


Country Profile – Ghana

1- General information

	Name	Ghana
	Capital(s)	Accra
	Language	English
	Main Ports	Tema, Takoradi
	Coastline (km)	550

2- Contact list

[Competent National Authority\(ies\) with responsibility for oil pollution preparedness and response](#)

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Decree of approval	Epa Act 1994 (490)

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3- National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP)

[Development of the National Oil Spill Contingency plan](#)

Name of the NOSCP	Revised National Oil Spill Contingency Plan - Ghana's "National Contingency Plan to Combat Pollution by Oil and Other Noxious and Hazardous Substances"
Status of the NOSCP	Developed & approved
Date of latest approved update	01/01/2010
Decret of approval	
Working group / committee	Ministry of Environment and Science

[Components of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan](#)

- [Policy on the use of dispersant](#)

Status of the policy on the use of dispersant	Developed & approved	
Oil dispersant use as (first/secondary/last option/not an option)	Primary Response Option	
Existing approval procedure & list of approved dispersant	Yes	
Stockpile of dispersant	Yes	
Is the policy on the use of dispersant included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	Yes	
If yes, name of the decree for the Dispersant use policy	EPA Dispersant Policy	
List of approved dispersants	Yes	
Geographical limits for the use of dispersant	10m water depth	
Location of storage site	Accra airport	
Name	Owner	Volume

- [Sensitivity mapping](#)

Status of the oil spill sensitivity maps	Developed
Are the sensitivity maps included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	Yes
Date of validation	01/10/2004

Working group / Committee	Environmental Protection Agency
Do the maps cover the entire coastline?	Yes
Are shorelines types and most sensitive sites identified and included?	Yes
Are sensitivity maps developed from a GIS?	Yes
Source of the sensitivity maps	GIS and online

- Shoreline assessment and clean-up plan

Is the Shoreline response plan included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	No
Does the Shoreline response plan integrate shoreline assessment and clean-up strategy?	No

- Waste management plan

Status of the waste management plan	Developed
Is the Waste management plan included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	Yes
Does the Waste management plan include transport, temporary storage of waste and final disposal?	Yes
Date of validation	
Working group / committee	EPA

- Wildlife response plan

Does the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan include a Wildlife response plan?	No
Does the Wildlife response Plan provide information on the use of experts, volunteers and good practices?	No

- In-situ burning policy

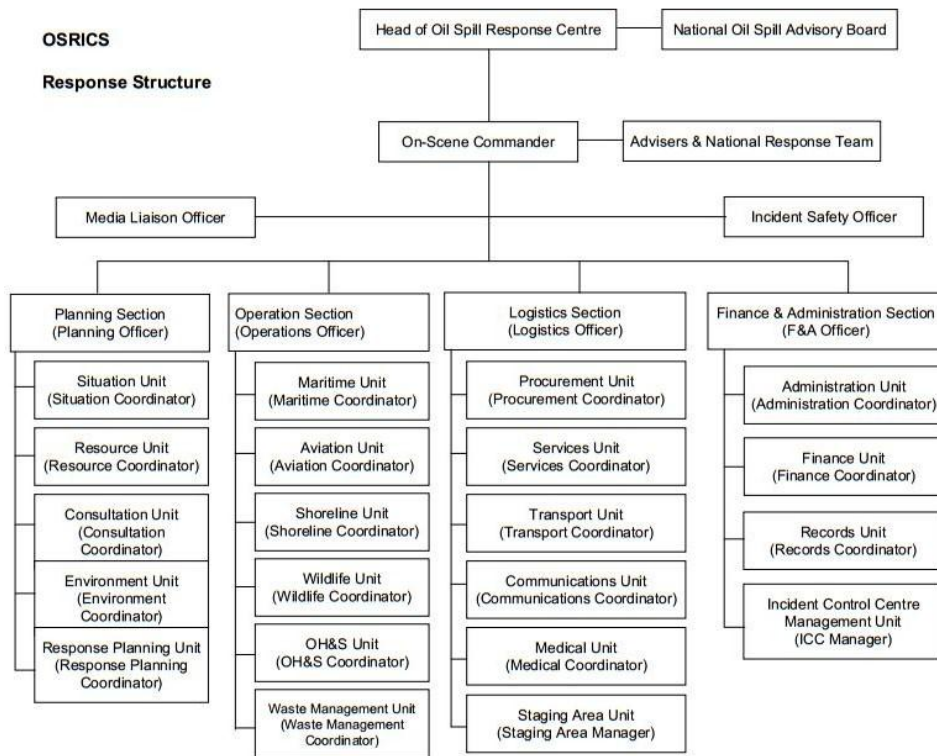
Does the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan include an in-situ burning policy?	Yes
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Organisation

- Incident Management System

Is the concept of Incident Management System included in all aspects of the plan (at sea-response, shoreline clean-up, waste management etc.)?	Yes
Are roles and responsibilities specified?	Yes

- Organisation chart



Trans-boundary aspects

- Trans-boundary cooperation

Is there a mechanism of response cooperation at the bilateral and/or sub-regional level included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	Policy statement on bilateral cooperation
Are there trans-boundary exercises organised at least every 3 years?	No
If so, date of the last trans-boundary exercise	

- Trans-boundary movement of expertise and equipment

Are trans-boundary movement of expertise and equipment included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	Yes
Status of work on trans-boundary movement of expertise and equipment	Not initiated
Date of validation	

Other elements of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan

Is there a process identified in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan to select the best response strategy and techniques to minimise impacts (NEBA)?	Yes
Does the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan include the planned provision and escalation of resources to address a range of response scenarios (tiered response)?	Yes
Does the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan identify access to visual observation capabilities?	Yes
Does the NOSCP include Hazardous and Noxious Substances?	No

4- Conventions & Agreements

Prevention

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
MARPOL Convention 73-78	Yes	Yes
MARPOL IV	Yes	Yes
MARPOL V	Yes	Yes
MARPOL VI	Yes	Yes

Preparedness and response

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
OPRC 90	Yes	Yes
OPRC HNS Protocol - 2000	No	No

[Liability and compensation](#)

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
CLC 1992	Yes	Yes
FUND 1992	Yes	Yes
Supp FUND	No	No
1996 HNS Convention	No	No
2010 HNS Protocol	No	No
Bunker Convention - 2001	No	No

[Bilateral Subregional agreements](#)

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
Abidjan Convention - Protocol on Oil Pollution	Yes	No
Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem Program (GCLME) Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan	Yes	No
Bamako Convention (on the ban on the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa)	Yes	No

5- Training

Is internal training and/or exercise undertaken at least once a year?	
List of GI WACAF activities undertaken since 2013	
Type and topic of the activity	Date
Sub-regional workshop on Shoreline Clean-up and Assessment Techniques (SCAT) and waste management	December 2014
National workshop to update the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan	May 2014

6- Expertise and resources

Comments

Government:

There is little dedicated oil spill response equipment available in Ghana. The Ghana ports and Harbours Authority have two tugs at Tema and one tug at Takoradi fitted with booms, skimmers and tank receptacles. Also some vacuum trucks are available. Military sources under the control of the on-scene commander would provide aircraft for surveillance and monitoring duties.

Private:

Both mechanical and agricultural equipment suitable for beach cleaning, and labour, are available commercially. Tank trucks and pumps are available commercially. Locally readily available waste materials (coconut husk and poultry feathers) are suitable as cheap sorbents.

Oil companies have leased equipment from OSRL stockpiled at the Takoradi airport. EPA signed on to the membership of OSRL.

Equipment

Is the national oil spill response capacity sufficient to carry out the oil spill response operations (TIER1) ?	Yes
Is the national oil spill response capacity sufficient to carry out the oil spill response operations (TIER2) ?	Yes
Is the national oil spill response capacity sufficient to carry out the oil spill response operations (TIER3) ?	No