

# Sri Lanka fears environmental disaster

Sri Lanka is readying for the possibility of an oil spill after a cargo ship laden with chemicals sank off its western coast



## X-PRESS PEARL

**Length/breadth:** 186m/34m

**Registered:** Singapore

**Route:** India-Singapore

**Cargo:** 1,486 containers, including 25 tonnes of nitric acid and other chemicals and cosmetics

**Jun 3:** Ship sinks after burning for two weeks, following onboard explosion on May 20

Nearly 350 tonnes of oil in fuel tanks could leak into sea, devastating nearby marine life

