

Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change

Press Communiqué

The Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change wishes to inform the public that following the sinking of the Tug, Sir Gaetan Duval, at a depth of some 40 m, the monitoring of environmental impacts on site is ongoing in collaboration with various stakeholders and International Experts.

As at date, no impact on shoreline, lagoon and the Mangrove areas in the region of Poudre d'Or and Ile d'Ambre has been reported.

As a precautionary measure, some 350 m of sorbent booms have already been deployed at the water exchange point of the Barachois and in Mangrove areas.

Following regular aerial surveillance being carried out by the NCG and Police Helicopter, a thin sheen of 50m by 100 m of fuel has also been observed near the sunken Tug and is gradually evaporating.

A team of Indian divers is on site and has, this morning, started conducting an underwater survey.

It has also been reported this morning that an oil patch of about 20 m by 25 m has been observed at sea near Cap Malheureux much far away from the sunken site. However, the patch was not seen a few hours later. In that respect, a close monitoring is being effected by this Ministry and the National Coast Guard. Furthermore, an inquiry is underway.

As at 11.30 today, as per observations, the water in the lagoon is clear in this region.

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