

## Malta Bunker Sales Recover after Reopening of MOBC Terminal

With the reopening of the MOBC storage terminal, bunker sales in Malta have recovered to pre-closure levels. Following the closure of the MOBC terminal in April 2011 for environmental reasons, bunker sales dipped below 1.2 million mt per year in 2012-13. With the reopening of MOBC in September 2014, bunker volumes advanced to 1.3 million mt in 2014 and 1.6 million mt (including 1.6 million mt of IFO and about 295 kt

of marine gasoil) in 2015 (see the accompanying table). Bunker suppliers in Malta include Valletta Bunkers, San Lucian, Cassar Fuels, Go Fuels Macoil, and International Fuel Suppliers, according to a presentation by Pippo Pandolfino of Valletta Bunkers Limited at the World Fuel Oil Summit in Athens on May 20, 2016. The summit was hosted by the Public Power Corporation of Greece and organized by Axelrod Energy Projects.

### MALTA, OIL STORAGE



### MALTA, VESSEL CALLS

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Vessels	11,516	11,747	10,492	11,032	11,310	11,945
Bunkers Only	3,061	3,089	2,756	2,500	2,613	2,695

### VALETTA BUNKERS, BUNKER BARGES

	Deadweight (Metric Tons)	LOA (Meters)	HSFO Capacity (MT)	DMA Capacity (MT)
Bulluta Bay	2,817	79.24	2,000	1,500
Salina Bay	2,817	79.24	1,500	1,000

Vessel calls at Malta, which have been on the rise since 2013, reached a peak of 11,945 in 2015. Bunkers-only calls in 2015 amounted to 2,695, down from 3,061 in 2010. See the accompanying table.

The Maltese market is served by both on-land and floating storage, with on-land storage terminals handling the vast bulk of bunker supplies. Malta's on-land storage includes:

- MOBC, located in Grand Harbour, has storage capacity of 46,030 cbm (42kt HSFO, 4 kt gas oil) and restrictions of LOA 180 m and draft 11.5 m. World Fuel Services has leased tanks at the terminal since 2014 under a strategic partnership agreement.
- Oiltanking Malta (OTM), located in Marsaxlokk Harbour, is a third-party terminal which handles clean and dirty products. Overall capacity is 562,450 cbm. The terminal can take vessels up to 120,000 dwt. Jetty #1 at OTM is dedicated to bunker barge loadings. OTM storage is held by trading com-

panies, which tend to renew their OTM leases.

- San Lucian Oil Terminal, in Marsaxlokk Harbour, is operated by the Falzon Group. The San Lucian terminal has aggregate capacity 50,000 cbm for HSFO, DMA, and ULSD.
- State-owned Enemalta/Enemed operates power stations, storage terminals, and fuel distribution tanks in Malta. Has Saptan has storage capacity of 85 kt for gas oil, 25 kt for ULSD, and 27 kt for jet A1. Enemalta/Enemed's Ras Hanzir facility has capacity of 70.5 kt for gasoil. The B'Bugia storage terminal is used to distribute fuels to the internal market.

For its part, Valletta Bunkers (formerly Island Bunker Oils) supplies bunkers within the harbor areas, around Malta, and outside territorial waters. Bunkers are delivered by barge and truck. Valletta's two Marpol-compliant, double-hull barges handle both IFO and gasoil. Each barge has aggregate carrying capacity of 2,500 mt (see the accompanying table). Virtu Ferries is a major shareholder in Valletta Bunkers. ■

### MALTA, BUNKER SALES

(Metric Tons)

	Gas Oil	Fuel Oil	Total
2010	262,953	1,247,082	1,510,035
2011	232,941	1,075,455	1,308,397
2012	216,275	971,353	1,187,628
2013	185,976	1,005,159	1,191,135
2014	216,602	1,052,929	1,269,531
2015	295,517	1,301,899	1,597,416