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Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Center

RAC/REMPEITC – Caribe

Established under the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean – The ‘Cartagena Convention’ – (1983)

- Hosted by the Government of Curaçao
- 28 Country Parties
- 4 Languages
- Coastline of 55,383 km
- 5.3 million square miles



Cartagena Convention

Adopted in 1983

Entered into Force in 1986

UNEP-CAR/RCU
Secretariat

Land-based Sources of Marine Pollution Protocol

Adopted in 1999

Entered into Force in 2010

Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife Protocol

Adopted in 1990

Entered into Force in 2000

Oil Spills Protocol

Adopted in 1983

Entered into Force in 1986

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Established 1995

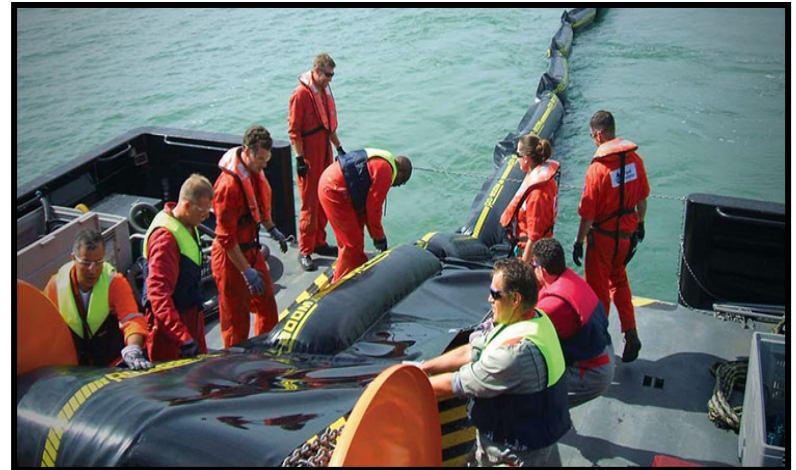
(Curacao)

Currently staffed by:

- Director (Ag)
- Seconded officer of the United States Coast Guard (USCG)
- Second officer of Maritime Authority of Jamaica
- [Industry representative]

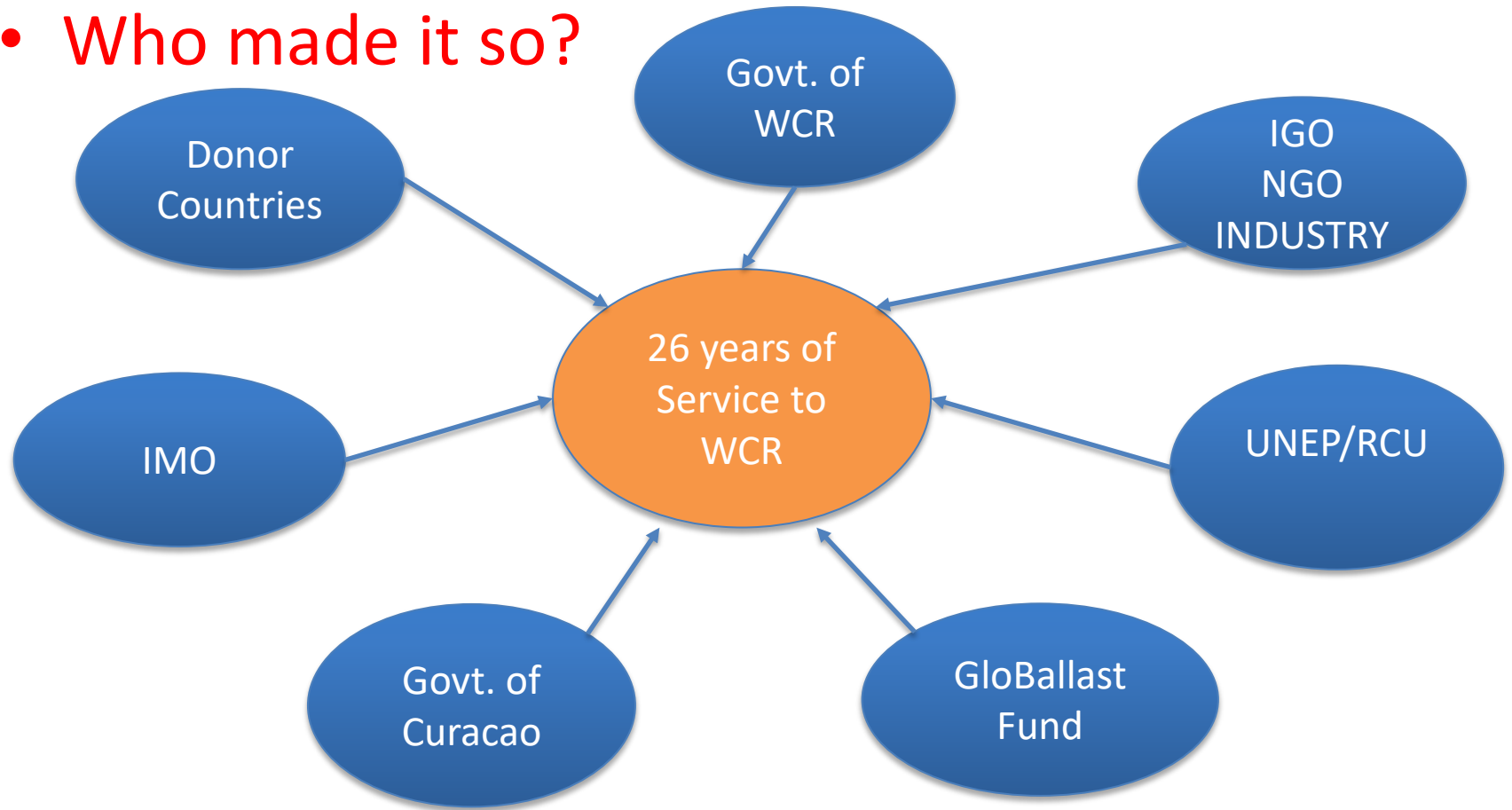
Our Mission

*“To assist countries to develop their national capabilities to implement the Cartagena Convention Oil Spill Protocol, the OPRC 1990 Convention and other IMO Conventions and Protocols relevant to **preparedness for, and response to** oil, hazardous and noxious substances releases, and other marine environmental threats from ships in the **Wider Caribbean Region.**”*



26 Years of Partnership

- Who made it so?



RAC/REMPEITC's main objective: Promote ratification and implementation of International and Regional Environmental Conventions in the Caribbean Region

- Cartagena Convention and Oil Spills Protocol
- 2000 OPRC Hazardous and Noxious Substances Protocol
- OPRC 1990
- Civil Liability and Fund Conventions
- MARPOL Convention
- Anti-fouling Systems Convention
- Ballast Water Management Convention
- And other relevant legal instruments (Including NCP)



Technology Support

- Push to update our GIS system as monitoring of spills are paramount;
- Closer collaboration with NOAA who are advancing their satellite imagery program which will benefit the WCR immensely.

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- More than implementing technical assistance
- Facilitates regional co-operation and co-ordination within the Wider Caribbean Region
- Shares understanding of international convention implementation challenges unique to (small island) developing states
- A long-term regional partner of the IMO in the Caribbean

Past Activities

2018

IMO (ITCP) funded technical assistance implemented by RAC-REMPEITC:

- OPRC: 4 National Contingency Plan Workshops (Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Cuba, and Mexico)
- AFS and Biofouling: regional Workshop (Trinidad & Tobago)

RAC-REMPEITC participation:

- COCATRAM/REPICA Ports meeting (Dominican Republic)
- CARIBMEPA World Maritime Day celebration (Mexico)
- Sargassum and Oil Monitoring Workshop (Mexico)
- Florida Straits Conference
- Annual meeting Port Management Association of the Caribbean

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- OPRC:
 - 3 National Contingency Plan Workshops (Guyana, Jamaica & Curacao)
 - 1 Env. Sensitivity and Geographic Response workshop (St. Lucia)
 - 1 Cross-border Exercise (Suriname/Guyana)
 - 1 Regional OPRC Workshop (St. Kitts)
 - Regional Exercise Workshop (Belize)
- MARPOL: 2 national workshops (Haiti & Grenada)

2020

- Senior Maritime Administrators Meeting (St. Lucia – March)

Present & Future Activities

1. Regional Coordination-RAC/REMPEITC (Pending);
2. International Oil Spill Conference – 5 days, May 10-14 (Completed);
3. NOSCP – Panama (Completed), 23 – 25 June;
4. NOSCP – Dominican Republic (Completed) 29 – 30 June – 01 July;
5. NOSCP – Nicaragua (Completed) 06 – 08 July;
6. NOSCP – Grenada (TBC) (Proposed October 2021).;
7. NOSCP – St. Martin & Anguilla (TBC) (Proposed October 2021);
8. Regional MARPOL, Annex III-V & PRF – Jamaica (Re-prog, 2022);
9. Regional Workshop on BWM Convention in WCR – Panama (Reprog, 2022)
10. National WS on Ratification/Implementation of the AFS – Cuba (Pending);
11. Sub-Regional WS on Development of Effective National Framework for Preparedness and Response to Oil Spills – Antigua and Barbuda – Reprog. For 2022.

