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GIBRALTAR PORT AUTHORITY AND MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT UNDERGO SPECIALIST OIL SPILL RESPONSE TRAINING

The Ministry of the Environment and the Gibraltar Port Authority continued to develop their close ties and co-operation in protecting the Marine Environment. Staff from the Port Authority and the Department of Environment jointly undertook the Oil Spill Response Beach Master course provided by Oil Spill Response Limited. The training is accredited by the UK Maritime Coast Guard Agency and the International Maritime Organisation.

The successful completion of training has significantly increased the number of specifically trained operatives able to safely attend cleanup operations in the event of an oil spill impacting the coastline.

The course incorporated a live training exercise using the Gibraltar Port Authorities resources and the deployment of equipment at Western Beach in response to a simulated oil spill.

The Minister with responsibility for the Port, The Hon Paul Balban and the Minister with responsibility for the Environment Dr John Cortes would like to convey their gratitude on behalf of HM Government of Gibraltar to those members of the Gibraltar Port Authority and members from the Department of Environment for the great work they do in ensuring the protection of our waters and coastline.