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In short



The Cedre team has had the pleasure of accompanying you throughout 2018. We wish you all the best for 2019 - may it be a year full of achievements and success.

Anticipate tomorrow!

Cedre Information Day: 5th March

"Marine Litter"

5th March 2019, in Paris La Défense,

On the premises of the Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition, **MTES**

The programme will include: International policies, France's policy, the industry position, monitoring as well as a few examples of projects and research. The day will end with a discussion session.

Simultaneous translation will be provided.

[Registration now open!](#)

Dates for the diary

► **Cedre Information Day 2019**, on 5th March in Paris, on the theme of "Marine Litter"

► **Exhibition** at Cedre of the creations inspired by the **40th anniversary of the Amoco Cadiz spill**: exhibition open until 18/01/19

Visits and presentations

► From 3rd to 5th Dec.: **CleanAtlantic**

► On 4th Dec.: Trainee semaphore lookouts at the French Naval Academy

Training courses

► On 3rd Dec.: Training for port workers in the **Iroise Marine Nature Park**, response techniques and equipment for use in ports, 15 participants

► From 4th to 6th Dec.: HNS training in Canada, 23 participants

► On 6th Dec.: Training for port workers/supervisors, IMOCA class at **CNFPT** in Vannes (Morbihan)

Emergency response

In December, Cedre continued to be involved in monitoring the situation on the Var shoreline following the collision between the *Ulysse* and the container ship *CSL Virginia* off Corsica on 7th October. In terms of water pollution incidents, our duty team was contacted by **MRCC Antilles-Guyane** (French Antilles and French Guiana) in relation to white balls resembling paraffin or vegetable fat on the shores of Martinique, by **MRCC Reunion** in relation to plant residues, by the Morbihan authorities (DDTM) to report tarballs on the shores of Saint-Pierre-Quiberon and Plouharnel, by the Bouches-du-Rhône authorities (DDTM) to request advice after a drum washed up on the shoreline of Arles and by **MRCC Corsen** to report the presence of a few tarballs on Salus beach on Houat island.

The **Maritime Prefecture for the Atlantic** also requested advice in relation to Annex II of the **MARPOL Convention** and the **IBC Code** for an offshore tank cleaning operation following transportation of fertiliser.

Cedre's duty team was also called upon during two exercises, one for a drift forecast and to predict the behaviour of oil following a leak during offshore drilling operations, and the other relating to Cedre's call-out conditions for diesel run-off into the Seine.

Assignment in Mozambique

Upon invitation by the French Embassy, Cedre visited Mozambique from 10th to 14th December to take part in the Mar Nosso seminar. This event was held from 10th to 12th December in Beira for around 20 Mozambican participants who attended presentations on the principles of the French spill response organisation by a representative of the Reunion authorities and on spill response techniques by Cedre. On the morning of the 14th, a visit to the container and oil terminals in the Port of Beira was organised, before the seminar was brought to a close and transport was provided to Maputo. Here Cedre presented a conference on marine pollution at the Franco-Mozambican Cultural Centre and met various institutions involved in shoreline management or accidental pollution, as part of a programme of visits organised by the Embassy.

Cedre hosts CleanAtlantic coordination meeting

From 3rd to 5th December, Cedre hosted the third coordination meeting for [CleanAtlantic](#), a 3-year project co-funded by the European [Interreg Atlantic Area](#) programme, at its premises in Brest. This project led by [CETMAR](#) (*Centro Tecnológico del Mar*, Spain) is devoted to tackling marine litter in the Atlantic Area. This project, which involves 13 partners and 5 associated partners, aims to protect biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Atlantic area by improving capabilities to monitor, prevent and remove marine litter. The first two days were devoted to the semiannual project partner meeting to review the progress of the different actions of the CleanAtlantic project.

The meeting was followed by a Local Stakeholders Workshop open to project partners and a few local stakeholders invited by Cedre. The aim of this workshop was to raise awareness and to trigger discussions and foster synergies between the project partners and French stakeholders on certain issues addressed by the project: litter management in the maritime sector (ports and ships: Industry, fisheries, pleasure boating, etc.), measures to respond to/reduce litter in the marine environment (collection, reuse, etc.) and finally waste upcycling in a circular economy.

National marine litter workshop

Cedre took part in the seventh plenary of the national Marine Litter workshop held on 10th December at the [Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition](#) (MTES) in Paris. Organised by MTES – jointly by the Directorate of Water and Biodiversity and the Directorate-General for Risk Prevention – this half-day was intended to inform the different national stakeholders involved in the issue of marine litter. During this session, MTES gave a round-up of the latest international, European and national news in this field. It was also the opportunity for certain participants to present research projects in progress which focus for instance on the litter transfer dynamics from rivers into the marine environment (Water, Environment and Urban Systems, [LEESU](#), Paris) or on the quantification of flows of macrowaste from sanitation networks ([CEREMA](#), Brest), as well as collaborative projects: setting up of a network of beach litter collection bins (by T.E.O.) and a participatory science platform ([MerTerre](#)). Cedre presented the European project CleanAtlantic as a partner and on behalf of the European consortium.

Chemical spill crisis management training course in Canada

A chemical spill crisis management training course was run by two trainers from Cedre from 4th to 6th December. In total, 23 trainees, mainly from the Canadian Coast Guard together with a few guests from federal administrations (Environment Canada, [Transport Canada](#)) and the province of Quebec (Environment and Climate Change Canada), attended this 3-day session held at the premises of the Canadian Coast Guard in Quebec. The discussions were the chance to share Cedre's strong experience in chemical spills or risks at sea. Furthermore, the Canadian context, in particular with sea ice present for long periods of time and circumstances potentially aggravated by incident areas being very far from the shore, sparked debates and gave Cedre the opportunity to extend its knowledge thanks to the sharing of Canadian experiences. Fruitful discussions were held and helped to strengthen the links between Cedre and the Canadian administrations, in particular the Coast Guard.

Prestige oil spill compensation confirmed

On 13th November 2002, the oil tanker [Prestige](#) sank in the open sea, off the coast of Galicia, causing a major oil spill which hit the Spanish and French shores. Legal proceedings began on 16th October 2012 in Spain and came to a close after a long-running multi-year legal battle on 20th December 2018. The Spanish Supreme Court upheld the ruling awarding €1.6 billion compensation to Spain, the principal claimant, and €60 million to France. The court stated in a press release that this spill was the worst ecological disaster in the country's history. The French local authorities were awarded a few hundred to a few thousand euros in compensation. The two main parties held liable are the ship's P&I Club and its captain.

TK Bremen lawsuit ends

The Turkish captain was the only party accused during the trial on 3rd October 2018, with the prosecutor calling for a 6-month suspended prison sentence and a €20,000 fine for a "series of errors and misconduct". Brest's criminal court was expected to announce its verdict on the [TK Bremen](#) case on 13th December. The captain was acquitted. For a look back at this case: see Cedre Newsletters [197](#), [200](#), [201](#), [255](#) and [272](#).

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