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ACTIVITIES/ACTIONS	CARRIED OUT BY	YEAR OF REALIZATION	
		2002	2003
<u>TITLE I. PREVENTION OF POLLUTION BY SHIPS *</u>			
I. <u>Control the effective implementation of the relevant IMO Conventions :</u>	REMPEC		
1. Strengthening national capacities for exercising the power of flag State, port State and coastal State:			
a) Regional training programmes;			
b) Pilot programmes.			
2. Develop regional co-operation to increase efficiency of port State Control.			
II. <u>Port reception facilities</u>			
Implementation of Action Plan adopted in Cairo, December 1991.			

ACTIVITIES/ACTIONS	CARRIED OUT BY	YEAR OF REALIZATION	
		2000	2001
<p>III. <u>Surveillance and prosecution</u></p> <p>1. Aerial surveillance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - organize and develop regional co-operation in this field. <p>2. Legal actions against offenders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - organize and develop regional co-operation in the field of legal prosecution and sanction. 	REMPEC		
<p>IV. <u>Salvage</u></p> <p>1. Salvage and towing capacities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - examine rescue and towing capacities in the Mediterranean. <p>2. Availability of salvage vessels and emergency towing arrangements :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - examine how arrangements can be made to have rescue tugs available in the event of an emergency. 	REMPEC		

ACTIVITIES/ACTIONS	CARRIED OUT BY	YEAR OF REALIZATION	
		2000	2001
V. <u>Routing system</u> 1. Vessel traffic services in the Mediterranean 2. Traffic separation schemes 3. Areas to be avoided by the shipping traffic (sensitive areas, protected areas, etc.)	REMPEC		
VI. <u>Pleasure crafts</u> Preparation of a proposal for a legal instrument related to prevention of pollution from pleasure crafts.	REMPEC (UNEP/MEDU OTHERS)		

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		2002	2003	MTF	Other sources	MTF	Other sources
<p><u>TITLE II. PREPAREDNESS FOR, RESPONSE TO AND CO- OPERATION IN CASE OF ACCIDENTAL MARINE POLLUTION</u></p> <p>I. <u>Collection and dissemination of information (e.g. guidelines, recommendations and technical documents) from other relevant organizations and from the shipping, oil and chemical industry.</u></p> <p><u>REGIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (*)</u> (oil and hazardous substances)</p> <p><u>PART A:</u> Basic documents, Recommendations, Principles and Guidelines concerning marine pollution preparedness, response and mutual assistance.</p> <p><u>PART B :</u> Directories and Inventories</p> <p>1. Directory of competent national authorities in charge of accidental marine pollution preparedness, response and mutual assistance and other relevant information – SECTION 1.</p> <p>2. Inventory of experts, equipment and products which can be, under certain conditions, put at the disposal of a State which so requests, in cases of emergency –SECTION 2</p>	REMPEC						

(*) Updating the RIS as a permanent activity of REMPEC

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3. Directory of Mediterranean Meteorological Centres – SECTION 3							
4. Directory of companies offering services in the Mediterranean in case of emergency – SECTION 4.							
5. Computerization and maintenance of the RIS.							
PART C: Databanks and Information Services							
6. Maintenance of a partially computerized databank on hazardous substances.							
7. Acquisition of behaviour simulation models.							
8. Description of the Centre's databank on hazardous substances and information services provided by the Centre – SECTION 1.							
9. List of Alerts and Accidents in the Mediterranean – SECTION 2							
10. Develop and maintain the TROCS database – SECTION 3.					(*) 22000		(*) 24000
PART D: Operational Guides and Technical Documents							
11. Associated risk of gases and volatile liquids spilled at sea. (Supplement) – SECTION 9.							
12. Impact of spilled hazardous substances on human life and the marine environment – SECTION 10.							

(*) part of EC voluntary contribution to MTF.

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13. Compendium of notes on preparedness and response to maritime pollution emergencies involving hazardous substances – SECTION 11							
14. Practical Guide for marine chemical spills (Supplement) – SECTION 12.							
II. <u>Assistance to countries which so request, in developing their national capabilities</u>			Sub-total	16000	22000	16500	24000
A. <u>National and Subregional Systems</u>			on request				
1. Assistance to countries in developing their information sources at the national level by providing computerized material developed by REMPEC.	REMPEC		on request				
2. Providing assistance to countries which so request, to develop their national system for preparedness and response.	REMPEC/Consultant		on request	10000		10000	
3. Providing assistance to countries which so request, for the preparation of projects for the acquisition of combating equipment, which would be submitted to possible sources of international financing.	REMPEC/Consultant		on request				
4. Development of sub-regional systems for combating major marine pollution accidents : Eastern Mediterranean, Western Mediterranean, Adriatic	REMPEC/EC/ Consultant		on request	20000	(*) 809000	20000	(**) 714000

(*) 3 LIFE projects (Cyprus, Egypt, Israel – Syria – Turkey)

(**) 2 LIFE projects (Syria - Turkey)

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5. Providing assistance to States, which so request, for the preparation and development of bilateral/multilateral operational agreements amongst neighbouring coastal States.	REMPEC/Consultant	on request		8000		8000	
B. <u>Port Emergency Response System</u>				38000	809000	38000	714000
6. Design of pilot projects for external financing to enhance the preparedness and response systems of Mediterranean Ports.	REMPEC/EC/Consultants/Others	on request		7000		7000	
		Sub-total		7000		7000	
C. <u>CAMP</u>		on request					
7. Development of operational sensitivity maps in the Mediterranean (Projects co-financed by: SMAP/MEDA/LIFE mechanism 80%; related country 16%; MAP 4%).	REMPEC in co-operation with other organizations	on request		-		40000	
		Sub-total				40000	
III. <u>Training</u>							
1. Specialized regional training course on oil and hazardous substances.	REMPEC	X	X	134000		140000	
2. Providing assistance to States, which so request in the preparation of national training seminars/workshops/courses.	REMPEC	on request		20000	(*) 120000	20000	(*) 140000
3. Making available teaching documents for national training activities.	REMPEC	X	X				
4. Preparation of a training programme on preparedness and response in ports.	REMPEC/Consultants	X	X	10000		12000	
		Sub-total		164000	120000	172000	140000

(*) IMO/TCD contribution for national training courses in the Mediterranean Arabic-speaking countries.

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		2002	2003	MTF	Other resources	MTF	Other resources
IV. <u>Co-operation and mutual assistance in case of emergency</u>							
1. Organization and administration of the Mediterranean Assistance Unit to assist combating accidental marine pollution.	REMPEC	X	X	8000		8000	
2. Organization of alert exercises aimed at testing the use of the standard alert message and communications network "MEDIPOLEX".	REMPEC	X	X				
3. Organization of operational exercises	REMPEC	X	X				
4. Maintenance of relations and contacts with the representative organizations of oil and shipping industries.	In co-operation with a Contracting Party or with the Oil Industry	X	X				
5. Co-operation with the chemical industry (ICE project).	REMPEC	X	X				
6. Organization of "paper exercises" with chemical industry (ICE programme).	REMPEC in co-operation with an ICE Emergency Centre	X	X				
		Sub-total		8000		8000	
		Total		233000	951000	281500	878000

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<p><u>TITLE III</u> <u>PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION RESULTING FROM OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES *</u></p> <p>I. <u>Preparation of guidelines, standards and joint criteria</u></p> <p>1. Preparation of criteria for the formulation and elaboration of international rules, standards and recommended practices and procedures for achieving the aims of the Protocol (article 23).</p> <p>2. Preparation of common standards for the disposal of oil and oily mixtures from installations into the Protocol area (article 10, para 1a).</p> <p>3. Preparation of common standards for the use and disposal of drilling fluids and drill cuttings into the Protocol area (article 10, para 2).</p> <p>4. Preparation of guidelines regarding the use of chemicals for the activities (article 9, para 2).</p> <p>5. Preparation of guidelines in accordance with international practices and procedures to ensure observance of the provisions of Annex VI : Safety Measures (article 23, para 1c).</p>	REMPEC						

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