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REPORT ON THE SUB-REGIONAL TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON OILED SHORELINE ASSESSMENT

In collaboration with REMPEC, MOIG has organized training in Tunisia in the field of the Sub-regional Agreement between Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia.

In fact, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) through its Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (PACT) and the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) have made available the necessary funds for the organization of a sub-regional training of trainers on oiled shorelines assessment, held at the International Centre for Environmental Technologies of Tunis (CITET) in Tunis from 12 to 14 October 2010.

This training was organized by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Tunisia, in collaboration with the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) and the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG).

The training responded to the development of guidelines for the evaluation of Mediterranean coastline polluted by hydrocarbons developed under the Business Plan of the Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG) that are downloaded from the website (www.rempec.org) in the section Documentation / Publications.

The guidelines have been developed in order to harmonize the assessment of coastal region and facilitate the exchange of information in times of crisis.

The aim of the training was to train field staff that, in case of pollution, would join the team that would conduct the assessment missions in the oiled coasts. Generally, this team consists mainly of:

- a person who can demonstrate experience in this type of intervention, having knowledge of the coastal studies and able to quickly identify and document cases of coastal pollution by hydrocarbons and to identify practical and logistical problems of possible cleaning actions,
- a person aware of the ecological sensitivities of the affected area, and who can provide advice on priorities, constraints and environmental outcomes in real time
- in historical or archaeological areas, a specialist who can advise on precautions to take and the constraints involved in the protection of such resources.

The team members may come from very different organizations but more often they include:

- staff from the Agency of Conservation of Nature.
- environmental experts, from industry or government services such as civil protection or the Ministry of Equipment,
- remediation companies, and
- Representatives of municipalities or local authorities.

This training of trainers was designed to provide participants with the knowledge to turn and return to their respective areas, to organize more training at local level in order to share knowledge and to train in each region of the Algerian, Moroccan and Tunisian Coastlines teams of oiled shorelines assessments.

In addition to the governments' representatives of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia from REMPEC side, oil companies under the flag of MOIG have attended this training such as SHELL, TPS, TANKMED, LUNDIN, OSPREC, TOTAL, Eni SEREPT, SAMIR ... etc