

# World's worst oil spills



■ **1991:** Iraq deliberately releases **520 million gallons** of oil during first Gulf War to impede U.S.-led invasion

■ **1979:** Well blow-out in Bay of Campeche off Mexico's coast spills **140m gallons** over nine months

■ **1979:** Greek oil tanker leaks **90m gallons** after collision with another ship off coast of Trinidad

■ **1983:** Up to **80m gallons** leak into Persian Gulf after tanker collides with drilling platform

■ **1989:** **Exxon Valdez** disaster spills **11m gallons** into Alaska's Prince William Sound