



Press release

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## **Cedre granted IOPC Funds observer status with 1992 Fund and Supplementary Fund**

*The governing bodies of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) decided, during their sessions held from Monday 29th October to Thursday 1st November 2018 at the headquarters of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London, to grant Cedre observer status with the 1992 Fund (representing 115 Member States) and the Supplementary Fund (representing 31 Member States).*

The IOPC Funds and Cedre have had ties for many years. Through this decision, Cedre joins a group of 17 States, 9 intergovernmental organisations and 17 international non-governmental organisations with observer status. Stéphane Doll, Director of Cedre, affirms: **"our newly granted observer status with the IOPC Funds will strengthen our exchanges on pollution issues and their impact on the marine environment"**.

### **The IOPC Funds:**

The IOPC Funds are two intergovernmental organisations (the 1992 Fund and the Supplementary Fund) which provide compensation for oil pollution damage resulting from spills of persistent oil from tankers.

Further information: <https://www.iopcfunds.org/about-us/>

### **Observer status:**

Observer status may be granted to international non-governmental organisations which have aims, responsibilities or activities in the fields related to those of the Funds (particularly in connection with pollution and environmental matters, maritime and shipping affairs, marine insurance, production or transport of oil or relevant questions of international law) and which are of truly international character.

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## Cedre snapshot

**Field of activity:** advice and expertise in the management of accidental water pollution.

**Activities:** response support, contingency planning, training, analysis and testing, research, documentary resource centre.

**Geographical coverage:** France and worldwide

**Workforce:** 50 engineers, researchers and technicians

**Annual budget:** 5 million euros

**Date of creation:** 25 January 1979

**Location:** 715 rue Alain Colas, CS 41836, 2918 BREST Cedex 2, FRANCE (Port du Moulin Blanc, Brest)

