

Biography:

Matthew Sommerville, Technical Adviser/Claims Manager, International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds

Matthew Sommerville joined the IOPC Funds Secretariat as Technical Adviser/Claims Manager in 2011.

Originally trained as a marine engineer, Matthew has 28 years of experience in the spill response industry and had worked for UK Government at Warren Spring Laboratory and AEA technology and in commercial and not for profit spill response organizations including Briggs, Seacor and OSRL.

He has been active involvement in a variety of roles in spill incidents, from field operations to incident command in marine, coastal and inland environments worldwide. He worked for and with ITOPF, P&I Clubs and the IOPC Funds on a number of incidents starting with the *Sea Empress* in 1996 and up to and including the *Solar 1* in 2007 on both operational and post incident claims handling.

Prior to joining IOPC Funds he was based in the Hague as the regional oil spill response coordinator responsible for incidents involving vessels operated by the world's largest oil producer Saudi Aramco. The region being all areas outside of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Americas

In the dual role of Technical Advisor and claim manager of the IOPC Funds he is involved in providing advice and access to information within the secretariat on the strategies, tactics and equipment employed in response operations and in the claim manager role in assessing the reasonableness of claims from across the full spectrum of industries and people effected by oil spills.

