

POLLUTION PREVENTION, MONITORING AND CONTROL ACTIVITIES OF THE MEXICAN NAVY

	Units	1992	1993	1994
Preventive Activities				
Awareness-raising conferences	Sessions	428	602	364
Local and regional meetings of members	Sessions	51	129	58
Activities in coordination with federal, state and municipal governments	Sessions	342	306	224
Practices with marine environment protection equipment	Practices	106	155	67
Monitoring Activities				
Monitoring and inspection of marine environment	Operations	7,079	5,960	9,939
Reports on polluting sources	Numbers	52	52	16
Control Activities				
Solid residues collection	Tonnes	8,741	9,540	11,254
Liquid residues collection	Litres	3,964	2,660	7,712
Hydrocarbons collection	Operations	5	50	21
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Source: *Secretaría de Marina Armada de México (SMAM)*, Mexican Navy.

SHIPBUILDING

Shipbuilding includes maintaining and repairing ocean-going vessels, as well as installing advanced shipboard technology on existing ships. Mexican shipyards are almost entirely devoted to maintenance and repair, and construction of small boats.

In mid-1995, there were just under 2,000 commercial vessels registered in Mexico, according to the *Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes (SCT)*, Secretariat of Communications and Transportation. Only about 200 of them exceeded 1,000 registered tonnes, and more than half of these were flatboats, fishing boats, dredging craft and tug boats.