

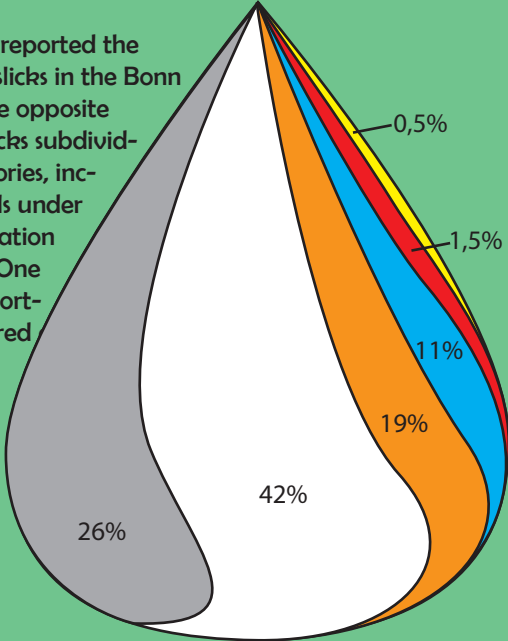
The eight countries bordering the North Sea work together within the Bonn Agreement to undertake aerial surveillance using specially equipped aircraft and specialised personnel to detect spills of oil and other harmful substances and enforce international environmental regulations.

### Colour key - Spill volume



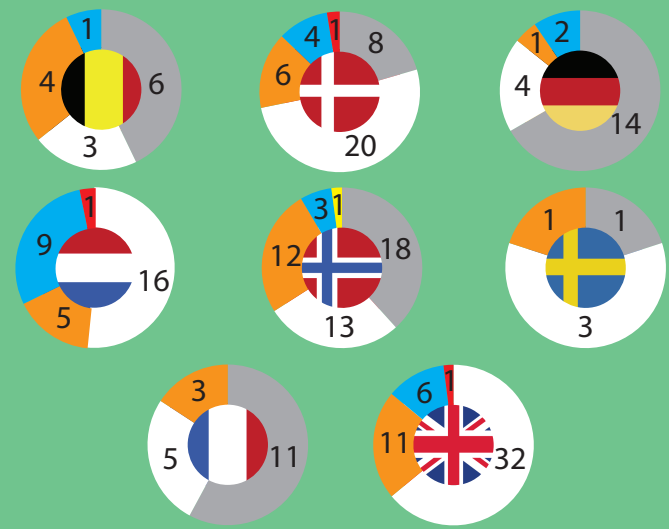
### Percentage of spills per category

In 2011 Contracting Parties reported the estimated volumes for 168 slicks in the Bonn Agreement area. The figure opposite shows the percentage of slicks subdivided into different size categories, including for the first time spills under 0,1m<sup>3</sup> to give a better indication of the significance of spills. One slick of over 100m<sup>3</sup> was reported by Norway which required response by the national administration. However, most slicks were in a size-category that did not warrant action to combat them, since they would evaporate, dissolve and disperse naturally.

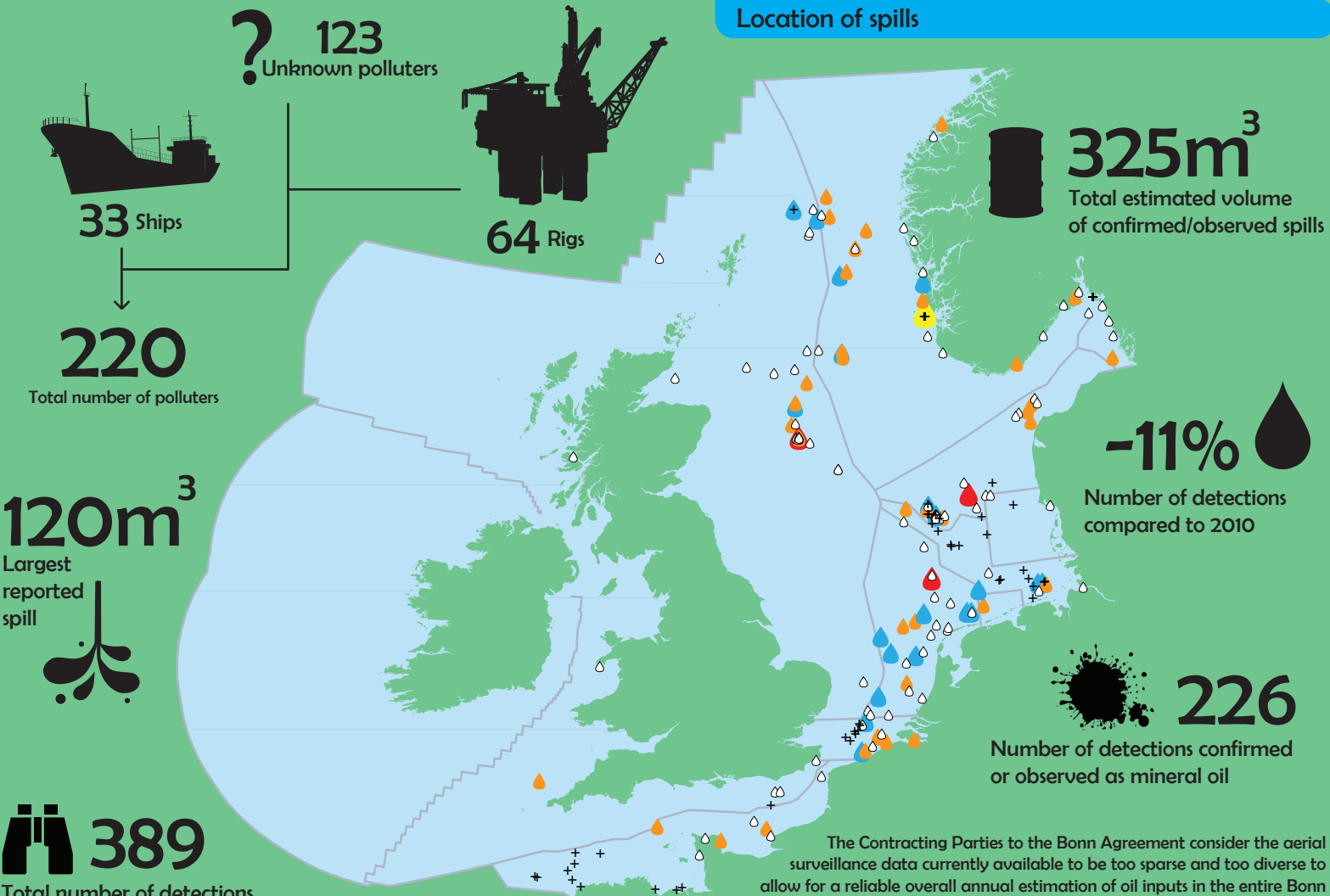


### Spills per category by country

The number of observed spills per volume category, broken down per country, highlighting the relative proportion of the spills observed nationally.



### Location of spills



The Contracting Parties to the Bonn Agreement consider the aerial surveillance data currently available to be too sparse and too diverse to allow for a reliable overall annual estimation of oil inputs in the entire Bonn Agreement area and that such estimates should be interpreted as indicative only.