

### Shipowners' Perspective on Preparedness for Oil Spill Response

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#### The context

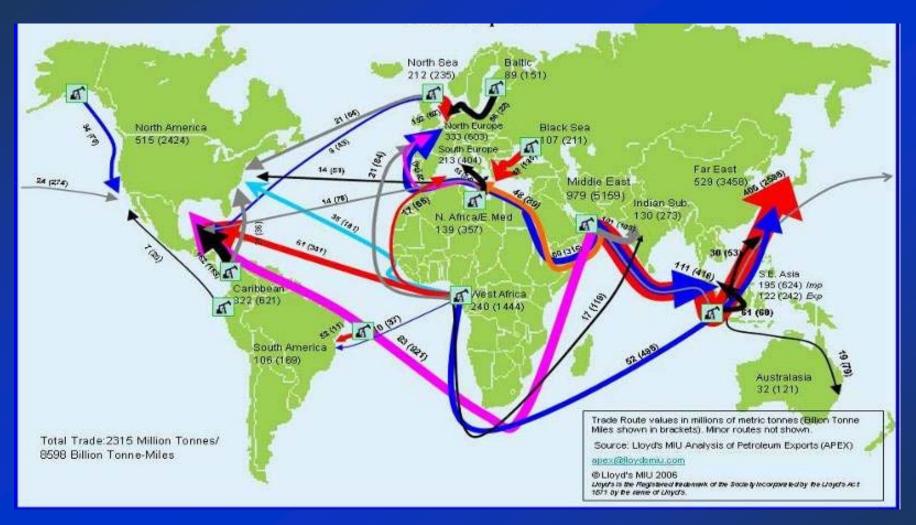
# The Context

- Around 95% of India's trade by volume is being transported by sea.
- During FY 2011- 2012, major and non-major ports in India handled a total cargo throughput of 751 M MT of cargo.
- The Indian fleet presently stands at 10.45 million GT and 1158 ships (as on 01 January 2013)
- International maritime traffic transits close to Indian west coast
- India recycled 8.76 million GT in 2011 (33%).

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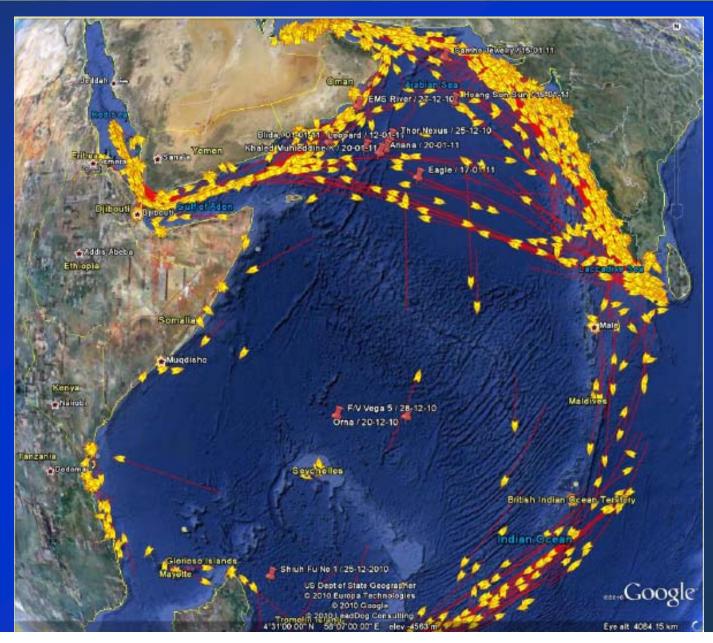
- Shipping is the life blood of world trade
- Sustainability
- Safe, reliable and most cost effective mode of transport

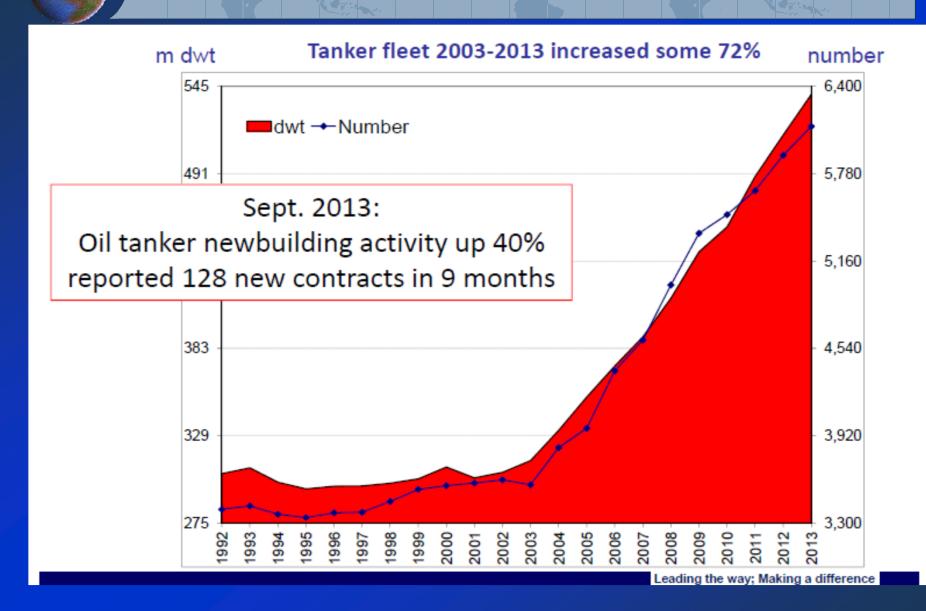




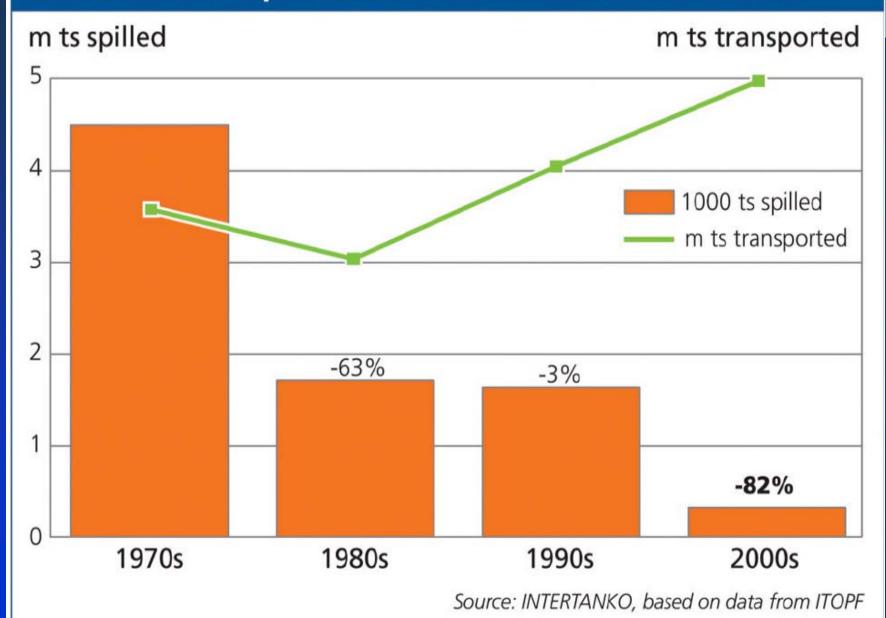


### The Effect of Somalia Piracy





#### Accidental oil spills from tankers and tanker trade









## The Current Difficult Market







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**Our Wish List in Case of Spill Incident** 

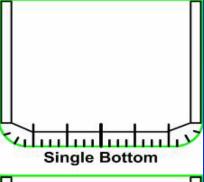
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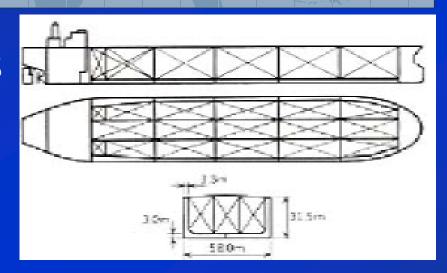


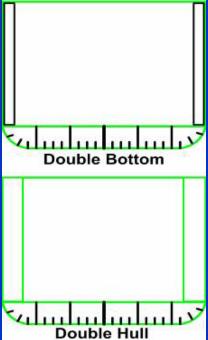
#### **Oil Spill Prevention Measures of Ships**

## Ship Design Aspects

#### Double Hull tankers











### Ship Design Aspects





- Protection of Fuel Oil Tanks in force since 1 August 2007
  - Applies to all new ship types delivered on or after 1 August 2010, having an aggregate oil fuel capacity of 600 m<sup>3</sup> and above.
- Oily water separator Bilge water
- Oil Discharge Monitoring and Control System on Tankers

# Operational Aspects

- Slops / Sludge to Shore Reception Facilities or Incineration
- # IOPP Survey and Certification
- Certificate of Fitness for chemical tankers

# Operational Aspects

- Bunkering precautions and loading / discharging precautions
- Master's SMS training
- Information Sharing to prevent spills / drills
- Briefing / Non mandatory training



- SOPEP / SMPEP
  - Containment and Clean up Equipments
- Audit of SOPEP / SMPEP Equipments by shore based auditors
- SOPEP / SMPEP Annual Review

# Contingency Preparedness

- Monthly Shipboard Contingency Drills
- # Half Yearly Ship-Shore Drill (one of them with USCG QI for US trading vessels)
- Annual Spill Response Exercise by Indian Coast Guard with Shipping and Oil industry



#### **Our Wish List in Case of Spill Incident**





- Ship within port
  - prompt response from Port authorities with containment and cleanup
  - Compliance with Tier I requirements
- Ship outside port
  - Prompt response from ICG / Coastal authorities
- Prompt evacuation of injured personnel and salvage, where required

- The regime must provide adequate levels of service at a reasonable cost, without compromising the degree of preparedness or environmental protection.
- The response capability must take into account the likely size of a spill in Indian context, along with the desired response times.
- Efficient protection and clean up of shoreline in case of oil spill reaching the shores.

- Bearing in mind time is the most critical factor in oil spill response measures we need to give a serious thought about providing Private Oil Spill Response Organizations in critical locations (Gujarat / Maharashtra)
  - the response time may be high for foreign OSROs to deal with spill scenario depending upon availability of their equipment, facilities, requirement of various legal formalities etc.
  - Must operate within the control of statutory authority

- A system of surveillance for oil spill should be developed
  - to stop it at the early stage and
  - act as a deterrent to polluting vessels
- Avoid incidents like that of M.T. Desh Shanti



#### **Ratification of IMO Conventions**

## Regulatory

- India should ratify Bunker Convention 2001 International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 entered into force on 21st November 2008
  - Covers oil spill damage from bunkers
  - The ship owner must have insurance or other financial security to cover his liabilities when ship is in the territory of a Party to the Convention
  - Presently obtaining Certificate from UK / Hong Kong etc.
  - Understand it is under process

# Regulatory

- India should ratify OPRC-HNS Protocol 2000 Protocol on Preparedness, Response and Co-operation to Pollution Incidents by Hazardous and Noxious Substances, 2000 entered into force on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2007
- Follows the principles of the OPRC Convention 1990 but covers pollution incidents involving hazardous and noxious substances
  - Contingency Plan
  - Obligation to report sighting of spills
  - Request or render assistance in case of spills



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