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## MSC Napoli Run Aground

The MSC Napoli Ship was run aground on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January in the Southeast of England because of the storm that swept across Europe. The tanker left Anvers in Belgium on 17<sup>th</sup> January for Sines in Portugal. But it was run aground near the harbour of Bantscombe.

The coastguard ships saw 200 tons of oil that caused an oil slick over 8km. At the moment, 3,500 tonnes of fuel are trapped in the tanks. The fuel has been pumped from MSC Napoli into another tanker.



The beach looked like a king garbage because two 200 containers were run aground, three of them were filled with toxic products. But the ship owner was stopped. The inhabitants of Branscombe got objects (bikes, shoes, motorbikes ...) on the beach. France sent one boat trailer "Elan" and two special crane barges are sailing from the Netherlands to tow MSC Napoli.

In France, a little oil arrived on the coasts of Brittany between Perros-Guirec and Lézardieux on 28<sup>th</sup> January. Because of the oil slick, up to 10,000 seabirds were contaminated, 600 of them are likely to die.

We may wonder : what can stop the oil ? Why was MSC Napoli Ship run aground ?  
How long will MSC Napoli Ship stay still ?