



## Removal of X-Press Pearl will recommence in November

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Shanghai Salvage Company will resume the wreck removal of wrecked container ship X Press Pearl (IMO 9875343) from off the coast of Sri Lanka at in November. The insurer of the ship is now reported to have paid \$3.6m in several tranches for expenses incurred by the Government institutions in handling the maritime disaster.

In addition, the Fisheries Ministry had received about \$4.4m in three parts as compensation to fishermen because of the fishing ban put in place after the accident. This includes \$2.5m received late in August.

The Fisheries Ministry will distribute the money among the 15,032 affected fishermen.

Sri Lanka has yet to submit its environmental damage claims, and Australian law firm Sparke Helmore Lawyers is providing legal guidance to Sri Lanka.

Beach clean-ups were said to be continuing as the tiny plastic pellets known as nurdles, and other debris from the burnt-out ship, wash ashore every day.