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No.	DATE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION ACCIDENT	AGENT GIVEN BY	OIL SPILL		ACCIDENT TYPE	DAMAGE	REMARKS
					Quantity	Type			
1	13.08.77	St. Nicolly, 35.35N 16.11E	Collision Italian tanker ACIP VENEZIA (5130t dwt) and Egyptian freighter RAMSES XI	Local Newspaper	5000t	Libyan Arlia	Disperant 9000L. KINASOL, Booms and Skimmer on shore and in port	none	Report Ministry of Merchant Marine received in October 1977
2	17.09.77	Porto Torres, Italy	Damage Libian tanker DR. DK SAMY (92895 dwt)	Ministry of Merchant Marine, Italy	5 sq. miles	crude oil	Dispernant at sea	none	Report Ministry of Merchant Marine received in October 1977
3	29.10.77	Genoa - Mitsuato	Damage Kuwait tanker AL RAHDAZAIN (32674 dwt)	Ministry of Merchant Marine, Italy	5000 - 12000 t 21 sq. miles	Kuwait BP crude oil	Dispernant BP at sea	none	Report Ministry of Merchant Marine received in December 1977.
4	02.11.77	Bela S. Porto Palo, Sicily	Unidentified oil slick	Port Authorities, Syracuse	8 sq. miles	?	none	none	
5	24.11.77	25mi SSE Larnaca, Cyprus	Unidentified oil slick	Israeli Focal Point	"medium size"	?	none	none	ROCC alerted Focal Points in Cyprus, Syria and Lebanon
6	28.11.77	Vasiliko Cement Works Idc., Cyprus	Overflowing of tanks	Fisheries Department, Cyprus	80 t	crude oil	Dispernant 4500L. BP and SHELL	none	Report Fisheries Department received in March 1978

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7	11.01.78	W. Sicily 38.02N 12.30E	Fire Greek tanker DAVLOS V (2865 dwt)	Local Newspaper	1/2 sq. km 50 - 500 t	bunker fuel?	Dispersant at sea about 4 t KINHOSOL	?	
8	19.01.78	Souls E. Malta	Unidentified oil slick	Armed Forces of Malta	1/2 sq. mi	?	Aerial survey	none	ROCC contacted RAC 1
9	06.02.78	Souls NW Goso	Discharge due to damage Grounding freighter COHMA D	Armed Forces of Malta	4mls x 200yds	bunker	Aerial survey. No dispersant because of weather condition	none	Aerial photo of spill and slick
10	13.02.78	Malta off Gola 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	Trigate pipe line terminal, Italy	Went manoeuvre Liberland tanker ROCCO RIVINIA (117710 dwt)	Oil Spill Intelligence Report / Centre for Short-Ranged Phenomena	?	?	?	?	
12	08.06.78	Off Zueitina, Libya 30.52N 19.53E	Grounding Spanish tanker HISTOLES (54157 dwt)	TOVAIDP Spanish focal point	Very few	Libyan crude oil	None. Tanker towed to Algeria	none	
13	12.06.78	16mls SE Gibraltar	Collision IBN BAKOURA, U.S. freighter YELLOWSTONE (11094 dwt)	Times of Malta	?	?	Salvage	done	
14	13.09.78	1 mile off Tylos, S. Greece	Grounding Greek freighter ADMIRAL C (4360 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 09.30E	Grounding wreck vessel PARNASSOS (818 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 Labrian, Greece	Grounding Greek tanker NAFODIL B (3666 dwt)	TOVAIDP	?	fuel oil	lightening	none	

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18	01.05.79	Venice, Italy	Collision with a pillar of G. MITSUBISHI TANKER CHEMICAL VENTURER (2904 dwt)	"Oil Spill Intelligence Report"	7	bunker fuel	7		
19	01.03.79	Suez Canal N. bank	Collision with tank Libertan (tanker OKYNOR II (98135 dwt))	"Oil Spill Intelligence Report"	2200 t	Crude oil	7		
20	02.01.79	1ml S. Kato Liannea, Crete	Grounding Liberator tanker MESSIGIACHI FRONTIS (152798 dwt)	TOVALOP IMCO	5000 / 10000 t	Libyan crude oil	Dispersant on shore and at sea. Booms	Beaches	Report focal Point received 12.10.79
21	04.03.79	500m NE Ft. Europa, Gibraltar	Grounding U. Britain tanker GREY HUNTER (123984 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	Lithiana aircraft through huge air traffic control, Malta.	7	?	none	?	
23	04.05.79	Off St. Raphael, France	Releasing General tanker TIDIANE 1 (3698 dwt)	"Oil Spill Intelligence Report"	7	?	none		
24	26.06.79	35km W. Fiumicino, Italy	Collision Italian tanker VERA BERLINGERI (7220 dwt) French freighter E DELMAS	Malta Radio	5200 t	Kerosene and Gas oil	Fire fighting Dispersants	none	
25	10.07.79	Port de Bouc, France	Collision barge CITRINE 36 (carrying 880 t fuel oil)	"Oil Spill Intelligence Report"	80 t	fuel oil	Booms, dispersant, offloading	Beaches	
26	12.11.79	Bozporus Strait, 1ml, off Istanbul	Collision Russian tanker INDEPENDENTA (147631 dwt) Greek freighter EVRIALDI	IMCO	94600 t (source IYT)	Libyan crude oil	Fire fighting, booms	Bar 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	19.07.80	Strait of Messina 36.50N 15.30E Italy	Collision Italian bulk carrier MAHIA SIFUZZA - cargo ship NAVARIA	"Oil Spill Intelligence Report"	below 100 t	bunker	Dispersants at sea - to-use and trawship- mit	7	Report Fort Authority of Messina received 17.08.80
29	23.02.80	Navarino Bay 36.50N 27.40E Greece	Fire and sinking of Greek tanker IRINOS GREKALIS (700 000 dwt)	Greek Focal Point	90000 t (total of 100000 t but part burned)	Irki Kirkuk light crude	Dispersants, booms, swimmers, aerial survey, etc....	surrounding beaches (touristic area)	Report Focal Point received 26.05.80
30	05.05.80	Sicilian Channel 37.37N 11.87E	Unidentified oil slick	Luqa Air Traffic Control, Malta	2 miles long	7	none	none	POCC alerted Italian Focal Point
31	08.05.80	Central Mediterranean 36.05N 17.48E	Unidentified oil slick Appearance: slops from tank	Motor vessel MANCHESTER CONCEPT (Malta Radio)	7	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 NELY P (20648 dwt)	LLOYD'S telex	7	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, skimmer, transfer of cargo	pollution - Larnaca harbour, tourist resorts	Assistance provided by Greece (experts, boats). Director on the spot. Expert sent 1. August for advice on salvage of the wreck
35	28.07.80	Sicilian Channel 36.38N 15.08E	Unidentified oil patches	Malta Radio (S.S. MIKA)	2.5 sq. mi. (1000 t)	7	none	7	ROCC alerted Armed Forces of Malta
36	31.10.80	Eastern Algerian Coast 37.42N 7.46E	Greek tanker KAPETAN MAKOS N.L. on fire (loaded with 70095 t). Towed towards Bejaia	I.M.C.O.	0	Libyan crude oil	Firefighting organi- zed by Air Force Authorities. No pollution actioned	Ship damaged but not lost	Centre informed by Algerian Authorities on the follow- up operations.
37	08.11.80	Strait of Bosphorus, near Kavak, Turkey	Collision between British tanker WORLDIC FAITH (81745 dwt) and Greek tanker STAVANDA (29850 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 Bosphorus. Oil slick on fire	
38	17.11.80	Straits of Bardanelles	Collision between Greek tanker YIOPAF (34568 t) and Italian tugboat GENATA ROSSA	"Oil Spill Intelligence Report"	0	crude oil	-	-	Accident confirmed directly to Centre by "Ege University", Izmir
39	26.12.80	Arzew Harbour Algeria	Grounding of the Uruguayan tanker JUAN A LAVALEJA after parting ambles during a storm	Algerian Authorities	29000 t	condensate	Cargo transferred and anti-pollution equip- ment brought on scene	Little damage compared with consequences of storm	Centre alerted Algerian Authorities, and indicated Societies offer services

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40	17/07/81	Parine Cape, Tunisia	Explosion in the bow part of the Liberian tanker BLOSSOM (4059 dwt). Ship broken in two. Front part sank. Unsuccessful towing towards Gardinia. Grounding Parina Cape.	I.N.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 Constanza in Turkey	The Greek Carrier CUPCIAN LIGHT (22772 dwt) collided with the Romanian vessel TURCU FRIGER (10494 dwt).	O.S.I.R.	?	?	?	?	Information sent from Turkish Authorities. No reply has been received.
42	23/02/81	Portofino of Genoa, Italy	While discharging at Genoa, the MT Oil/Chemical Greek Tanker SPERDAI (1958, 18213 dwt) released oil in the sea.	LLOYD'S	?	Virgin Naphta	COVALCA booms, anti-inflammatory foam skimming with "BD 11" anti-pollution boat.		Cost of clean-up 2500 dollars approximately. Report received from Poca Point on July 22nd, 1981.
43	26/03/81	East of Malta 36.00N 15.37E	Unidentified oil slick	British ship via Malta Radio	?	(weathered oil)	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	17/03/81	St. Trias of Megora, Greece	A structural failure occurred to the Greek tanker PHILIPP OF MACEDON (1970, 23207 dwt) whilst she was berthed for unloading.	O.S.I.R.	?	Crude Oil Kirkuk	Booms, hot-water and dispersants used for clean-up.		A report on the accident received from Greek Poca Point on 22nd. May 1981.
45	17/04/81	Tarragona, Spain	Greek tanker GAYO KAMBANOS (1956, 20423 dwt), 18000t naphta cargo, suffered an explosion followed by fire in the engine room. Ship half sunk drifted for 3 months in the Mediterranean before being by French Navy.	Wismuller B.V. Society by telex and telephone	?	Naphta	Towing tried by Wismuller. Abandoned later on. Sounded by French Navy on 5 July 1981	None	Contact with Spanish Poca Point. Informed by CROSS, Med and French Poca 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	?	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	?	Tar Balls	Manual recovery	Very little	Centre follows clean-up on scene.
48	18/05/81	Malta Harbour, Valletta	Unidentified oil slick	Malta Task Force	?	?	Dispersants used at sea		Centre alerted by phone
49	15/06/81	10 miles N.W. of Malta	Unidentified oil slick	Air Traffic Control	?	Feathered oil	Several miles long		After aircraft checking, slick reported negative.

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50	14/06/81	Central Mediterranean 36° 00' N 19° 15' E	Libertan PT TOWER GALE was seen discharging combustible amount of oil	Port Authorities of Malta through information provided by cruise ship GEMINI 210718	?	?	-	-	The Centre advised of this information to the British with JFSU.
51	12/03/81	Off the coast of ALGERIA	Algerian tanker "LILIA" (1970 - 1971) on fire with 2000 T of oil on board.	O.S.I.R.	?	?	?	?	Information advised from Greek Authorities. No reply has been received.
52	24/06/81	Algerian coast 36° 21' N 00° 03' W	Oil slick observed by Moroccan ship JAVI FRIHO	Spanish focal Point	Two million tons	?	?	?	The Centre sent a letter on the path to follow the Algerian focal point.
53	29/06/81	25 miles North off Corchia Cape	Italian tanker MT POLIUCE (1975 - 1979) caught fire in engine room.	ROVALOP	0	-	Towed towards La Spezia by two Italian tugboats from Livorno.	-	Centre alerted by ROVALOP. Onhand crew information from GMSI, Med, London.
54	12/07/81	Genoa Harbour Italy	Italian tanker HAFYTOH HARI (1970 - 1970) struck by lightning exploded and caused pipe rupture which spilled oil in the harbour.	Maltese Newsmapper and Radio	197 barrels	-	Booms to close the harbour, dispersant, skimmer.	?	Note received from Italian focal point on 30 September.
55	21/08/81	West of Piraeus, Greece	There ran the Greek tanker "PROKIR" (1965 - 1967) after fire broke out in engine hold.	O.S.I.R.	?	?	?	?	Information advised from Greek Authorities. No reply has been received.
56	05/09/81	Banajon Reef, Mar. axiokk, Malta	The Bulgarian tanker HARISSA (1975 - 1975) ran aground on Banajon Reef on her way to offload her cargo at Maraxiokk.	Local Radio News Bulletin	0	Fuel Oil	Serial survey lance, spraying equipment on alert. Ship towed by three tugs.	None	Information Officer heard about the event on the radio and informed director and administrative director.
57	07/09/81	Avasakiyos Bay, Greece	Greek tanker "THAL X" grounded off the Eastern coast of Greece after vessel lost its way in fog.	O.S.I.R.	?	?	?	?	Information advised from Greek Authorities. No reply has been received.
58	21/09/81	Saronikos Gulf, South Athens, Greece.	Three oil slicks of heavy fuel	Manufacturer, Corvala District	?	Heavy Fuel Oil Residues	Skimming, dispersion, Special equipped ships on the spot.	None	Manufacturer offered to fix 2000 m of boom via Centre interestedly.
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 Latakia, Syria 35° 35' 02" N 35° 43' 27" E	Greek H/V BRAVO NRK ran in a depth of 30 m 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	home Reported	-	-	-	The fact of the collision was confirmed by the Syrian authorities. The Centre received copies of the report from the Syrian authorities. The Centre is still interestedly.
61	31/12/81	West Genoa, Italy	Rupture of a pipeline caused by a landslide.	O.S.I.R.	280 t	Maximum quantity of Oil Minimum quantity of Gas Oil	Three boats were used to disperse oil. Booms and absorbents also utilized. Containment was also planned.	Contingency was followed	Reply from Italian authorities as indicated that planning was satisfactory.

No.	DATE	LOCATION	INCIDENT/ACCIDENT	ALIGHT DRIVER BY	CII STATUS		ACTION TAKEN	REMARKS	ACTION
					Quantity	Type			
63	02/01/82	Off the Port of Tripoli, Lebanon	Iranian Tanker BAHAMAR ONE (1960, 4360 tons) set on fire while loading oil.	Lloyd's	?	?	Fire fighting effort to slow the spread before of the port.	?	Information asked from Lebanese authorities and emergency operations.
63	18/01/82	State refinery, Gulf of Suez, Suez Canal, Greece	Explosion in the engine room of Greek tanker HIRIHA VAI (1975 - 52,441 tons) while unloading crude oil. Tanker caught fire.	Lloyd's	None	-	Tanker towed three miles due to wheel fire, fire extinguished.	?	Reply for information from authorisation indicated that no oil was spilled.
64	22/01/82	Off Ploemias, Greece	Greek tanker IRIS ran aground.	O.S.I.R.	None	-	?	?	Information asked from Greek authorities via indicated that no oil was spilled.
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 storms.	O.S.I.R.	3000 Gallons (300 kg.)	Heavy fuel oil Bunker 'C'	Rooms around the grounded tanker, showing dispersion to clean the shoreline.	?	ITOP will assume cost of cleaning up operations - see annex to marine env.
66	20/02/82	Harap Harbour, Goso and West of Goso, Malta	Oil Slick	Malta Coast Force	?	?	?	?	Note information asked from Maltese authorities.
67	19/05/82	36°01' N, 12°18' E or miles off Palermo, Malta	Unidentified oil slick 1/2 mile in length x 50 feet approx.	Malta Coast Force	Not known	Dry Exhaust Output	Dispersion	None	Information asked from Maltese authorities. No need for ROCC's assistance.
68	8. 6. 82	Lat. 35.36 N Long. 11.48 E Between Tunisian Coast and Lampedusa.	Green MT "MAGNIFICENT" caught fire with 15,000 tons of vacuum gas oil on board.	UDOT's Intelligence Department.	None	-	Italian Military Corvette and Quindici National Navy in vicinity. Fire controlled. Tanker bound to Augusta, Sicily.	?	ITOP alerted and kept a close watch on Italian and Turkish operations. Also contacted the Mediterranean Sea Pollution Centre, Rome, and the Mediterranean Sea Pollution Centre, Athens, for information on the vessel's location.
69	1. 9. 82	Alexandria, Egypt.	Rulk Carrier "KORONIS ENTERPRISE" Grounding on rocks, discharging its No.1 fuel oil tank.	MIL SPIEL MITTELBOCKER REPORT	?	?	?	?	ROCC contacted the Egyptian authorities to ask for more information. No reply had been received to date.
70	18.10.82	Lat. 36°21.5 N Long. 19°28.1 E	French ship "UNITILOR" from Port Said in Greek registered ship oil discharge.	CROSS II	?	?	?	?	ROCC alerted both the Greek and Italian Authorities re alleged spill. Greek Authorities notified pollution hot line. Emergency Authority did not report any oil slicks.
71	9.11.82	Lat. 31.43.42 N Long. 07.20.46 E Palermo, Sicily, Italy	MT "SQUIN" grounded, after dragging anchors whilst moving with 20,000 tons of crude oil on board.	IT.O.P.R.	None	-	See and land equipment and products were brought to location and put on standby. Operations were coordinated by high level officials and experts until final cleanup by ROCC.	?	ITOP alerted and kept a close watch on Italian and Turkish operations. Also contacted the Mediterranean Sea Pollution Centre, Rome, and the Mediterranean Sea Pollution Centre, Athens, for information on the vessel's location.