S	4 T (1700 m ²)	Virgin Naphta	COVALCA booms, anti-inflammatory foam, skimming with "BD 11" anti-pollution boat.	-	Cost of clean-up 2500 dollars approximately. Report received from Focal Point on July 22nd, 1981.
43	22/03/81	East of Malta 36.00N 15.37E	Unidentified oil slick	British ship via Malta Radio	2 miles wide approx.	?	Contact with the ship for more details. Patrol boat looked for slick but did not find it.	-	Centre alerted immediately. Alert confirmed by Air Traffic Control via Malta Task Force.
44	30/03/81	St. Trias of Megora, Greece	A structural failure occurred to the Greek tanker PHILIPP OF MACEDON (1970, 232287 dwt) whilst she was berthed for unloading.	O.S.I.R.	0.3 - 0.5 T ² (200 - 300 m ²)	Crude Oil Kirkuk	Booms, hot-water and dispersants used for clean-up.	-	A report on the accident received from Greek Focal Point on 22nd, May 1981.
45	31/01/81	Tarragona, Spain	Grey tanker CAVO KAMBANOS (1956, 20423 dwt), 18000T naphta cargo, suffered an explosion followed by fire in the engine room. Ship half sunk drifted for 2 months in the Mediterranean before being towed by French Navy.	Wismuller B.V. Society by telex and telephone	18000 T of product spilled in open sea near Corsica	Naphta	Towing tried by Wismuller. Abandoned later on. Bombed by French Navy on 5 July 1981	None	Contact with Spanish Focal Point, forwarded by CROSS Med and French Focal Point who later on sent a report by telex.
46	24/04/81	Marsaxlokk harbour, Malta	During Liberian tanker DOLPHIN (1956, 19625 dwt) offloading, a pipe rupture caused spillage of oil at sea. The valve on ship was closed and leakage stopped.	Malta Task Force	Few	Thin Fuel Oil	Booms, dispersants	Very little	Constant contact by phone between Malta Task Force and the Centre.
47	30/04/81	Malta Grand Harbour and Salina Bay	Unidentified oil slick reaches South East coast of Malta.	Malta Task Force	Approx. 10 T	Tar Balls	Manual recovery	Very little	Centre follows clean-up on scene.
48	14/05/81	Malta Harbour, Valletta	Unidentified oil slick	Malta Task Force	1 km ²	?	Dispersants used at sea	-	Centre alerted by phone
49	13/06/81	30 miles N.W. of Malta	Unidentified oil slick	Air Traffic Control	Several miles long	Weathered oil (?)	None	-	After aircraft checking, slick reported negative.

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50	14/06/81	Central Mediterranean 35°04'N 19°15'E	Liberian MT tanker GALE was seen discharging considerable amount of oil	Japi Authorities of Malta through information reported by carrier ship SALAH ALDINEN	?	?	-	The Centre advised Maltese authorities to take action with IMO.	
51	24/06/81	Off the coast of ALGERIA	Algerian tanker "ALGERIA" (1970 - 2546 dwt) bled with approx 5 of Gas oil caught fire.	U.E.I.R.	?	?	?	Information asked from Greek Authorities. No reply has been received.	
52	28/06/81	Algerian coast 36°21'N 00°03'W	Oil slick observed by Russian ship IVAR FRANCO	Spanish Focal Point	Two miles long	?	?	The Centre sent a telex on the 29th to inform the Algerian Focal Point.	
53	29/06/81	25 miles North off Cornica Cape	Italian tanker MT POLIUCE (1958, 19929 dwt) caught fire in engine room.	TOVALOP	0	-	Towed towards La Spazio by two Italian tugs from Livorno.	Centre alerted by TOVALOP. Obtained more information from CROSS Med, Toulon.	
54	12/07/81	Genoa Miltedo Italy	Japanese tanker HAKUOH MARU (1978 - 102009 dwt) struck by 15cm shell, exploded and caused pipe rupture which spilled oil in the harbour.	Maltese Newspaper and Radio	197 barrels	-	Booms to close the harbour, disperse, skimmer	Note received from Italian Focal Point on 30 September.	
55	21/08/81	West of Piraeus, Greece	Tuga ran the Greek tanker "PULINI" (1965 - 75625 dwt) after fire broke out in vessel's hold.	O.S.I.R.	?	?	?	Information asked from Greek Authorities. No reply has been received.	
56	05/09/81	Bonahon Reef, Haraxiokk, Malta	The Bulgarian tanker HARIUSA (1976 - 16562 dwt) ran aground on Bonahon Reef on her way to offload her cargo at Haraxiokk.	Local Radio News Bulletin	0	Fuel Oil	Aerial surveillance, skimming equipment on board. Oil slicked by three Maltese tugs	Information Officer heard about the event on the radio and informed director and administrative director.	
57	07/09/81	Amvaktios Bay, Greece	Greek tanker "MARK X" grounded off the Eastern coast of Greece after vessel lost its way in fog.	O.S.I.R.	?	?	?	Information asked from Greek Authorities. No reply has been received.	
58	21/09/81	Saronikos Gulf, South Athens, Greece.	Three oil slicks of heavy fuel	Manufacturer, Covisca Plastici	?	Heavy Fuel Oil Residue	Skimming, Dispersion, Special equipped ships on the spot.	Manufacturer offered to fly 2000 m of boom via Centre intermediary.	
59	21/10/81	36° 18' N 14° 57' E Between Malta and Sicily	An oil slick, 300 m wide and half mile long.	Palace Tower Signal Station, Malta.	?	?	?	Information asked from Italian Authorities. No reply has been received.	
60	27/12/81	Port Lattakia, Syria 35°32'02"N 35°43'27"E	Greek W/V BRAVO NEK sank in a depth of 30m after a collision having on board 11,140 tons of sugar in jute bags and 76 tons of fuel and Diesel Oil.	General Directorate of Ports, Syria	None Reported			The Port Authorities of Lattakia advised from the Centre. The Centre received completed reporting format of incident from Syrian Authorities.	
61	31/12/81	Near Genoa, Italy	Rupture of a pipeline caused by a landslide.	O.S.I.R.	280 t	Maximum quantity Crude Oil Minimum quantity Gas Oil	Three boats were used to disperse oil. Booms and absorbents also utilized. Coastline was also cleaned.	Coastline was polluted	Reply from Italian Authorities indicated that clean-up was satisfactory.

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62	02/01/82	Off the Port of Tripoli, Lebanon	Panamanian Tanker "BARBAR" ONE (1460, 12,362 tons) set on fire while loading oil.	Lloyd's	?	?	Fire-fighting efforts to tow the vessel clear of the port.	Information asked from Lebanese authorities and owners' operators.	
63	18/01/82	State refinery, Gulf of Salamis, Sifirama, Greece	Explosion in the engine room of Greek Tanker "MARIAM" VII (1975 - 52,241 tons) while unloading crude oil. Tanker caught fire.	Lloyd's	None	-	Tanker towed three miles out to sea at fire fighting.	Two crewmen killed and six injured, no oil pollution.	
64	22/01/82	Off Flatenia, Greece	Greek tanker "IRIS" ran aground.	O.S.I.R.	None	-	?	Information asked from Greek authorities and indicated that no oil was spilt.	
65	04/02/82	50 m off the shore of Iraklion, Crete	Greek tanker "VARI" ran aground after a rope caught in the propeller during a storm.	O.B.I.A.S.	3000 gallons (300 kg.)	Heavy fuel oil Bunker 'C'	Booms around the grounded tanker, skimming, dispersion to clean the shoreline.	ITOPF will assume cost of cleaning up operations - No danger to marine env.	
66	20/02/82	Mgarr Harbour, Gozo and West of Gozo, Malta	Oil Slick	Malta Task Force	?	?		More information asked from Maltese authorities.	
67	19/05/82	36°01' N, 14°03' E 60 miles off Fairway Buoy, Malta	Unidentified oil slick 1/2 mile in length x 50 feet approx.	Malta Task Force	Not known	Dry Exhaust Output	Dispersion	None	Information asked from Maltese Authorities. No need for ROCC's assistance.
68	9. 6.82	LAT. 35.36 N LONG. 11.48 E Between Tunisian Coast and Lampedusa.	Greek MT "KORINOS" caught fire with 15,000 tons of vacuum gas oil on board.	LLOYD'S Intelligence Department.	None	-	Italian Military Corvette and Tunisian National Navy in vicinity. Fire controlled. Tanker towed to Augusta, Sicily.	ROCC alerted and kept in contact with Italian and Tunisian Authorities. Also contacted ITALIAN SHIPPING AND TRADING CO. and BUNGE S.P.A. ROCC followed incident to the end of operations in case of request of ASSISTANCE.	
69	1. 9.82	Alexandria, EGYPT.	Rulk Carrier "HORMANS ENTERPRISE" Grounding on rocks, damaging its No.1 fuel oil tank.	OIL SPILL INTELLIGENCE REPORT.	?	?	?	?	ROCC contacted the Egyptian Authorities to ask for more information. No reply has been received to date.
70	18.10.82	LAT. 36.37.5 N LONG. 19.28.5 E	French Barge "URILLO" from Port Said to Corfu injured thick oil discharges.	CROSSFIT	?	?	?	?	ROCC alerted both the Greek and Italian Authorities re alleged spill. Greek Authorities replied indicating that competent Authorities did not report any such slicks.
71	9.11.82	LAT. 33.43.42 N LONG. 07.20.48 E Muhammedia, MOROCCO.	MT "SAMIR" grounded, after dragging anchors whilst moored with 20,000 tons of crude oil on board.	I.T.O.P.F.	None	-	Sea and land equipment and products were brought to location and put on standby. Operations were coordinated by high level officials and experts until final towage to Cadix.	ROCC contacted Moroccan Authorities on request from Tech. Consultant of the I.T.O.P.F. Moroccan Spill Response Unit, who accepted to maintain standby until end of operations. I.T.O.P.F. in contact with Authorities in Morocco and I.T.O.P.F. officials and experts until final towage to Cadix.	