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GI WACAF

The Global Initiative for West, Central, and Southern Africa

A decade of collaboration to enhance oil spill preparedness,
response and cooperation in the region

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The Global Initiative Framework

- Launch in 1996 to federate:



- Objectives of the Global Initiative:
 - Enhance the capacity of countries to prepare for and respond to oil spills
- Key innovative feature:
 - promotion of public/private cooperation for effective oil spill response making use of existing industry expertise and resources

Global Initiative Regional Projects



Regional Project development steps

1. Wide consultation
2. Definition of objectives and targets
3. Development of programme, business plan and associated budget
4. Involvement of oil companies and local business units
5. Development of network of industry and government focal points
6. Contracting management and coordination resources

The GI WACAF Project

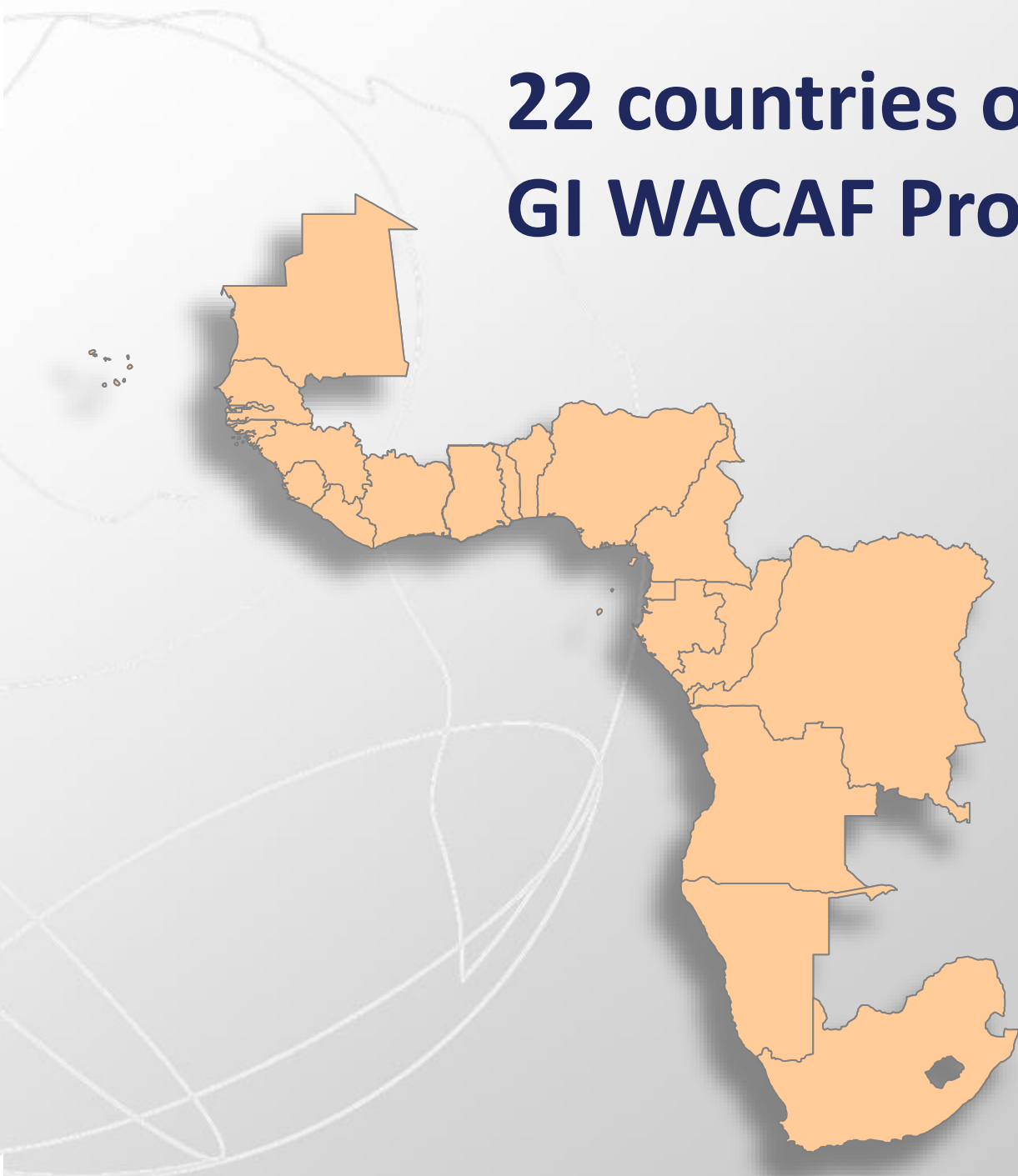


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- **Launch:** 2006
- **Goal:** Enhance oil spill response capability in West Central, and Southern Africa
- **Scope:** organise trainings, exercises and workshops
- **Area:** Covers 22 countries
- **Annual funding**
 - Funding from IMO
 - Funding from IPIECA: 7 oil industries members



22 countries of the GI WACAF Project



Governance and networks

GI WACAF Governance

Strategic level

**Industry
Chair**



Rupert
Bravery

**Industry
Vice-Chair**



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**Governmental
Focal Points**
(22 designated)

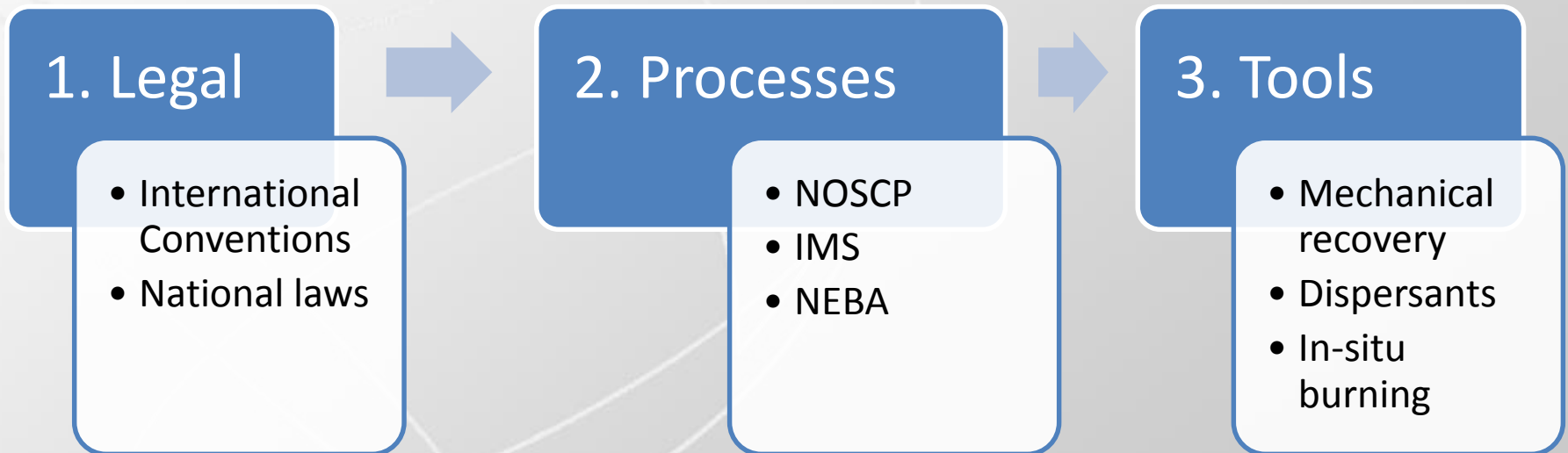
**Industry Focal
Points**
(40 designated)

**Network of
Technical
partners**

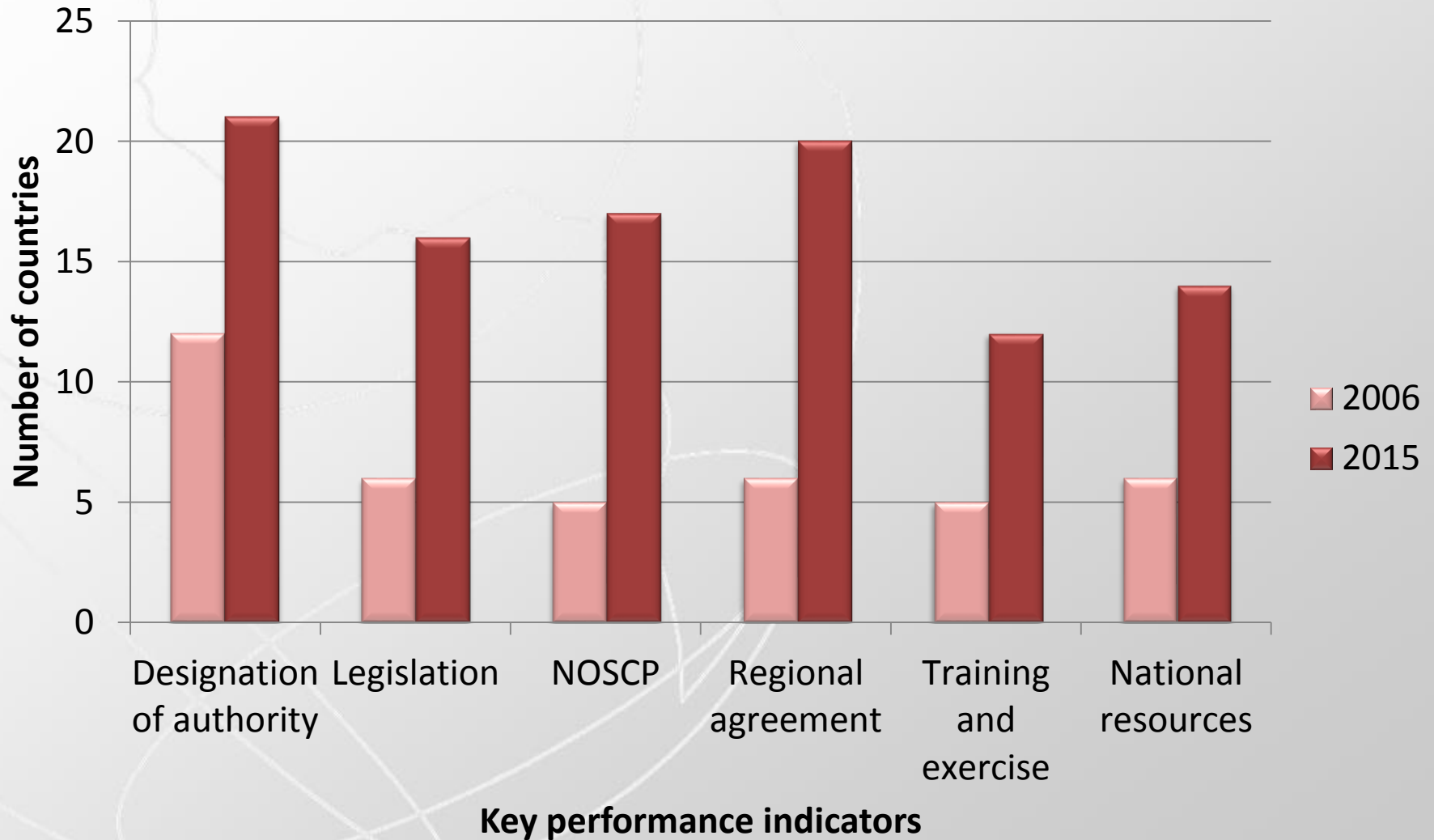
**Other
relevant
stakeholders**

Strategy

- Refined according to biennial cycle.
- 2016-2017: recognises that oil spill response development has varied significantly between countries
- Steps:



Key performance indicators (KPI)



Challenges for the future

1. Sustainable ownership from countries
2. Some primary indicators still to be strengthened
3. Multiplicity of players other than industry and governments



GI WACAF success

- Wide engagement
 - Network of Governmental Focal Points
 - Network of in-country industry Focal Points
 - Key organisations
 - Technical players
- Public/private partnerships
- Regional approach with important flexibility
- Continuous commitment from IMO and IPIECA
- Realistic long-term strategy



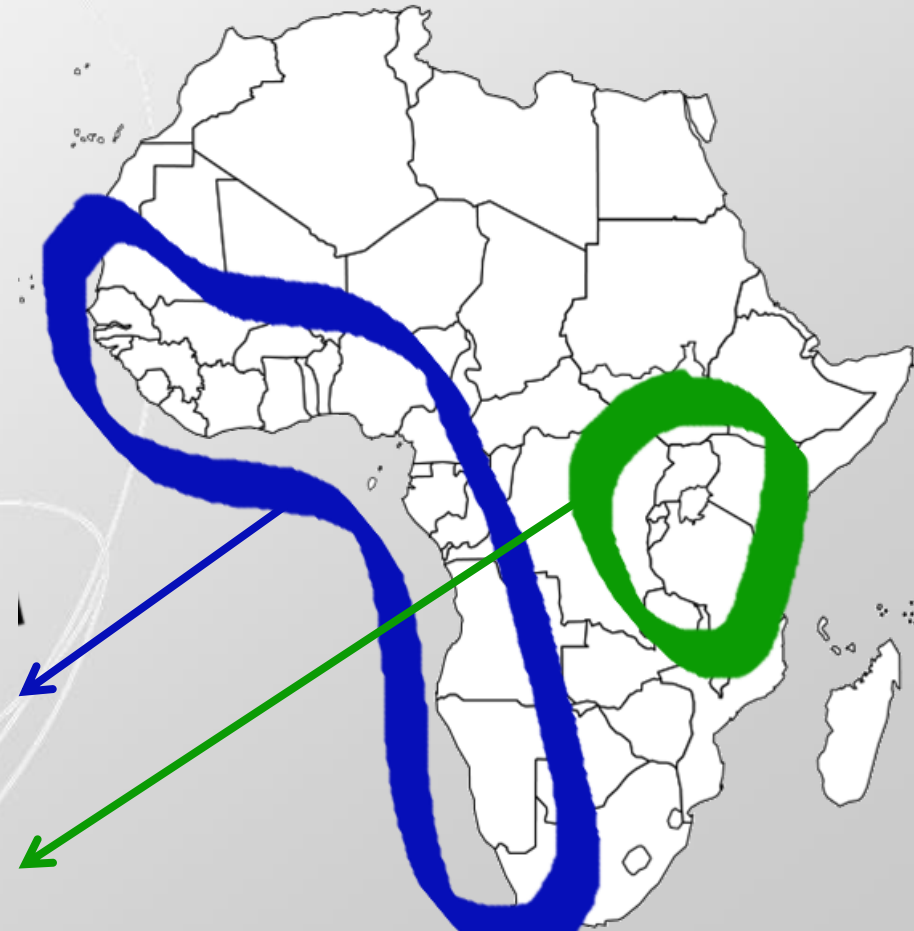
WACAF Region / Great Lakes area Synergies

Commonalities

- Natural capita
- Socio-economic considerations
- Diversity between countries
- Oil industry interest

GI WACAF Geographical Coverage

African Great Lakes area



Oil-related risks

Potential source of oil spills:

- Collision
- Grounding
- Pipeline failure
- Storage tank leak
- Oil well blowout..

Key vulnerabilities to oil spills:

- Designated conservation sites
- Economic activities
- Amenities and facility



MV BENITA July 2016 (source: OSRL)



MT STOLT VALOR March 2012 (source: OSRL)

Importance of preparedness and response

Supports:

- Facilitation of coordination management and planning
- Mitigation of spills' consequences
- Integration of local regional and international response capability



Marine/freshwater considerations

Differences between freshwater inland lake region compared to marine ecosystems, including:

- Physicochemical properties
- Ecological and socio-economic resources at risks
- Prioritisation
- Responder considerations

→ Impact on Preparedness and Response considerations

→ Best practises in marine context would need fine tuning and adaptation to freshwater context.

Key lessons from GI WACAF

- Establish **sound legal foundation**
- **Designation** of responsible authority
- Develop **National Contingency plans**
- **Collaboration** with all relevant stakeholders in the development of policy, plans, strategy
- Emergency response **aligned** between countries
- Development of **regional agreements on cooperation and mutual assistance**
- Identification of **existing** resources / equipment / capabilities to avoid duplication





Thanks for your attention