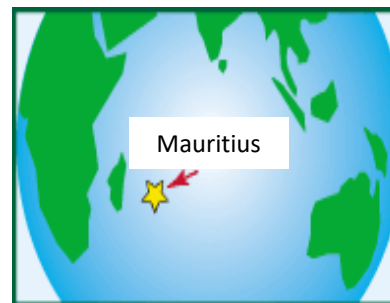


## 1. Overview

(1) A bulk carrier “WAKASHIO,” operated by Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., got stranded off the southern-east coral coast of Mauritius since 25 July at 19:25 in local time in the middle of its journey from China to Brazil to load ores.

(2) At the early stage of the accident, no leakage was confirmed. Nagashiki Shipping CO., Ltd., the owner of WAKASHIO conducted its salvage, which did not go well owing to rough ocean and weather conditions. On 6 August, as cracks appeared on the vessel body, approximately 1,000 tons of oil out of loaded 4,000 tons has been leaked.

(3) According to Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd., the estimated 3,000 tons of oil inside the vessel was almost all removed by 12 August.



Mauritius and the location of the stranded-off vessel.



On-site survey at the area surrounding the stranded-off vessel.

## 2. Japan's Assistance

(1) Upon the request of the Government of Mauritius, the Government of Japan has decided to dispatch a six-member Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) Expert Team to Mauritius. Cooperating with local authorities, the Expert Team is engaged in leakage survey as well as oil removal and control. The Honorable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius, appreciated Japan's assistance.

(2) The Expert Team is also considering to train the National Coast Guard of Mauritius regarding oil removal and control.

(3) The Government of Japan is planning to dispatch a second JDR Expert Team with seven members on 19 August to enhance its environment assistance. The Expert Team will conduct assistance activities such as countering oil which was washed ashore and understanding its impact on ecosystem of the affected area. Furthermore, the Government of Japan will deliver equipment for oil control and removal, which was requested by the Government of Mauritius, as soon as possible.



Visit by Prime Minister of Mauritius to the JDR Expert Team