In 2012 Contracting Parties reported the estimated volumes for 103 slicks in the Bonn Agreement area. The figure opposite shows the percentage of slicks subdivided into different size categories, including spills where volume was not estimated. No spills over 100m³ were reported during 2012, however the number of spills where the volume was not estimated was 19% higher than 2011. 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

89m³ Total estimated volume of confirmed/observed spills

-26% Number of flight hours compared to 2011

110% Number of detections compared to 2011

136 Number of detections confirmed or observed as mineral oil

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.