



Security Threat, Pattern and Trend of Pipeline Vandalism and Crude Oil Theft

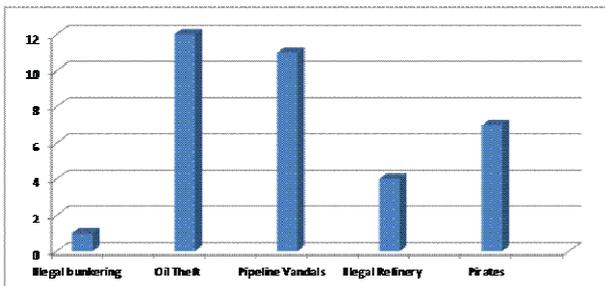
Key Finding:

- Cases of crude oil theft, sabotage, pipeline vandalisation, illegal crude oil transit were reported in thirteen (12) States in Nigeria in August 2013.
- Crude oil theft is the single most recurring oil crime in Nigeria.
- The NSCDC is the most responsive of all agencies providing security in the oil sector.

This *Crude Oil Policy Brief* reflects on reports on pipeline vandalisation, sabotage, crude oil theft and similar crude oil crimes in the 36 States of Nigeria with more emphasis on Niger Delta Region. The goal is to identify trends and make recommendations for better managing Nigeria's oil resources. The reports are submitted by individuals on our platform <http://www.legaloil.com/> and analysed by the CLEEN Foundation

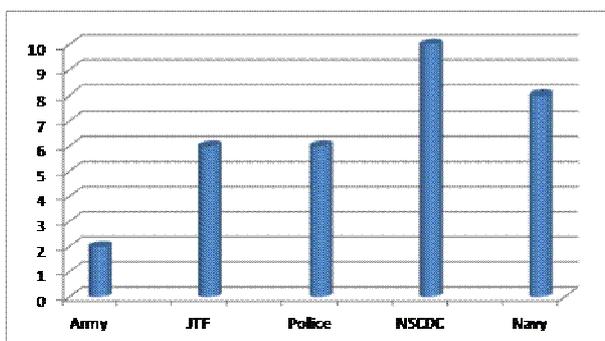
Finding 1: Oil theft measures the highest in frequency of crude oil crimes

Oil theft recorded a geometric increase to 12 reports received in August against the 7 reported in July 2013. In total, 35 crude oil crimes were reported in August 2013.



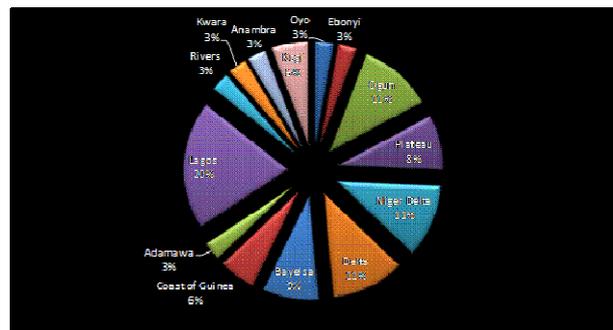
Finding 2: NSCDC leads the response and intervention against crude oil crimes

The NSCDC responded to 10 incidences of crude oil crimes in August against the 6 responses in July 2013. The NSCDC ranked higher than other security agencies in Nigeria.



Finding 3: Lagos State leads among states with incidence of crude oil crimes

Lagos State with 20% is the state with the highest incidence of crude oil being reported in August 2013. While other states recorded lower incidence of crime, some responders were not specific and reported incidences in Niger Delta.



Recommendations

- There is need for the introduction of new technology such as monitoring sensors, alarm systems to better track incidences of crude oil crime.
- Pipelines left dormant for many years have the tendency to rupture when put in use. Government should ensure better management of the nation's pipeline networks and support the private sector and local communities to monitor pipelines and report to credible authorities.
- Citizens should be encouraged and supported to monitor oil activities in their communities and to report deviations to the authorities.