Information EXPERIENCE Documentation

This is the chance to look back over the past 30 years of what is today our

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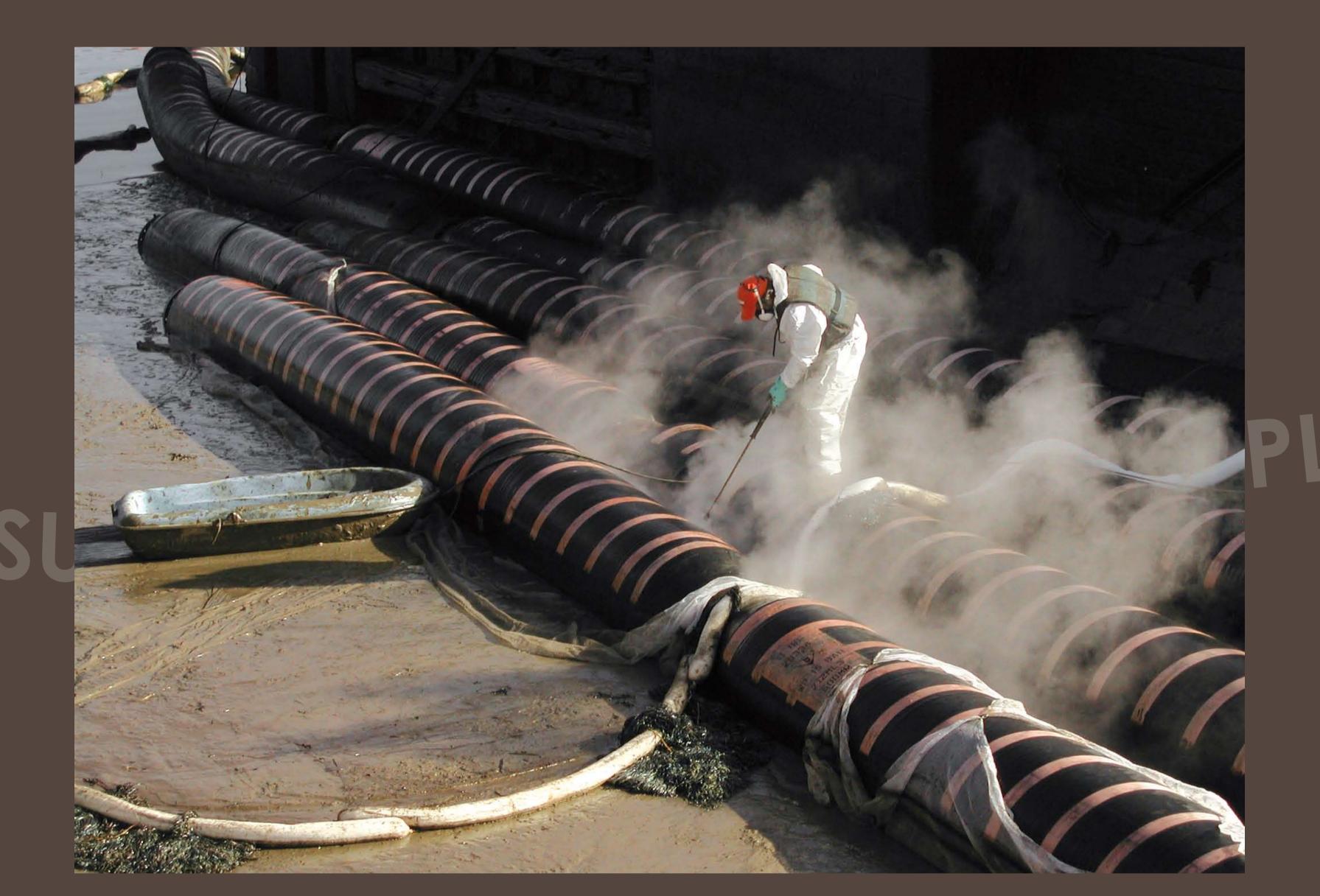
The acronym Cedre (Centre of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution), chosen some 30 years ago, clearly illustrates the French authorities' desire even then to build up a fully operational documentary capacity on accidental water pollution.

Operational Guides

In the 1980s, publications began to take off as the first operational guides were drafted. In 1987, a collection of mini chemical response guides was initiated, comprising first line information in case of spills into water.

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From its very creation in 1979, Cedre, as part of its strategy to capitalise on past experience, began to constitute a documentary collection.



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In 1980 the first communication effort was implemented with the launch of the Cedre Information Bulletin. In 1995, the Cedre Newsletter was launched and the first Cedre Information Day held.

In the late 1990s, the IT revolution brought new communications means. The first version of Cedre's website went live in 1998, and rapidly became an essential tool for providing up-to-date information during the Erika spill.

"Internationalisation"

From 2006 international communication became a priority, with a particular effort made on the English version of the website.

Launch of information Bulletin and practical guides | New version | Section of information Bulletin | Section Bulletin | Sectio

From its creation in 1979, Cedre was appointed a role in advising the French authorities on preparedness for marine pollution. Thanks to a vast experience in spill risk assessment, crisis management and response techniques, Cedre was called upon, from the onset, to contribute to the development of contingency plans for both the government agencies and private industry.

French Polmar Plans

Since its creation, Cedre has been heavily involved in contingency planning for the French government:

1980s: Polmar plans prepared for both on land and at sea response

1990: A practical guide to shoreline response to oil spills made available for Local Authorities

1991: A major inland waters study conducted for the Ministry of the Environment

2000: Post-Érika updating effort to Polmar land plans

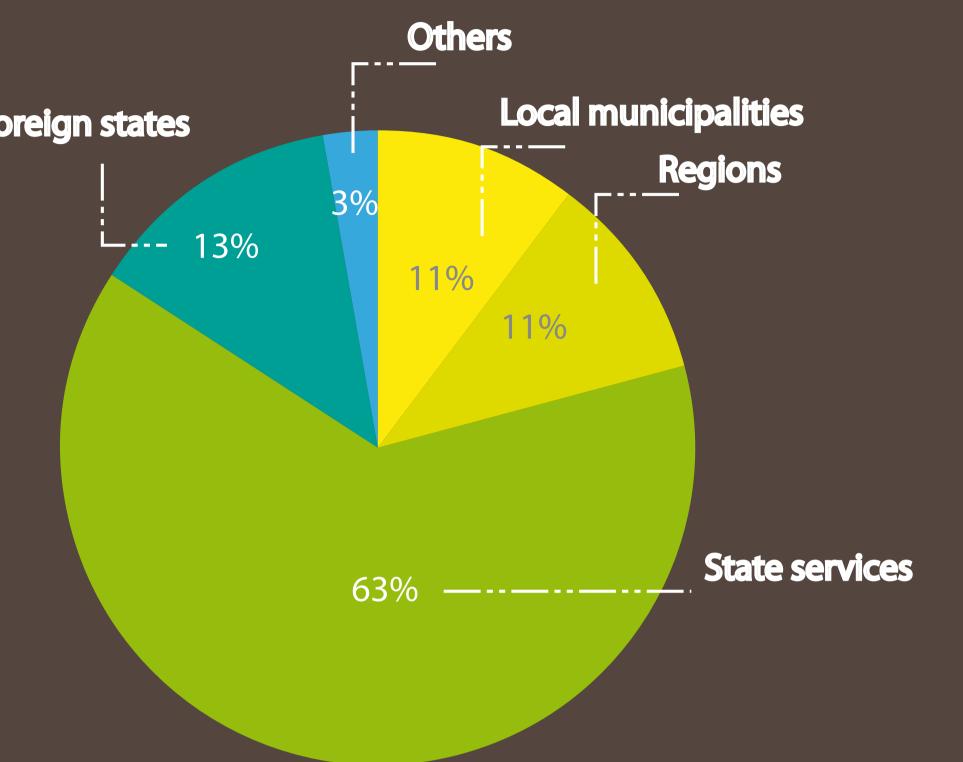
2002: Polmar sea plans harmonised by French Navy

2004: First Polmar atlas produced based on a Geographic Information System.

Contingency Planning Consultancy

Alongside its work for French government, Cedre has always worked on contingency planning for ports and oil industry partners, yet demand has considerably increased over the past decade. The plans produced are more frequently accompanied by training courses and exercises to make them more operational and relevant.





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Distribution of contingency plans by sector

