

# Preventive oil combatting starts prior to the accident

**The best way to mitigate the consequences of an oil accident is to prevent accidents from happening in the first place.**

Estonia, Finland and Russia are well-prepared for a possible oil accident.

Even the state-of-the-art readiness for oil combatting cannot completely avoid the degrading effects of an oil accident.

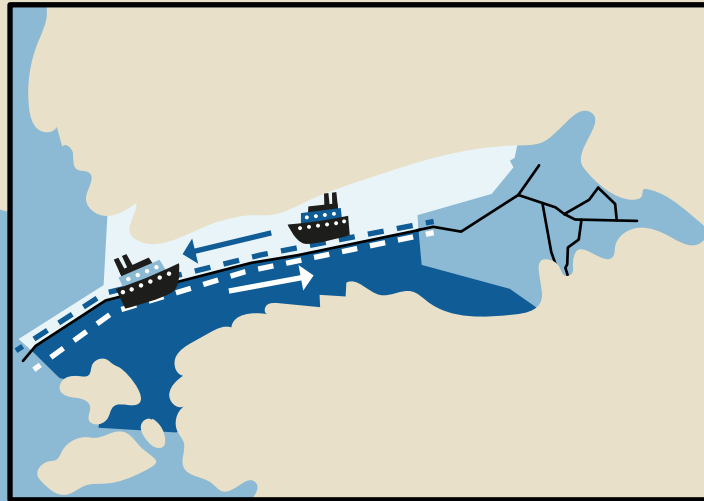
Oil combatting scheme in the Gulf of Finland relies on preventive measures: traffic guidance and surveillance systems as well as mitigation of human errors occurring at sea.



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## Preventive measures



The Gulf of Finland ship reporting system and traffic separation scheme. The ships need to report to the national traffic centres whenever they enter the territorial waters.

The Gulf of Finland is a small and vulnerable sea area where an oil accident would trigger an ecocatastrophe

## Post-accident measures

