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IMPA position on managing a changing climate

Pilotage is all about managing the difficulties of port entry and departure. Environmental protection is a pilot's everyday duty and comes as a by-product of Navigational Safety. Communities are protected by the routine work of Maritime Pilots.

Pilots are progressively dealing with the effect of climate change every day and have been so for many years. Changing weather such as increased fog, dense episodes of rain and stronger wind patterns are some of the factors which pilots have had to adapt to. Alongside these meteo-events, pilots often have to manage significantly larger vessels within generally unchanged or minimally modified port infrastructures. These vessels have progressively less power, and therefore ability to manoeuvre themselves in port areas, as a result of the industry using reductions in engine performance to mitigate emissions. This comes at a cost of increased difficulty for the pilot, along with unintended consequences.

Maritime Pilots are committed to embracing the changes and challenges that will be necessary to keep trade moving with minimum environmental impact.