

# GI WACAF

## Annual report

### 2009

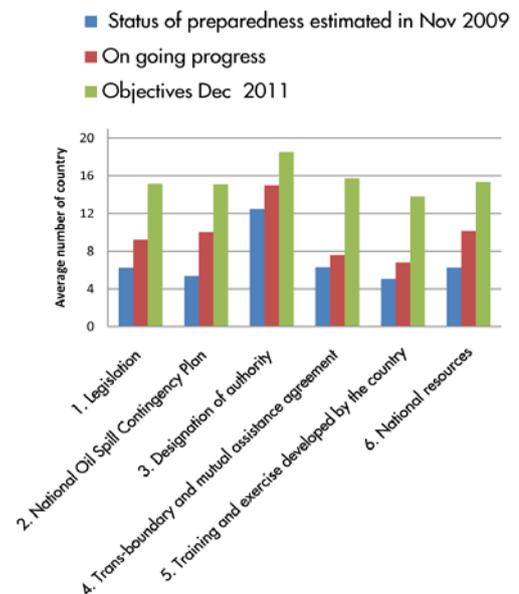


2009 was extremely productive in terms of workshops delivered with 12 National and 1 regional workshops organised involving more than 600 delegates. 2009 was highlighted by the GI WACAF biennial regional conference held in Yaoundé, Cameroon, where the GI WACAF Focal Points provided us with a strong action plan to be implemented together with stretch objectives. This event was a great success and enabled the launch of the 2010-2011 Biennium. In 2009, in-kind support provided by the in-country oil industry and governments had increased considerably. The members' financial contribution was reduced resulting from a new member joining in 2007. The communication metrics rose with more than 4000 visits to our website [www.giwacaf.org](http://www.giwacaf.org) in 2009 and the biannual news-letters being read by more than 500 individuals.

## Results achieved

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### 2009 results and 2011 objectives



## 15 National Oil Spill Contingency Plans (NOSCP) developed in the Region

By December 2009, 15 plans have been developed and 9 have been officially approved. From the benchmark assessed in April 2006, this shows an increase of 114% (then 7 plans had been developed and only 3 approved). This great progress illustrates the achievements in terms of oil spill preparedness delivered by the countries of the WACAF region. The next focus of the GI WACAF is to test and exercise these NOSCPs regularly and ensure wide distribution in partnership with the oil industry.



## 20 Focal points trained and committed to the project

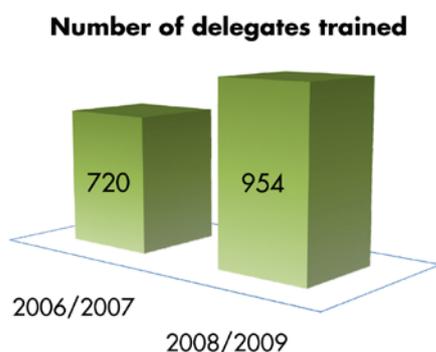
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## 12 National workshops involving more than 600 delegates

2009 was extremely productive in terms of workshops organised and number of people trained. 12 national workshops were organised in 2009. Overall during the biennium 2008/2009, 18 activities were delivered and a total of 954 people were trained which represents an increase of 25% percent when compared with the biennium 2006/2007.

Operational focus has broadly increased and a large scale exercise was organised in Point Noire in June 2009. This exercise was an excellent example of a joint industry/government initiative for oil spill preparedness. A joint government and industry Command Centre enabled a prompt and effective response.



### Shoreline clean-up exercise in Pointe Noire, Republic of Congo



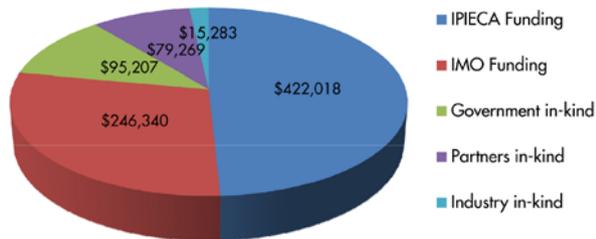
### GI WACAF activities organised in 2009



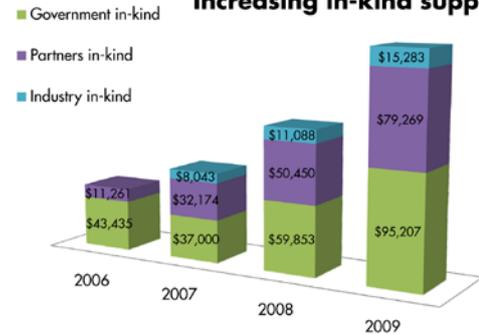
## Increasing support from local government and industry

In 2009, more than 25% of the costs of project activities were funded by governments and local business units. In-kind support contribution has increased considerably since 2006 and reached a total of 190,000 USD in 2009. Partner in-kind support was provided through experts by our main partner organisations. In 2009, Oil Spill Response and IOPC Fund provided us with experts to share their specific expertise in oil spill preparedness.

**2009 Funding for GI WACAF Activities**



**Increasing in-kind support**



## Communication

In 2009, new features were added to the GI WACAF website: oil spill sensitivity maps developed in the region were collected, geo-referenced and uploaded on a google Map interface. This upgradable response tool provides coastal sensitivity to responders; layers can be easily uploaded to other response tools.

During the next biennium the GI WACAF website will be further enhanced in order to improve access to recent news and updates.

The screenshot shows the GI WACAF website interface. At the top, there are logos for GI WACAF, IPIECA, and the United Nations. A navigation menu includes Home, About GI WACAF, Activities, Country Profiles, Live Status, Maps, Documentation, Links, and Contact. Below the menu, there are tabs for Interactive Maps and Sensitivity Maps. The main content area is titled 'Coastal sensitivity map' and features a map of the Gulf of Guinea region. The map shows various coastal features and is overlaid with a sensitivity index. A legend on the right side of the map provides details on the Environmental sensitivity index, including Shoreline type and sensitivity ranking (ESI 1 to ESI 10), Biological resources, Human use resources, Sensitivity synthesis, and Countries of the WACAF region. The legend also includes a section for 'Atlas implemented in GIWACAF.ORG' and 'Countries of the GIWACAF Project'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with 'Site Map', 'Administrator', '©www.giwacaf.org 2007', and 'webmaster OTRA'.

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