



# Notes on ITOPF

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1. ITOPF was established as the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Limited, a non-profit making service organisation, in 1968. In the early days its principal function was the administration of the TOVALOP voluntary oil spill compensation agreement. However, since the early 1970s, ITOPF has also provided a broad range of technical services in the field of marine pollution to and on behalf of shipowners, their P&I insurers and other groups such as the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds, as well as to the community at large.

2. ITOPF's Membership currently comprises over 7,900 owners and bareboat charterers of approximately 13,500 tank vessels with a total gross tonnage of about 429 million GT. The organisation also benefits from the participation of 810 million GT of non-tanker tonnage owned and operated by its Associates.

3. ITOPF's priority service is responding to accidental marine spills and the organisation's team of highly experienced technical staff are at constant readiness to travel anywhere in the world at a few hours' notice. ITOPF staff have attended on-site at over 800 incidents around the world, giving the organisation unparalleled practical experience of the realities of combating major marine spills. ITOPF also:

- assesses the damage caused by spills to the environment and economic resources;
- provides advice on the technical merits of claims for compensation;
- conducts contingency planning, advisory and training assignments;
- produces a range of technical publications and films; and
- maintains various databases as well as a website at <http://www.itopf.org>

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