

Sub-regional risk of spills of oil and hazardous substances in the Baltic Sea

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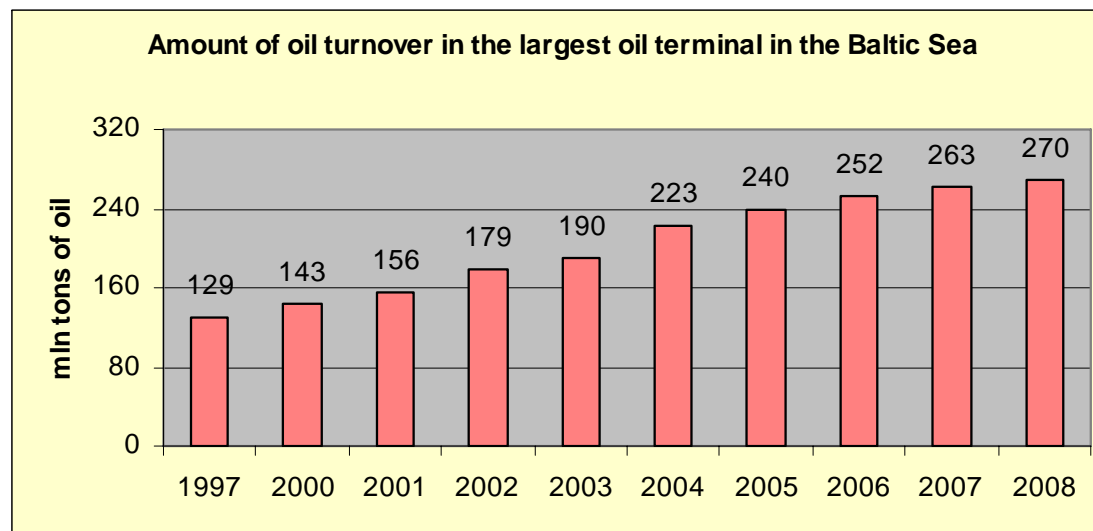
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Increased risk of shipping accidents – underlying reason for BRISK

- Number of shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea area is increasing and reached 135 incidents in 2008
- In 2009, vessels entered or left the Baltic Sea via Skaw 62,743 times (increased by more than 20% since 2006). Approximately 21% of those ships were tankers, 46% other cargo ships, and 4.5% passenger ships.
- The oil transportation is predicted to increase, especially in the Gulf of Finland, due to the construction and expansion of Russian oil terminals

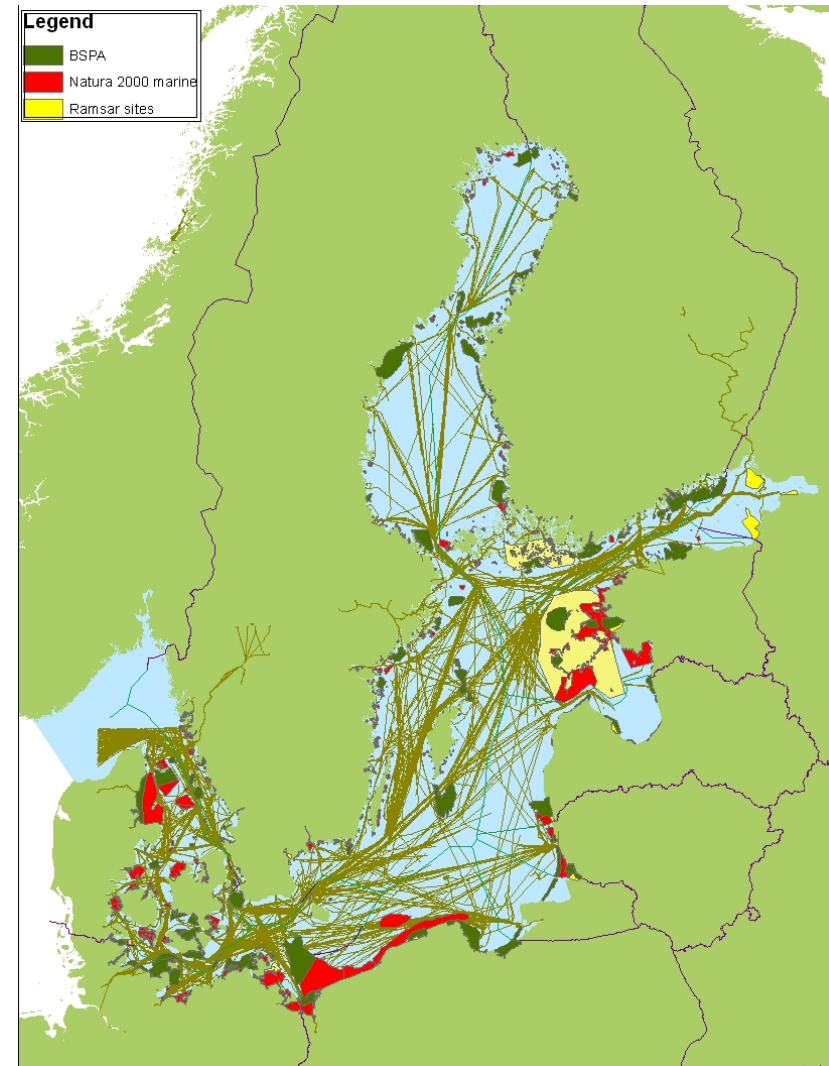


HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan

- BRISK implements the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan
 - Goal of the Maritime Activities segment “Baltic Sea with maritime activities carried out in an environmentally friendly way”
 - Objective “Efficient emergency and response capacity”
 - HELCOM Recommendation 28E/12 “Strengthening of sub-regional co-operation in response field”

BRISK activities 2009-2012

- First overall risk analysis of pollution caused by shipping accidents covering the whole Baltic Sea area based on a common methodology
 - to map areas with highest risk for oil spills and environmental damage
 - includes effects of oil spill response
 - Take into account characteristics of different sub-regions (ice-conditions etc.)



Map of protected areas in the Baltic Sea and ship traffic based on HELCOM AIS

BRISK activities 2009-2012

- Identification of missing response and emergency equipment to effectively tackle major spills of oil and hazardous substances
- Preparation of joint investment plans to improve response capacities in each sub-region of the Baltic Sea
- Development of transnational agreements/plans for joint response operations in areas where such agreements do not exist

BRISK Partnership

- Response authorities in all HELCOM countries are involved – this ensures strong ownership of the project and best use of its results
- Russian participation possible thanks to the Nordic Council of Ministers' financing:
 - NCM project “BRISK-RU” activities similar to the activities in other Baltic Sea countries
 - Both projects aim at the same target to fulfill the commitments of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan



BRISK

Strategic project for the Baltic Sea

- Strategic project of BSRP 2007-2013
- Implementation of BRISK a flagship project in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
 - Priority action No. 14 “To reinforce maritime accident response capacity protection from major emergencies”
- Part-financed by the EU (2.5 mio EUR) from the European Regional Development Fund under the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013
- To be accomplished by April 2012.



More information

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