

Newsletter



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WEBINAR ON TIERED PREPAREDNESS FOR WILDLIFE RESPONSE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION



30 June 2021, Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL), Sea Alarm and the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) are very pleased to announce that a webinar on Tiered Preparedness for Wildlife Response in the Mediterranean Region will take place on **Tuesday; 21 September 2021; at 10:00 am (CET)**.

The webinar will last for approximately one hour and will be presented by Paul Kelway, Wildlife Preparedness & Response Manager and Yusuf Marhoon, Responder & Wildlife Core Group Member from OSRL as well as Hugo Nijkamp and Christophe Blazy from Sea Alarm.

Wildlife response is now considered to be an integral component of oil spill preparedness good practice for the oil industry and in recent years several key developments have been aimed at improving industry preparedness and promoting regional and in-country planning efforts. In this webinar, we will explore the operational activities of a wildlife response and key considerations for operators in the Mediterranean region in responding effectively to an oiled wildlife incident. As well as providing an overview of current tiered response arrangements for the industry. The session will also explore future preparedness priorities for the industry and other stakeholders in the Mediterranean region.

The main objectives of this webinar will be:

1. To provide an overview of wildlife response and good practice principles in tiered preparedness and response (including the recommendations from the Cyprus Workshop);
2. To introduce OSRL's wildlife strategy and explain current Tier 3 wildlife response services offered via OSRL–Sea Alarm Technical Advice, the Wildlife Equipment Packages and the proposed GOWRS Assessment Team Service and how these fit within the context of tiered preparedness and response good practice;
3. To provide an overview of Sea Alarm's role and highlight activities and projects of relevance to the Mediterranean region;
4. To highlight the current status of wildlife response preparedness in the Mediterranean Region and opportunities and priorities for developing tier-1 and tier-2 preparedness in the region, including any tangible actions/next steps MOIG Members can take to further their OWR preparedness.

The webinar working language will be English. For registration to this event, members and technical partners are kindly requested to complete the attached [Registration Form](#) and return it by Mail to MOIG secretariat at: houcine.mejri@moig.org.tn, preferably before 18 September 2021. The webinar link will be send to attendees in due time. We are looking forward to your active participation to this important event.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING N°18



17 June 2021, the MOIG Management Committee Meeting N°18 took place at Iberostar Averroes Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia. This meeting was attended by Mahmoud Kamour; Chairman; Rached Hachemi; ETAP representative; Malek Kallel; SEREPT representative and Houcine Mejri; MOIG Director.

During this meeting, the Management Committee Members approved the agenda of the meeting and the minutes N°17, discussed the financial state at 14 June 2021, the revised sections of MOIG Business Plan 2021 and MOIG activities planned to be held in 2022; in cooperation with members and technical partners.

14TH MEETING OF REMPEC FOCAL POINTS

31 May to 02 June 2021, the MOIG Director was invited to the 14th Meeting of the focal points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) held remotely.

The meeting was conducted pursuant to the Programme of Work and Budget for 2020-2021 of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), also referred to as UNEP/MAP, adopted by the Twenty-first Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (“the Barcelona Convention”) and its Protocols (COP 21) (Napoli, Italy, 2-5 December 2019).

The main objectives of this meeting were:

- To examine the implementation of the Programme of Work of REMPEC since the Thirteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (Floriana, Malta, 11-13 June 2019);
- To discuss and agree upon the proposed Programme of Work of REMPEC for the biennium 2022-2023, prior to its submission, for approval by the next Meeting of the UNEP/MAP Focal Points (Athens, Greece, 14-17 September 2021), and for adoption by the Twenty-Second Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (COP 22, Antalya, Turkey, 07-10 December 2021).

The event gathered over 70 participants from the Mediterranean Coastal States, the European Union, the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the governmental and non-governmental organizations, the industry and associations to address a wide range of technical and strategic decisions issues.

A number of items of interest to MOIG were presented and discussed during the meeting, in particular a series of manuals for response to oil spills, condensates and Hazardous and Noxious for response to oil spills, condensates and Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) in the Mediterranean Sea as well as the development of strategies for enhancing regional cooperation for responding to oil and HNS spills. The Management Committee Members would like to thank REMPEC for its kind invitation.



TRAINING COURSE ON READINESS EVALUATION TOOL FOR OIL SPILLS (RETOS)



15 June 2021, the training course on “Readiness Evaluation Tool for Oil Spills (RETOS)”; was held at Iberostar Averroes Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia in cooperation with the National Agency of Environment Protection (ANPE).

The training was animated by Samir Khedhira, General Controller Expert and REMPEC Focal Point; from ANPE.

The main objectives of this training were to present the RETOS tool, the accompanying manual ARPEL and the International Guide for Oil Spill Response Planning and Readiness Assessments (IOSC 2008) and to learn how to assess Oil Spill Contingency Plans with RETOS. The event gathered 23 delegates from ANPE, EAM, SAROST, SEREPT, STIR, STU, TRAPSA, TOPIC and TPS.

The training agenda included an introduction of West MOPoCo project and RETOS tool, the accompanying manual ARPEL and the International Guide for Oil Spill Response Planning and Readiness Assessments (IOSC 2008), presentation of SEREPT Oil Spill Contingency Plan, gap analysis and recommendations.

We were very delighted by the rewarding working atmosphere, MOIG members and representatives from ANPE and EAM worked together, shared their experiences and applied what they have learned from the RETOS training course during the self assessment of SEREPT Oil Spill Contingency Plan.

MOIG recommended holding periodically similar workshops in cooperation with members in order to assess their Oil Spill Contingency Plans (OSCP). The recommendation has been welcomed by the majority of members who expressed interest in hosting such event.

At the end of the training, certificates were awarded to participants by Samir Khedhira; ANPE representative, Mahmoud Kamour, chairman and Malek Kallel, SEREPT representative for the completion of RETOS training course.

The Management Committee Members would like to thank ANPE for providing technical support to MOIG and Samir Khedhira for its professionalism and high quality expertise provided to participants; thereby contributing to the success of this event.



REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON OIL SPILL WASTE MANAGEMENT

16-17 June 2021, the regional workshop on Oil Spill Waste Management was held remotely at Iberostar Averroes Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia; in cooperation with the Center of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution (Cedre) and the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC).

This workshop was animated by Arnaud Guéna, Deputy Director and Production Manager from Cedre, Malek Smaoui, Programmer Officer (OPRC 90) and Phyllis Therdrois; Junior Programme Officer (VIS) from REMPEC.

The event gathered 32 delegates from MOIG members and relevant Tunisian stakeholders such as: ANPE, Security Directorate, EAM, ENI TUNISIA, ETAP, General Secretariat of Marine Affairs, Ministry of Transport and Logistics, ONPC, SAROST, SEREPT, STIR, STU, TRAPSA, TOPIC and TPS.

The main objectives of this workshop were to know the use of the available tools in REMPEC on oil spill waste management, to be informed on the National and Regional context related to waste management following the conclusions and recommendations of the last workshop held in Tunis, to learn about waste management methods, to understand the logistic chain of waste management to implement in the event of pollution, to get an idea about the cost of waste disposal for the various treatment options and to practice the implementation of waste management plan through practical works.

The first day workshop included oral presentations hinging around regulatory and institutional framework, waste management guide and tools, reminder on POSOW 1&2 projects and waste module, definition and description of wastes, minimization of waste quantities, sorting at source and primary storage and Transport of wastes. The second day was dedicated to topics related to temporary storage, treatment and disposal and presentation of concrete case in Lebanon and France.

In addition, participants afforded the opportunity to simulate five oil spill waste management scenarios that happened in the rocks, beach, bay, Mangroves and beach. At the end of the workshop, certificates were awarded to participants by MOIG chairman on behalf of Cedre and REMPEC representatives for the completion of the Regional workshop on oil spill waste management.

The Management Committee Members would like to thank Cedre and REMPEC for providing technical support to MOIG and Arnaud Guéna, Malek Smaoui and Phyllis Therdrois for the high quality training and expertise provided to participants, thereby contributing to the success of this event.

