Table 4.18 Prosecutions and convictions for oil spills: 1988-1998

United Kingdom

British ships	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Prosecutions undertaken	5	8	4	5	6	3	7	7	8	6	11
Convictions	5	7	4	4	4	3	7	7	8	6	11
Cases lost/dismissed	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total fines imposed (£)	5,650	2,600	19,500	25,500	2,700	2,400	11,050	2,700	7,300	4,700	93,450
Awards for clean-up (£) [1]	150	0	1,203	2,739	765	50	0	3,514	0	50	0

Foreign ships	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Prosecutions undertaken	7	17	12	2	5	3	4	10	2	6	7
Convictions	6	17	12	2	3	2	4	10	2	6	7
Cases lost/dismissed	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total fines imposed (£)	11,000	29,700	22,950	5,500	6,800	3,500	11,800	18,600	2,000	42,000	46,500
Awards for clean-up (£) [1]	3,696	223	2,469	1,014	1,200	0	0	8,850	6,396	0	10,500

Land installations	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Prosecutions undertaken	3	5	6	10	4	2	1	4	5	1	4
Convictions	3	5	6	10	4	2	1	4	5	1	4
Cases lost/dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total fines imposed (£)	4,000	16,100	11,750	59,500	10,650	22,500	5,000	36,750	45,500	12,000	98,000
Awards for clean-up (£) [1]	0	0	750	4,084	0	816	0	1,500	3,633	0	2,755

Total	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Prosecutions undertaken	15	30	22	17	15	8	12	21	15	13	22
Convictions	14	29	22	16	11	7	12	21	15	13	22
Cases lost/dismissed	1	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total fines imposed (£)	20,650	48,400	54,200	90,500	20,150	28,400	27,850	58,050	54,800	58,700	237,950
Awards for clean-up (£) [1]	3,846	223	4,422	7,837	1,965	866	0	13,864	10,029	50	13,255

Source: Advisory Committee for the Protection of the Sea (ACOPS)

[1] Additional to fines.

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