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**IMO and the Environment**

IMO's original mandate was mainly focused on maritime safety. However, as the custodian of the 1954 OILPOL Convention, the Organization, soon after it began functioning in 1959, assumed responsibility for pollution issues. As a consequence, it has, over many years, adopted a wide range of measures to prevent and control pollution caused by ships and to mitigate the effects of any damage to the environment, human health, property and resources that may occur as a result of maritime operations and accidents.

In order to address the increasing focus on environmental issues and to clearly demonstrate the importance the Organization attaches to such issues, in 1973 IMO established its Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC) to consider any matter concerned with marine pollution from ships. MEPC meets three times biannually and is open to all member States and observers. MEPC 62 was held in July 2011 with about 900 participants from 93 Member States and 67 observer organizations.

The regulatory measures adopted by IMO have shown to be successful in reducing vessel-sourced pollution and illustrate the commitment of the Organization and of the shipping industry towards protecting the environment. Of the 53 treaty instruments IMO has adopted so far, no less than 21 are directly related to environmental protection, rising to 23, if the environmental aspects of the Salvage and Wreck Removal Conventions are included.

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