

Ex 3.6 - Communications exercise

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At 03.30 hours the tanker NEPTUNE TRIDENT ran aground approaching the oil terminal at Palmalfi.

The NEPTUNE TRIDENT is partly loaded with 58,000 tonnes of Iranian Light Crude Oil.

Large oil patches have been reported around the vessel. The spill is estimated to approximately 1,000 tonnes.

The current weather is 1 m waves and winds: SW Force 4 (11–16 knots). The forecast is in 12 hours W Force 4. The temperature is 20°C.

A large slick of 4 km by 1 km is moving towards the coast.

The coastline in this area is principally mangroves, sandy beaches and an oil terminal.

Oil spill modelling shows the oil reaching the coast in approximately 6 hours.

The area is an important fishing zone used by many fishing vessels.

There is a small population centre (approx 1,500 inhabitants) to the north of the oil terminal.

The main regional airport is to the North East of the oil terminal.