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Subject: Costa Concordia cruise liner accident

The Costa Concordia cruise liner accident, which took place on 13 January in the waters off the island of Giglio, threatens to become a large-scale ecological disaster with potential negative implications for Tuscany's coastal economy, particularly the fishing sector.

Even partial spillage of the fuel held in the tanks of the Costa Concordia, which consists mainly of IFO 380 CST, would have repercussions throughout the entire food chain of the marine ecosystem as well as on the ability of fish species to reproduce for decades to come.

600 fishing boats operate in the Tuscany region, with 1 200 employees, a production of 10 600 tonnes of fish and a value of EUR 45 million,

An additional environmental emergency is currently underway in the Tuscany region as a result of the loss of 198 containers of heavy metals by a Grimaldi Lines tugboat on 17 December, south of Gorgona.

Given the above, what emergency measures does the Commission intend to take in order to prevent a further ecosystem disaster?