

The Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa

Oil Spill Preparedness and Response webinars



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IMO in a nutshell



Established in 1948



Specialized Agency of the United Nations



174 Member States &
3 Associate Members



Close cooperation within the UN-family



Actively contributing to achieving SDG's



An Assembly, a Council and five main Committees and a number of Sub-Committees



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IMO's mandate



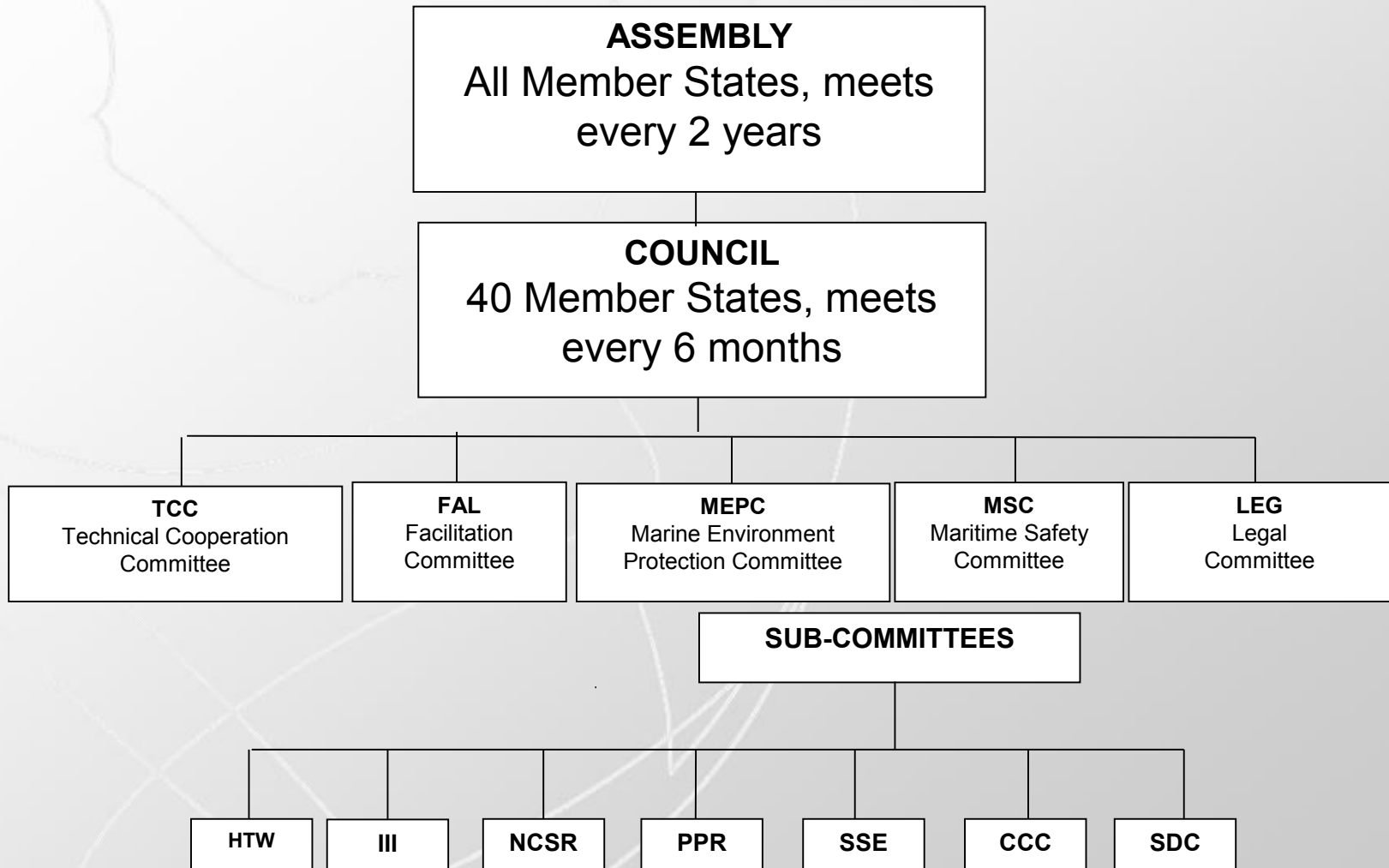
**Safe, secure and efficient shipping
on cleaner oceans**

IMO

- Provides a forum and mechanism for Governments to coordinate and decide on regulations applicable to shipping
- Adopts instruments (legislation) and guidelines at the intergovernmental level to maintain the safety and security of international shipping and to prevent marine pollution from ships
- IMO does not impose or enforce rules
- Member Governments are responsible for implementing and enforcing the adopted regulatory framework.
- IMO's role is to encourage ratification and implementation of international standards and to provide assistance



IMO Structure



Three-tiered approach to maritime conventions

Preventive Legislation

- Deals with safety, seafarers' training, operational pollution
- SOLAS, COLREGS, MARPOL, BWM, STCW

Mitigating Legislation

- Deals with accidental pollution
- **OPRC**, SALVAGE, INTERVENTION, OPRC-HNS

Compensatory Legislation

- Deals with compensation to those affected by the pollution
- CLC/FUND, BUNKER, LLMC, ATHENS, HNS

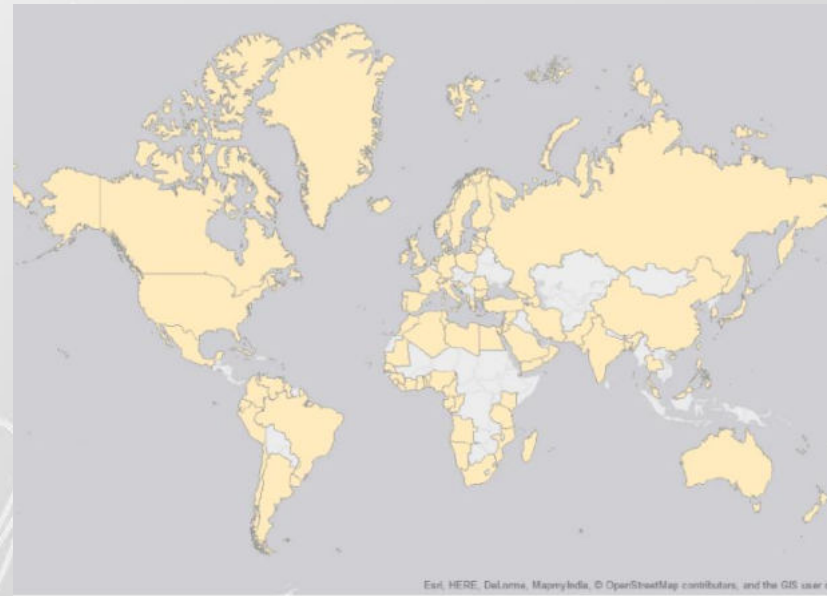
OPRC Convention

→ Global framework for international co-operation in combating major oil pollution incidents or the threat of major oil pollution

- Entered into force on 13th May 1995
- 113 Contracting States, as of May 2020
- Additional Protocol (OPRC-HNS Protocol) adopted in 2000

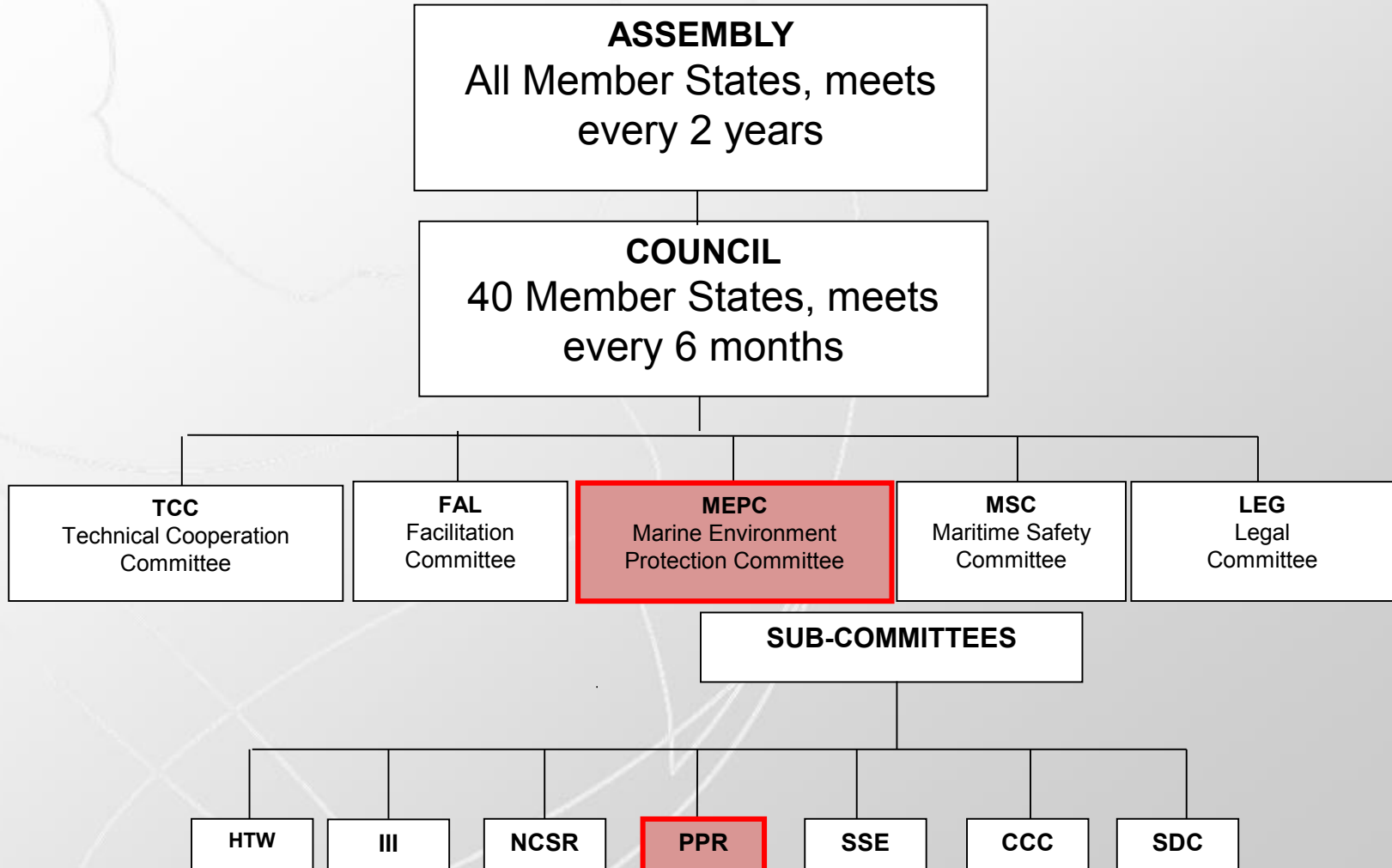
Key Articles

- Article 3 – Oil pollution emergency plans
- Article 4 – Oil pollution reporting procedures
- Article 5 – Action on receiving an oil pollution report
- Article 6 – National and regional systems
- Article 7 – International cooperation



**To be covered in detail
in the next webinar**

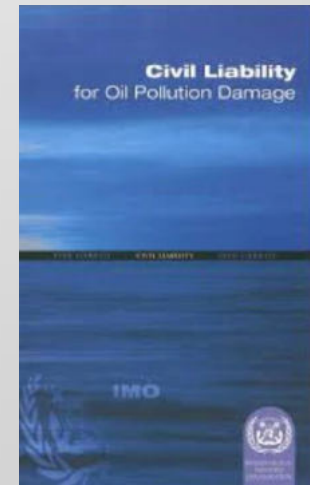
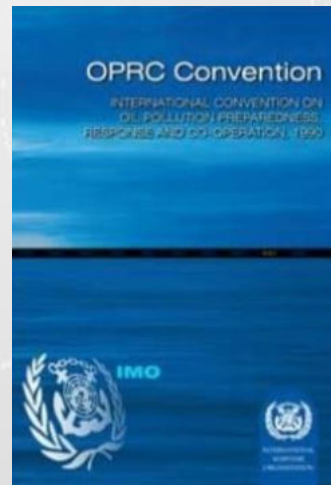
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National Law



International conventions need to be implemented in domestic legislation.



→ domestic legislation may impose further, and more stringent, requirements.

Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme: effective implementation of IMO instruments

ITCP assists countries in building their **human and institutional capacities** for uniform and effective compliance with the Organization's regulatory framework

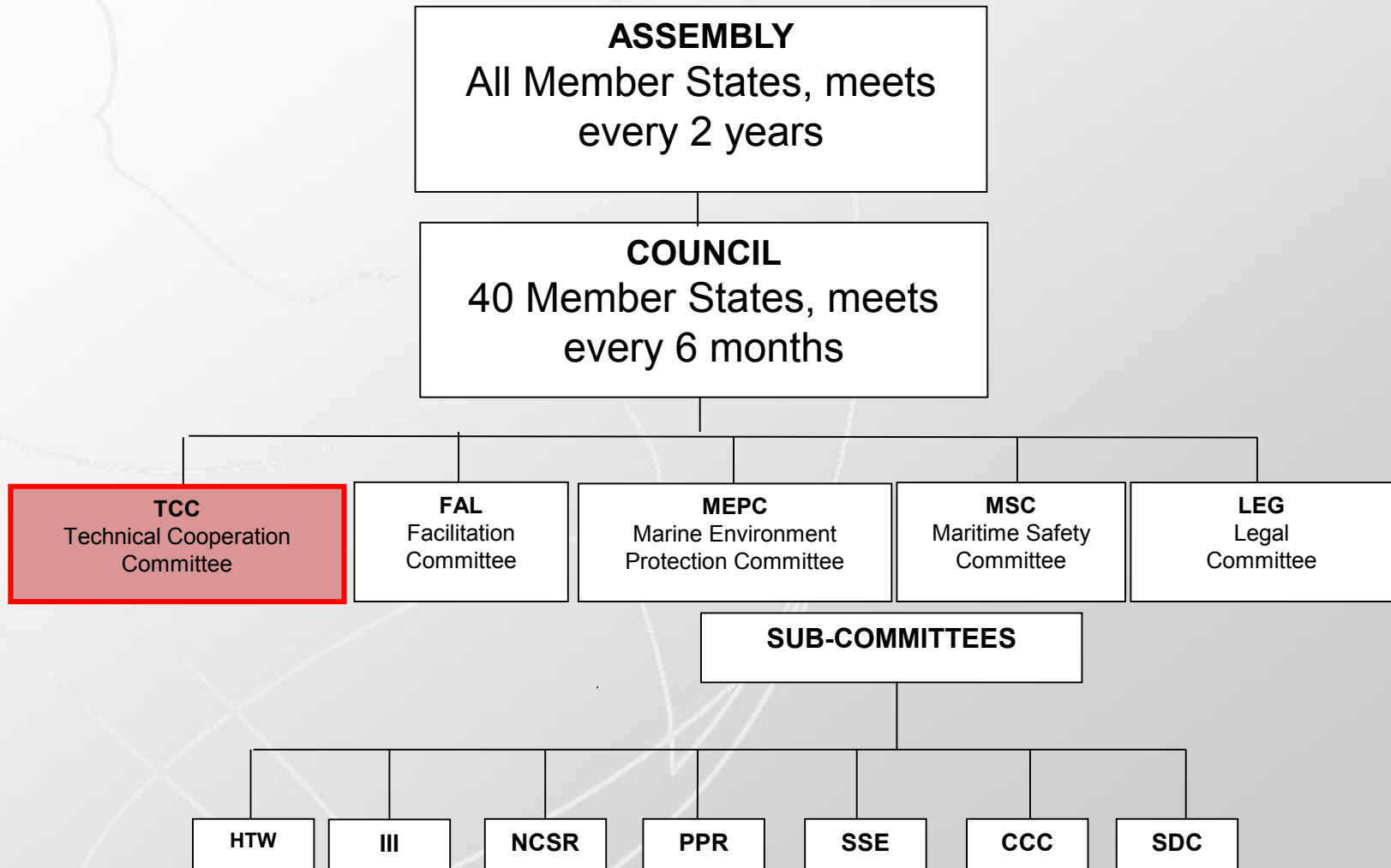


through delivery of **workshops, seminars, trainings** at national and regional level.



→ helps ensure safe, **secure and effective shipping services** and **protects environment** from maritime-related activities, therefore contributing to **sustainable socio-economic development.**

IMO Structure



Vision and strategy of the IMO-ITCP

- **Ownership** of the programme development and implementation process rests with the **recipient countries**
- **IMO's regulatory priorities** are systematically integrated into the programme-building process
- IMO builds **partnerships with Governments, industry and international development aid agencies** to ensure appropriate funding for the ITCP
- IMO also seeks to **mobilize regional expertise** and resources for its technical assistance activities
- The ITCP promotes **regional collaboration** and technical cooperation among developing countries

Structure of ITCP and 2019 achievements

IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP)



Global and Regional Programmes



IMO-ITCP 2019: 61 environment-related ITCP activities implemented by MED, with 22 activities relating to the implementation of OPRC and OPRC-HNS



ITCP activities on OPRC

Various focus areas:

- ratification and effective implementation of IMO conventions relating to oil pollution, including the international liability and compensation framework
- spill contingency planning
- policy development e.g. dispersant use, waste management
- bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements on cooperation
- training and exercise programmes and exercise design



Activities implemented in cooperation with **subject matter experts** and **long-term partners** i.e. ITOPF, OSRL, Cedre, NCA and OfD

IMO and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- As part of the UN-family, IMO actively works towards the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** and the associated **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, notably through the **ITCP**
- World seaborne trade is projected to **grow annually by 3.8%** between 2018 and 2023, with rapid growth for container and dry bulk ships (e.g. coal and nickel ore)

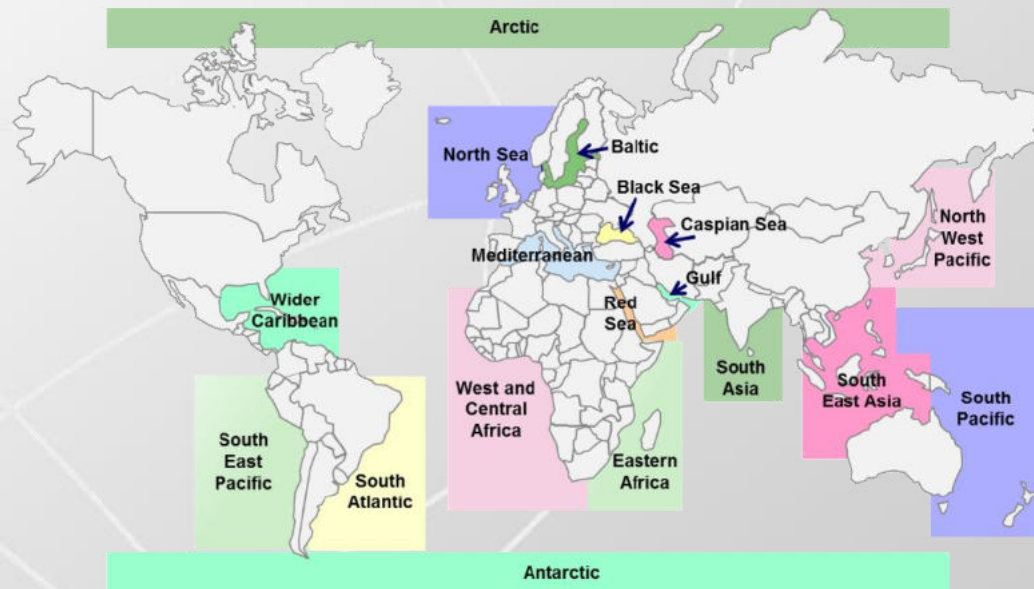


Source: *Review of maritime transport 2018* – UNCTAD, October 2018

Shipping underpins global economy, international trade and development

UNEP's Regional Seas Programme

- Launched in **1974**
- One of UN Environment's most significant achievements in the past four decades
- More than **143 countries** have joined **13 Regional Seas Programmes** for the sustainable management and use of the marine and coastal environment. There are also 5 Partner Programmes for the Arctic, Antarctic, Baltic Sea, Caspian Sea and North-East Atlantic
- The Programmes function through an Action Plan, which in most cases is underpinned by a strong legal framework in the form of a **regional Convention and associated Protocols** on specific issues.



Since its inception 45 years ago, the Regional Seas Programme (RSP) has constituted a unique approach to the protection of the coastal and marine environment.

IMO and the Regional Seas Programme

Since its launch in 1974, IMO has closely collaborated with UN Environment through the Regional Seas Programme on reducing the environmental impact of international shipping :

- In the Mediterranean, through REMPEC
- In the Caribbean, through RAC REMPEITC-Caribe
- In the Red Sea and Gulf Area, through PERSGA
- In the South-Asian region, through SACEP
- In the Pacific, through SPREP
- In Northwest Pacific, through NOWPAP MERRAC
- In the ROPME Sea Area, through ROPME/MEMAC



MARINE EMERGENCY MUTUAL AID CENTRE (MEMAC)
Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME)
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IMO and Industry partners

Global Initiative (IMO-IPIECA Partnership Projects)

Joint effort between IMO and IPIECA to support preparedness and response to oil spills and the implementation of the OPRC Convention worldwide since 1996

Objective: to improve and enhance the capacity of beneficiary countries to prepare for and respond to accidental marine oil spills; to promote cooperation between States, and between Governments and Industry.

Regional Projects:

- *GI WACAF:* West, Central and Southern Africa countries
- *GI SEA Project:* Southeast Asian countries
- *OSPRI:* Caspian Sea - Black Sea - Central Eurasia

National/Regional Support:

- *GI China*
- *RAC REMPETIC- Caribe: Wider Caribbean*





Thank you for your attention