


# Country profile – Ghana

## 1- General information

	<b>Full name of the country</b>	REPUBLIC OF GHANA
	<b>Capital city</b>	ACCRA
	<b>Official language(s)</b>	ENGLISH
	<b>Main ports</b>	TEMA AND TAKORADI
	<b>Coastline (km)</b>	550

## 2- Competent National Authority(ies) with responsibility for oil pollution preparedness and response

### At sea response

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#### 4- National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP)

##### Contingency planning

<b>Name of the NOSCP</b>	GHANA NOSCP
<b>Status of the NOSCP</b>	Awaiting approval
<b>Administrative decree of approval – Number and date</b>	MARITIME POLLUTION ACT, ACT 932, 2016
<b>Date of latest approved update</b>	LAW NOW BACKING BUT NOSCP YET TO BE PRINTED AND APPROVED OFFICIALLY
<b>Working group / committee</b>	SIX (6) WORKING GROUPS

##### NOSCP Parts

- Dispersant use policy

<b>Status of the dispersant use policy</b>	Finalised
<b>Is the dispersant use policy included in the plan as a response option?</b>	YES
<b>If yes, Administrative decree of approval – Number and date</b>	NO ADMINISTRATIVE DECREE ON IT. EPA IS ALREADY MANDATED TO THAT
<b>Is there a list of approved dispersants? Is this public information?</b>	YES PRE-APPROVAL PROCESS IN POLICY DOCUMENT
<b>What is the responsible authority in charge</b>	ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

<b>of dispersant approval during peacetime?</b>		
<b>Is the same authority responsible for dispersant use authorisation in case of an emergency?</b>		YES
<b>What are the geographic and bathymetric limits of dispersant use?</b>		BEYOND 20 METERS WATER DEPTH
<b>Stockpile of dispersant</b>		YES
<b>Location of storage site</b>		WITH OIL COMPANIES
<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Volume</b>

- Sensitivity mapping

<b>Status of sensitivity maps</b>	Finalised
<b>Working group / committee</b>	YES. ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP
<b>Are sensitivity maps included in the NOSCP ?</b>	YES. AS A SUPPORT DOCUMENT
<b>Date of latest approved update</b>	OCTOBER 2014
<b>Are the maps covering the entire coastline?</b>	YES
<b>Are the sensitivity maps public?</b>	YES
<b>Are they available in hard copy or electronically?</b>	HARDCOPY AND ELECTRONIC

- Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Technique (SCAT) and shoreline response

<b>Status of shoreline response strategy</b>	<b><u>Under development</u></b>
<b>Which authority is in charge of shoreline response?</b>	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
<b>Date of latest approved update</b>	
<b>Is the shoreline response strategy included in the NOSCP?</b>	YES
<b>Is the SCAT included within the shoreline response strategy?</b>	YES
<b>Are volunteers allowed to be involved in the shoreline clean-up operations? If yes, is volunteers management covered in the NOSCP?</b>	YES

- Waste management plan

<b>Status of the waste management plan</b>	Finalised
<b>Working group / committee</b>	YES. WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP
<b>Validation date and last update</b>	NOT VALIDATED AS A SUPPORT DOCUMENT TO THE NOSCP
<b>Is the Waste management plan included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?</b>	YES
<b>Does the Waste management plan include transport, temporary storage of waste and final disposal?</b>	YES
<b>Is oiled waste considered hazardous waste under the national legislation?</b>	NO
<b>What legislative framework regulates waste management at the national level?</b>	HAZARDOUS WASTE ACT AND WASTE REGULATIONS, LI2252

- Wildlife response plan

<b>Status of the Wildlife response plan</b>	Not initiated
<b>Working Group / Committee in charge</b>	YES
<b>Validation date and last update</b>	
<b>Is the Wildlife response plan part of the NOSCP?</b>	
<b>Are there national bodies/entities working on the wildlife issue? If yes, which ones ?</b>	
<b>Are there cooperation agreements in place with specialized structures abroad?</b>	

- In-situ burning policy

<b>Status of In-situ Burning Policy</b>	Finalised
<b>Working Group / Committee in charge</b>	YES, OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP
<b>Validation date and last update</b>	PART OF THE NOSCP
<b>Does the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan include an in-situ burning policy?</b>	YES
<b>Is the in situ burning policy part of the NOSCP?</b>	YES
<b>What is the authorization procedure in the case of an incident?</b>	DETERMINED AT THE TIME OF INCIDENT IF CONSIDERED THE BEST OPTION

#### Organisation

- Incident Management System (IMS)

<b>Is Incident Management System (IMS) used in the NOSCP?</b>	YES
<b>Is each defined role associated with a person / function?</b>	NOT WITH PERSONNEL BUT RATHER INSTITUTIONS SINCE PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE INSTITUTIONS VERY FREQUENTLY

<b>Are contact details of the identified persons annexed to the NOSCP?</b>	CONTACT LIST IS PROVIDED AS ANNEX
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- Organisation chart

*(Not provided)*

Trans-boundary aspects

- Trans-boundary cooperation

<b>What are the cooperation mechanisms at bilateral and / or sub-regional level that are integrated into the NOSCP?</b>	NOSCP IDENTIFIED BILATERAL COOPERATION AS KEY TO SUCCESS IN SPILL MANAGEMENT. NO BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN PLACE YET
<b>Are transboundary exercises organized on a regular basis? If yes, how often?</b>	No
<b>Indicate the date of the last transboundary exercise</b>	June 2017
<b>Is your country engaged in cooperation with projects / institutions aimed at improving preparedness and response capacity? If yes, which ones ?</b>	YES  OIL FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, NORAD, NORWAY  MARENDA PROJECT

- Trans-boundary movement of expertise and equipment

<p><b>Is there any specific customs and immigration procedure in place to facilitate the import of equipment and / or expertise during an incident?</b></p>	<p>NOT WRITTEN PROCEDURE</p> <p>CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION MADE PART OF THE STATE INSTITUTIONS IN THE CONTINGENCY PLAN WITH THE AIM OF FACILITATING ARRIVAL OF EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY</p>
<p><b>If so, what is the procedure to follow?</b></p>	<p>THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT MAKES REQUEST TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS FOR FACILITATING IMMIGRATION OF PERSONNEL RESPECTIVELY</p>

Other elements of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan

<p><b>What is the procedure for updating the NOSCP? Is an administrative act (e.g. decree, decree ...) necessary before the updated plan is adopted?</b></p>	<p>IDENTIFICATION OF GAPS DURING EXERCISES</p> <p>CHANGE IN PERSONNEL FROM INSTITUTION</p> <p>PERIODIC</p>
<p><b>Is the Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) incorporated into the NOSCP?</b></p>	<p>YES</p>
<p><b>Does the NOSCP take into account the Tiered Preparedness and Response good practice (Tiers 1, 2,3)?</b></p>	<p>YES</p>
<p><b>Does the NOSCP take into account aerial surveillance in the event of an incident (e.g. with radar, satellite, aircraft, helicopter ..)?</b></p>	<p>YES</p>
<p><b>Does the NOSCP cover preparedness for, and response to, spills of Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS)?</b></p>	<p>YES</p>
<p><b>Are local plans (industry, port, terminal, etc.) referenced and integrated into the NOSCP?</b></p>	<p>YES</p>



<b>Can the NOSCP be activated in the event of an oil spill from a source other than a ship (e.g. offshore platform, pipeline, etc.)?</b>	YES
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## 5- Conventions & Agreements

### Prevention

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ratification</b>	<b>Transposition into the national legislation</b>
<b>MARPOL Convention 73-78</b>	YES	YES
<b>MARPOL IV</b>	YES	YES
<b>MARPOL V</b>	YES	YES
<b>MARPOL VI</b>	YES	YES

### Preparedness and response

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ratification</b>	<b>Transposition into the national legislation</b>
<b>OPRC 90</b>	YES	YES
<b>OPRC HNS Protocol - 2000</b>	NO	NO

### Liability and compensation

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ratification</b>	<b>Transposition into the national legislation</b>
<b>CLC 1992</b>	YES	YES
<b>FUND 1992</b>	YES	YES
<b>Supp FUND</b>	NO	NO
<b>2010 HNS Convention</b>	NO	NO

<b>Bunker Convention - 2001</b>	NO	NO
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[Bilateral / Subregional agreements](#)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ratification</b>	<b>Transposition into the national legislation</b>
<b>Abidjan Convention</b>	YES	NO
<b>Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Combating Pollution in Cases of Emergency</b>	YES	NO
<b>Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem Program (GCLME) Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan</b>	YES	NO
<b>Bamako Convention (on the ban on the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa)</b>	YES	YES

**6- Training**

<b>Is internal training and/or exercise undertaken at least once a year?</b>	YES
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**7- Expertise and resources**

<b>Government: YES</b>
<b>Private: YES</b>

Equipment

<b>Is the national oil spill response capacity sufficient to carry out the oil spill response operations (TIER1) ?</b>	YES
<b>Is the national oil spill response capacity sufficient to carry out the oil spill response operations (TIER2) ?</b>	YES
<b>Is the national oil spill response capacity sufficient to carry out the oil spill response operations (TIER3) ?</b>	YES AND WITH INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT OR ASSISTANT

**8- Industry**

<b>Which Oil &amp; Gas industry partners are present and operating in your country?</b>	TULLOW OIL; KOSMOS ENERGY; ENI; HESS
<b>Is there a national level Working Group / Platform which brings together government and industry stakeholders to discuss issues related to preparedness and response? If yes, what is its name?</b>	YES, NO NAME IS GIVEN TO IT. WE WORK UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NOSCP
<b>Is there a pooling of human and equipment resources between industry and government?</b>	YES; NO AGREEMENT YET THOUGH
<b>Please specify any other relevant aspect of cooperation between industry and your government</b>	TRAINING AND EXERCISES