

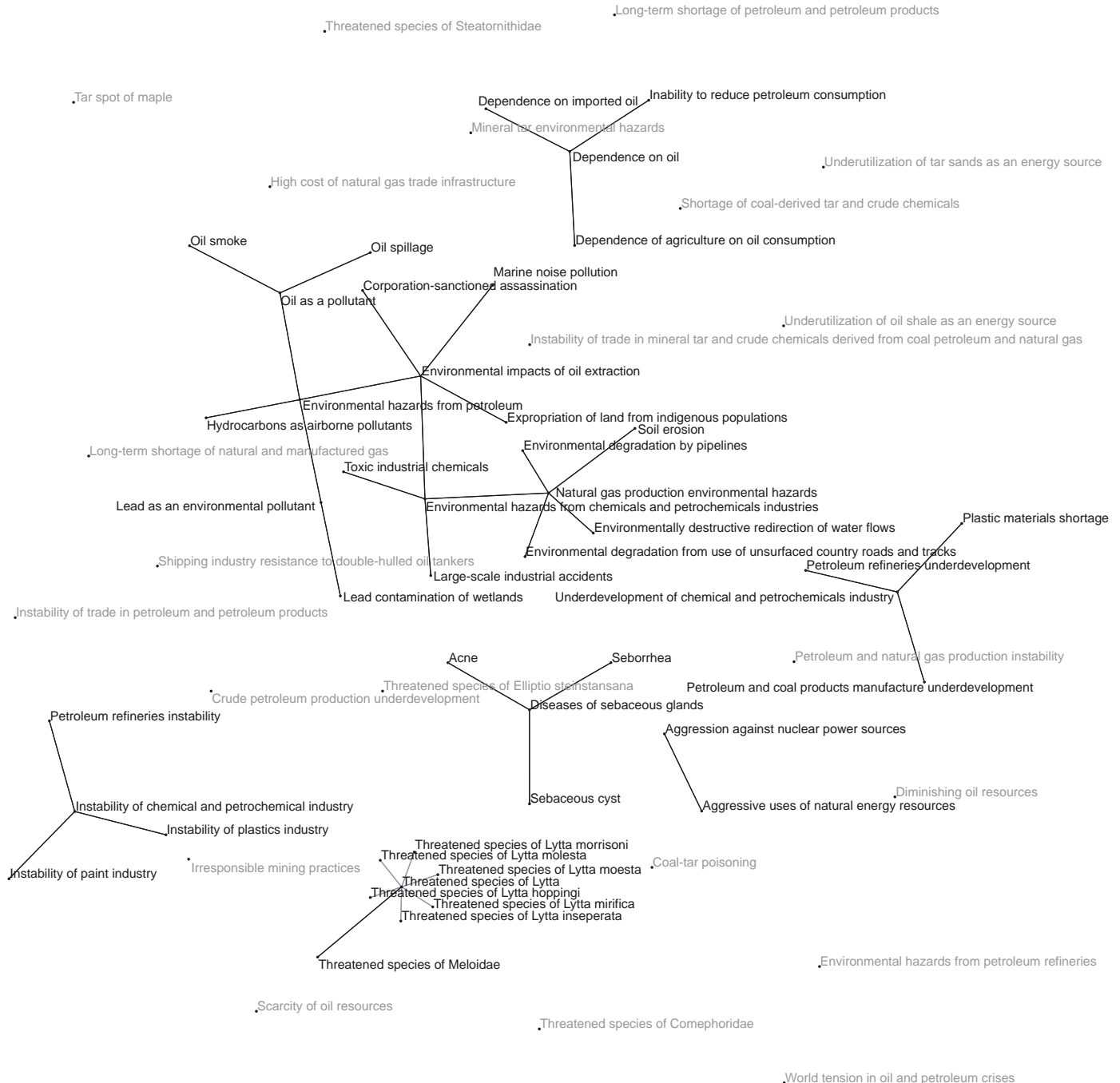
Figure 10.2.6.
Problems related to petroleum

Database: World Problems and Issues

Link type: narrower problems

Network nodes: 62

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Claim: At the current rate of consumption, within the lifetime of a child born today virtually all of the known petroleum sources on the earth will be consumed. Forecasts about the abundance of oil are usually warped by inconsistent definitions of "reserves". In truth, every year for the past two decades the industry has pumped more oil than it has discovered, and production will soon be unable to keep up with rising demand. Political uncertainties in the Gulf region are at least as great as ever. We should not be lulled into inaction by the remarkable performance over the years of the emergency response systems developed within the International Energy Agency, nor by the comforting military decisiveness of the West in the Near East. Maintaining energy security is bound to be increasingly difficult.