

# Investigation of marine accident, collision outside the Sture Oil Terminal in Hjeltefjorden, Norway

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## Description

On the morning of Thursday 8 November 2018, the Accident Investigation Board Norway (AIBN) was informed of a collision between the frigate 'KNM Helge Ingstad' and the Maltese registered tanker 'Sola TS' in Hjeltefjorden, outside the Sture terminal in Øygarden Municipality in Hordaland County, Norway. The AIBN contacted the Defence Accident Investigation Board Norway (DAIBN) and it was decided to initiate a joint investigation into the accident, led by the AIBN. The AIBN then contacted the Marine Safety Investigation Unit of Malta (MSIU), which is also a participating party in the investigation; cf. Chapter 18 Section 474 of the Norwegian Maritime Code.

29 November 2018 the AIBN publishes a preliminary report on the accident and two interim safety recommendations. This preliminary report is published to communicate the information obtained during the initial phase of the ongoing investigation. The purpose is to provide a brief update on how the investigation is progressing as well as a preliminary description of the sequence of events and disseminate safety-critical issues identified at this stage of the investigation. This preliminary report also identifies areas that need further investigation and describes lines of investigation that will be followed up.

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Photo: The Norwegian Coastal Administration

Latest update: 29.11.2018

- [Preliminary report 29.11.2018](#)
- [Appendix: Interim safety recommendations 29.11.2018](#)

### Location

Outside Sture Oil Terminal in Hjeltefjorden, Norway

### Occurrence date

08.11.2018

### Accident category

Collision

### Area

Norwegian Territorial Waters

### IMO number

- / 9724350



**Name of vessel**

KNM Helge Ingstad / Sola TS

**Accident type**

Pollution/environmental damage, Capsize, Collision

**Vessel type**

Misc. Ship/ Tanker

**Register**

The Norwegian Ship Register/ Other Flag State

Skriv ut**Reports same area**

- [2018/0526.11.2018](#)
- [2018/0421.11.2018](#)
- [2018/0330.10.2018](#)
- [2018/02 eng01.10.2018](#)
- [2018/0115.03.2018](#)

**Reports same accident category**

- [2017/03 eng16.02.2017](#)
- [2016/06 eng26.05.2016](#)
- [2014/0823.09.2014](#)
- [2010/10 eng26.10.2010](#)