



MARPOL Annex VI Report Belize

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Summary



Introduction



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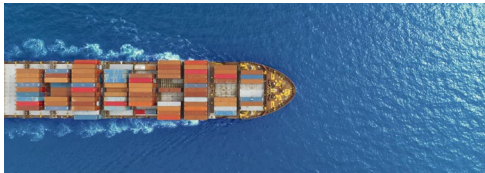
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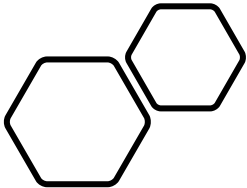
International Shipping Composition

Merchant Fleet	Average Yearly Calls to Port	
779 (UNCTAD, 2020)	550 Convention Sized	650 Non Convention Sized

Introduction

Belize is a Central American Country (8,867 sq. mi) with high dependence on maritime transport.

Main ports: Port of Belize Ltd, Big Creek Port, Puma Fuel Port, Harvest Caye Port & Commerce Bight Port





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Belize ratified MARPOL Annex VI in 2007

Stakeholders in MARPOL Annex VI Implementation

- Belize Port Authority (BPA)- Port, Coastal & Domestic Flag
- International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE)- International Flag
- Department of the Environment (DOE)- Coastal State

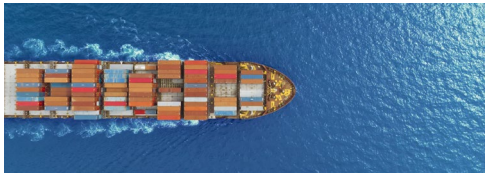
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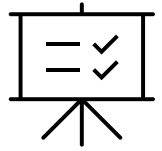


- International and National Obligations
- Department of the Environment has documented gaps in ship-based marine pollution regulations.
- To date, the applicable legislation is lacking.
- Barriers to implementation have been funding, access to local experts on maritime drafting, and low sensitization of maritime affairs.



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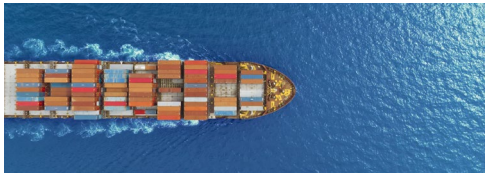




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IMO-Norway GreenVoyage 2050 Project

- Belize has committed to domesticating MARPOL Annex VI as one of the National Deliverables for the project.
- The project brings to the table much-needed expertise and guidance from IMO.
- Timeline of project was 2022, also estimated MARPOL Annex VI domesticated legal instrument.
- Meetings with local stakeholders have been fruitful and there is a strong desire and commitment to see the domestication of MARPOL Annex VI



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Other Initiatives

Shore-side support for compliance, including providing means of compliance for ships calling to port.

1. National Port Policy- Belize Port Authority

The policy will identify priority areas for the port sector, including increasing connectivity and competitiveness, trade facilitation, adequate port services, climate change resilience.





Other Initiatives

2. Caribbean Blue Port Study- World Bank

- The objective of the study is to define a framework for assessing progress towards “blue” ports and develop operational, infrastructure, and policy recommendations in support of a “Blue Port” status
- Feasibility studies will conclude with a blueprint of initiatives designed for ports aligned with sustainable maritime transport’s contribution to the blue economy.

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Conclusion

MARPOL Annex VI implementation is a priority area for Belize

- The legal instrument will be critical to ensure compliance and enforcement to internationally agreed standards
- Promote shore side intervention to promote MARPOL Annex VI compliance so the maritime sector can continue to provide a vital service to Belize and the region.
- With national & international support, we approach MARPOL Annex VI Implementation & addressing the sector's needs holistically.

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Thank You

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