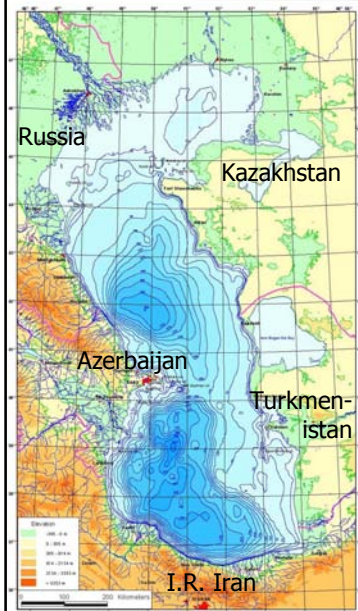


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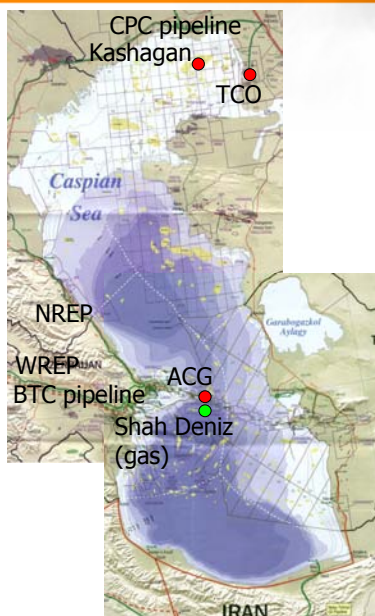


## Capacity Building for Oil Spill Response Caspian Sea Region

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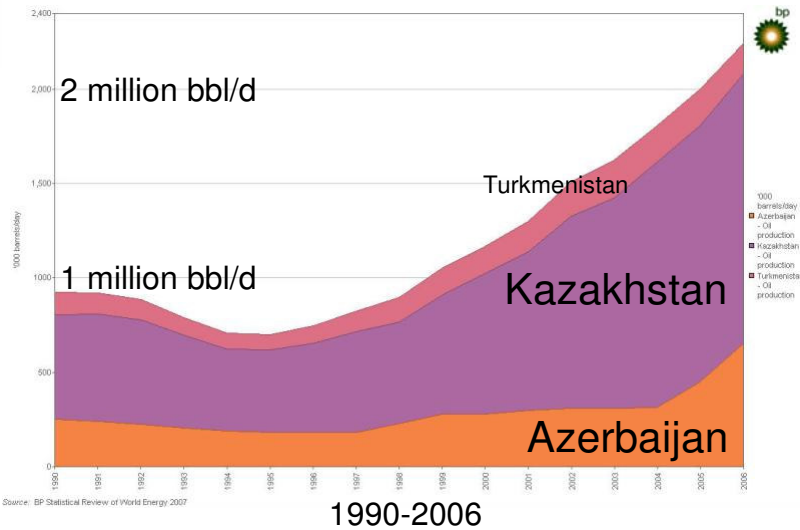


## Caspian Oil Developments



- 17-49 billion bbls proven oil reserves (US EIA)
- Increasing production in the region
- New export routes to markets

# Crude Oil Production



## Legal Framework for Regional Co-operation

- **Tehran Convention**
  - ▶ Entered into force in Aug. 06
- **Draft Protocol on Oil Pollution Incidents (OPI Protocol)**
  - ▶ Draft Regional Plan on Co-operation in Case of Major Oil pollution incidents



## **Capacity Building Basis for Regional Co-operation**

### **National Oil Spill Contingency Planning**

- ▶ Based on Adopted National Legislation
- ▶ In compliance with:
  - ▶▶ OPI Protocol to the Tehran Convention.
  - ▶▶ International OPRC Convention.
  - ▶▶ International agreed Guidelines on Contingency Planning.
  - ▶▶ Adjusted to national requirements and needs.

## **Capacity Building Regional Co-operation**

- Agreement by Tehran Convention COP may establish a Regional Centre under OPI Protocol as follows:
  - ▶ Subsidiary Body to Tehran Convention COP
  - ▶ Independent status in relation to Host Country (diplomatic immunity?)
  - ▶ Executive Officer and Staffing from Member States
  - ▶ Terms of Reference to be adopted by COP
  - ▶ Host Country to provide office facilities and utilities
  - ▶ Operational costs to be shared by Member States

## Regional Centre

- Main tasks:
  - ▶ Assistance to national contingency planning
  - ▶ Planning and Coordination, Meetings of National Oil Spill Response Experts
  - ▶ Maintenance of Regional Plan on Cooperation
  - ▶ Development of Action Plan for prevention of oil spills
  - ▶ Coordination of training
  - ▶ Dissemination of information
  - ▶ Close relationship with IPIECA / OSPRI (i.e. oil industry)

## Examples of Active Regional Centres

- The Baltic Sea: HELCOM Secretariat in Helsinki
- The Black Sea: ERAC in Varna
- The Persian Gulf: MEMAC in Bahrain
- The Mediterranean Sea: REMPEC on Malta
- North West Pacific Region: MERAC in R. o. Korea
- The North Sea and English Channel: Bonn Agreement Secretariat in London

## Conclusions

- Increasing oil industry activity
- Sensitive region requiring protection
- Capacity building to be based on Regional agreement and individual country response capacity.
- Agreement to establish a Regional Centre to facilitate Capacity Building
- Terms of Reference and location for the Regional Oil Spill Response Centre to be adopted by Tehran Convention COP.

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