



Ref. T5/1.01

MEPC/Circ.375  
11 October 2000

## **GIPME - GUIDANCE ON ASSESSMENT OF SEDIMENT QUALITY**

Attached hereto, in English only, is the report entitled "Guidance on Assessment of Sediment Quality", which was prepared at a Workshop convened in October 1999 under the auspices of the IOC-UNEP-IMO Programme of Global Investigation of Pollution in the Marine Environment (GIPME).

The Workshop had been requested to prepare guidance on the assessment of sediment quality that would assist in both harmonizing national and international mechanisms for environmental protection, and in discriminating between sediments that warrant special management attention and those that do not.

This guidance is intended for the managers who develop rules, regulations, standards or criteria for use in the assessment and management of the marine environment. It may also be helpful to personnel responsible for licensing waste discharges and dredging operations, implementing environmental regulations, and interpreting the results of marine monitoring programmes.

The attached report was also distributed to focal points within the national administration of Contracting Parties to the London Convention 1972 under LC.2/Circ.410.

\*\*\*