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Crane Sinks At Port

A 20-tonne multi purpose crane fell off berth two at the Esperance Port this afternoon after its brakes failed.

The driver jumped clear before the incident and was not hurt.

The crane is now in about 14.5 metres of water alongside the Berth.

A small oil slick was immediately contained and mopping up operations are in progress.

Port CEO Michal Frydrych said there was no danger of oil leaving the area or the immediate vicinity of the berth.

He said that commercial divers would need to inspect the vehicle and get a sling around it before an attempt to lift the crane out of the water can be made.

The Port was sourcing a crane to lift the damaged vehicle.

An attempt to lift it out of the water might be made this afternoon.

A fuel tanker was expected to berth shortly after the incident occurred and has been sent to anchor.

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