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Q8

What is oil pollution? What are its impacts on the marine ecosystem? In what way is oil pollution particularly harmful for a country like India?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · GS III · 10 marks · Environment and Conservation

Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.

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Coastline

India's coastline is about 7,500 km including islands, with a large Exclusive Economic Zone.

NOS-DCP

National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan: national framework for spill response.

Indian Coast Guard

Central coordinating authority for oil-spill response in Indian waters.

Mumbai High

Western offshore oil province; a spill here sits next to a dense metropolitan and fisher coast.

Tanker lane

Much Gulf crude to East Asia passes through the Indian Ocean and approaches Indian waters.

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