Maritime pollution control

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In the Mediterranean sea

According to Wikipedia /year

- 650,000 tons of sewage every year
- 129,000 tons of mineral oil
- 100 000 tons of crude oil
- 60,000 tons of Mercury
- 3800 tons of led
- 36,000 phosphates

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mediterranean_Sea

According to Wikipedia

- 220,000 ships in the Med /year
- one third of the world's total merchant shipping passes through the Med
- Visited by one third of the worlds tourists

We need tight control on shipping

How many ships ?

http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/

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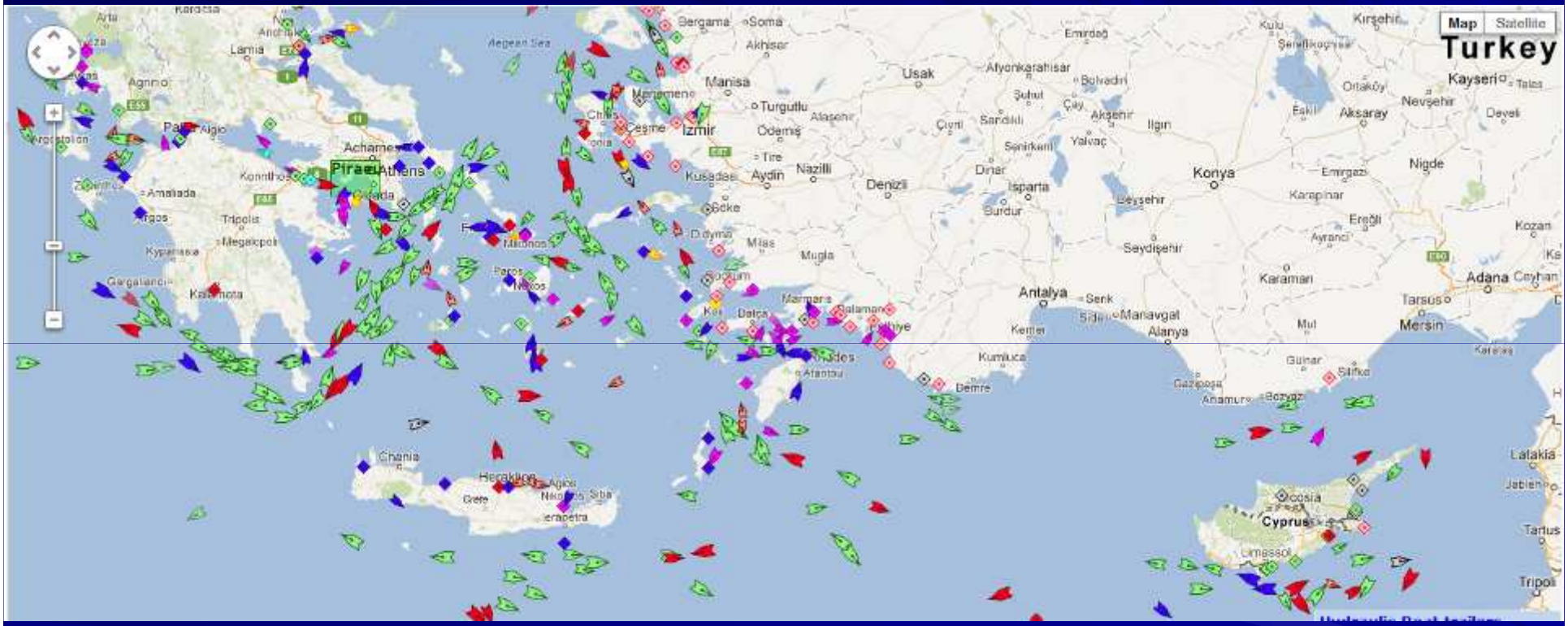

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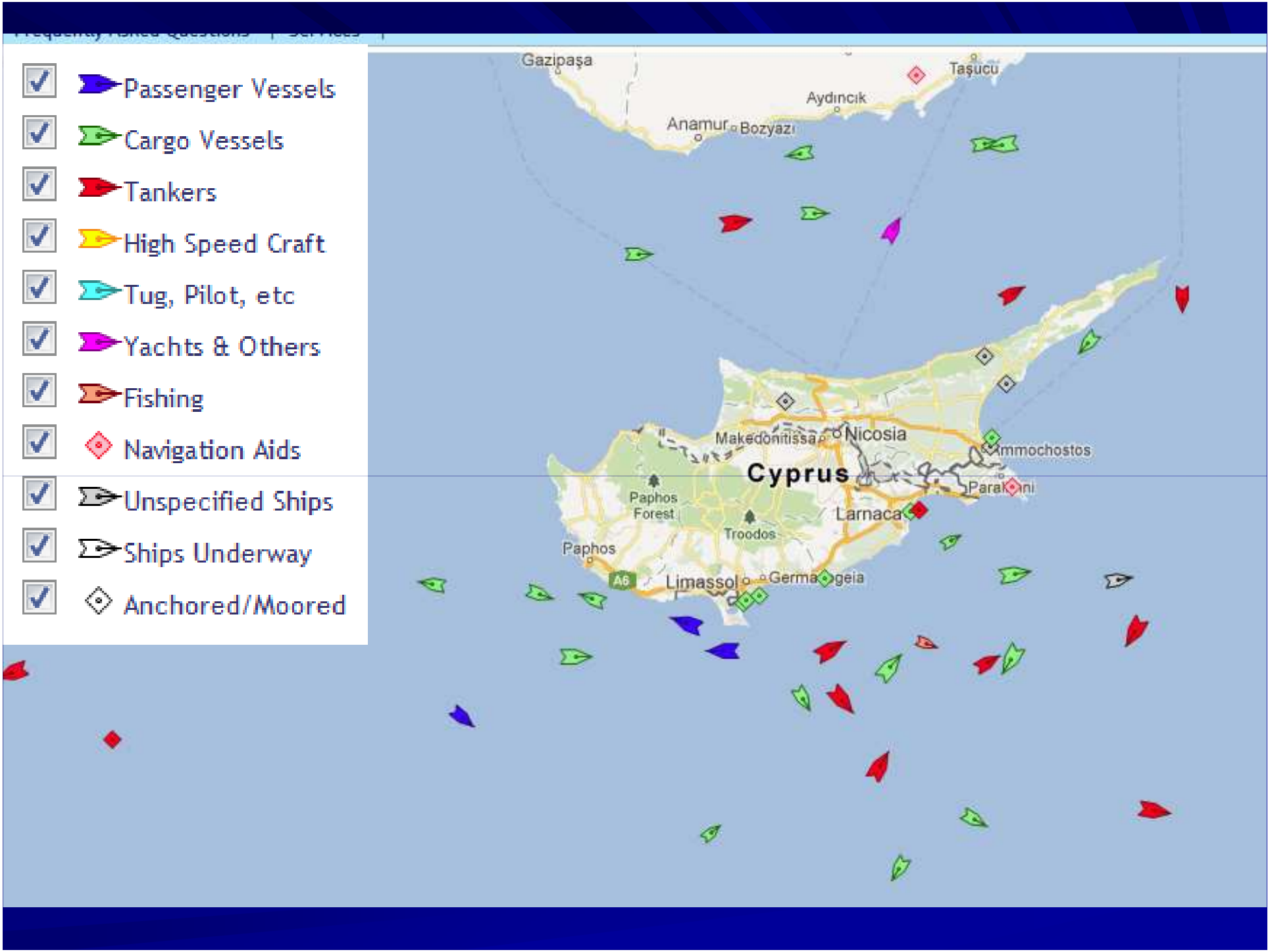
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Cargo Vessels
Tankers
High Speed Craft
Tug, Pilot, etc
Yachts & Others
Fishing
Navigation Aids
Unspecified Ships
Ships Underway
Anchored/Moored
Gazipaşa
Taşucu
Aydıncık
Anamur
Bozyazı
Makedonitissa
Nicosia
Cyprus
Paphos Forest
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Be ready to respond to pollution emergencies

EU OK but what about the rest of the Med countries?

Pollution control exercise 2011

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We need to take steps to prevent pollution reaching the sea from land

Sewage, sewers, pesticides, fertilisers, solid waste etc.

Pollution from the coast

Fish Farming

Pollution due to fish farming

Passing ships

And old cargo ships

Akamas - Plastics thrown overboard

We need:

- Better and improved regulation
- Involve non eu countries
- Implement tight inspections and enforcement
- Always pay attention to the impact on the sea for land based designs and practices
- Impose tight control on fishing practices

Thank you

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