

## **BAD INFORMATION: OIL SPILL INVESTIGATIONS IN THE NIGER DELTA FACTS AND FIGURES**

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### Number of Spills

#### **2008 - 2012**

**More than 2,500 oil spills** in the Niger Delta

*[sources: Nigeria's National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency, Shell website]*

- Between **788** and 1,000 from Shell facilities (*Shell and NOSDRA figures are different and Shell gives two different figures on different website areas*)
- 1,690 from Agip
- Small numbers from other operators

#### **In 2013:**

Up to end September there has been:

- **Over 600** spills in total in the Niger Delta
- **471** from Agip
- **Approx. 140** from Shell

*[all figures from the companies themselves; Shell's website has slightly different figures in two areas]*

### What is corrosion and what is sabotage/theft?

Shell's figures for 2010, 2011 and 2012 are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Corrosion	42	37	32	64	36
Sabotage and theft	115	95	112	118	137

*Source: Shell's 2012 Sustainability report*

Companies blame most spills on sabotage and theft of oil. Amnesty International's research shows the basis for this is not legitimate. Many spills are due to sabotage and theft but there is evidence that spills due to corrosion are equipment failure are under-reported.

However, even if we accept Shell's figures, the company has had between 32 and 64 corrosion spills per year, which in itself is a very high figure and leads to questions about why.

Total reported corrosion spills in the five years of 2008 and 2012, from Shell: 211

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