


Country profile – Republic of Liberia

1- General information

	Full name of the country	Republic of Liberia
	Capital city	Monrovia
	Official language(s)	English
	Main ports	Free Port of Monrovia, Port of Buchanan, Port of Greenville and Port of Harper
	Coastline (km)	579km

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](#)

Name of the NOSCP	The National Oil Spill Contingency Plan
Status of the NOSCP	<u>Being finalised</u>
Administrative decree of approval – Number and date	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental Protection and Management Law of Liberia, 2002 2. The Liberia Maritime Authority Act, 2010 3. National Wildlife Conservation and Protected Area Management Law of Liberia, May 2010 4. Petroleum Law of Liberia 2002 & 2014
Date of latest approved update	N/A
Working group / committee	Technical Working Group

[NOSCP Parts](#)

- Dispersant use policy

Status of the dispersant use policy	<u>Under development</u>	
Is the dispersant use policy included in the plan as a response option?	Yes	
If yes, Administrative decree of approval – Number and date	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Environmental Protection and Management Law of Liberia, 2002 2 The Liberia Maritime Authority Act, 2010 5. National Wildlife Conservation and Protected Area Management Law of Liberia, May 2010 6. Petroleum Law of Liberia 2002 & 2014 	
Is there a list of approved dispersants? Is this public information?	Yes	
What is the responsible authority in charge of dispersant approval during peacetime?	Environmental Protection Agency	
Is the same authority responsible for dispersant use authorisation in case of an emergency?	Yes	
What are the geographic and bathymetric limits of dispersant use?	Yes	
Stockpile of dispersant	Type 3 concentrate dispersants SLICKGONE NS	
Location of storage site	Monrovia Regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Center	
Name: SLICKGONE NS	Owner: Government of Liberia	Volume: 16,000 liters

- Sensitivity mapping

Status of sensitivity maps	<u>Under development</u>
Working group / committee	Technical Working Group
Are sensitivity maps included in the NOSCP ?	Yes but a request for updating the map has been proposed
Date of latest approved update	N/A
Are the maps covering the entire coastline?	Yes
Are the sensitivity maps public?	Yes
Are they available in hard copy or electronically?	Hard copy and will be available in electronic copy

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

Status of shoreline response strategy	<u>Under development</u>
Which authority is in charge of shoreline response?	Environmental Protection Agency and the local/municipal government
Date of latest approved update	N/A
Is the shoreline response strategy included in the NOSCP?	Yes
Is the SCAT included within the shoreline response strategy?	Yes
Are volunteers allowed to be involved in the shoreline clean-up operations? If yes, is volunteers management covered in the NOSCP?	Yes

- Waste management plan

Status of the waste management plan	<u>Under development</u>
Working group / committee	Technical Committee
Validation date and last update	N/A
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
Is oiled waste considered hazardous waste under the national legislation?	Yes
What legislative framework regulates waste management at the national level?	Environmental Protection and Management Law of Liberia

- Wildlife response plan

Status of the Wildlife response plan	<u>Under development</u>
Working Group / Committee in charge	Technical Working Group
Validation date and last update	N/A
Is the Wildlife response plan part of the NOSCP?	Is being considered
Are there national bodies/entities working on the wildlife issue? If yes, which ones ?	Yes, the Forestry Development Authority, Liberia Maritime Authority and the Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia
Are there cooperation agreements in place with specialized structures abroad?	N/A

- In-situ burning policy

Status of In-situ Burning Policy	<u>Under development</u>
Working Group / Committee in charge	Technical Working Group
Validation date and last update	N/A
Does the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan include an in-situ burning policy?	Yes
Is the in situ burning policy part of the NOSCP?	Yes
What is the authorization procedure in the case of an incident?	The Authorization must come from the EPA

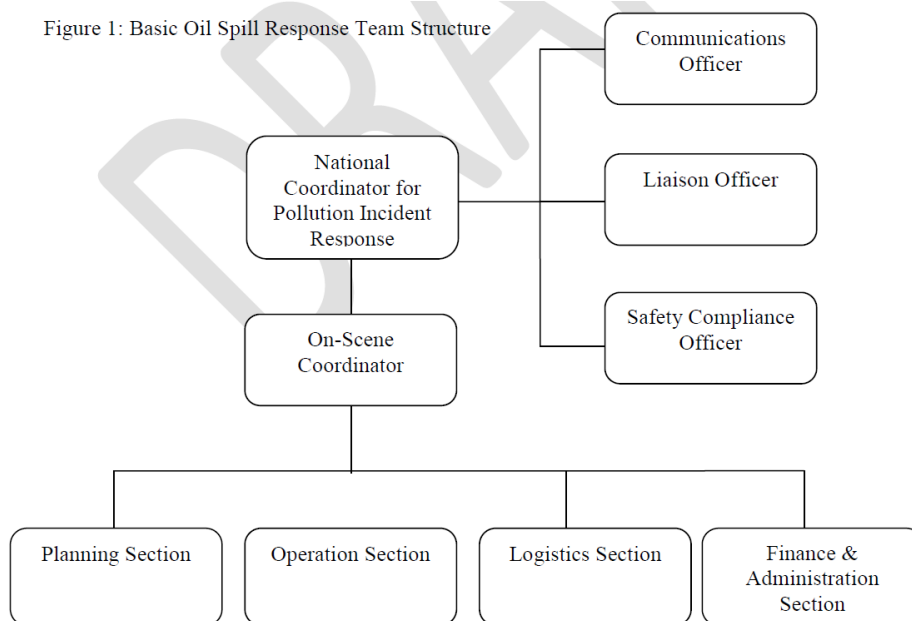
Organisation

- Incident Management System (IMS)

Is Incident Management System (IMS) used in the NOSCP?	Yes
Is each defined role associated with a person / function?	Yes
Are contact details of the identified persons annexed to the NOSCP?	Yes

- Organisation chart

Figure 1: Basic Oil Spill Response Team Structure



[Trans-boundary aspects](#)

- [Trans-boundary cooperation](#)

What are the cooperation mechanisms at bilateral and / or sub-regional level that are integrated into the NOSCP?	Mano River Protocol and the Abidjan Convention
Are transboundary exercises organized on a regular basis? If yes, how often?	Not yet
Indicate the date of the last transboundary exercise	N/A
Is your country engaged in cooperation with projects / institutions aimed at improving preparedness and response capacity? If yes, which ones ?	Yes, GI WACAF, the US Coast Guard and AFRICOM

- [Trans-boundary movement of expertise and equipment](#)

Is there any specific customs and immigration procedure in place to facilitate the import of equipment and / or expertise during an incident?	Yes
If so, what is the procedure to follow?	The request is made thru the National Disaster Management Agency of Liberia

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

What is the procedure for updating the NOSCP? Is an administrative act (e.g. decree, decree ...) necessary before the updated plan is adopted?	The Liberia Maritime Authority or the EPA sends such request to all line Ministries/agencies concerned. Not necessarily
Is the Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) incorporated into the NOSCP?	Yes
Does the NOSCP take into account the Tiered Preparedness and Response good practice (Tiers 1, 2,3)?	Yes

Does the NOSCP take into account aerial surveillance in the event of an incident (e.g. with radar, satellite, aircraft, helicopter ..)?	Yes
Does the NOSCP cover preparedness for, and response to, spills of Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS)?	Not Yet
Are local plans (industry, port, terminal, etc.) referenced and integrated into the NOSCP?	Yes
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.)?	Yes

5- Conventions & Agreements

[Prevention](#)

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
MARPOL Convention 73-78	1980	1982
MARPOL IV	2006	2006
MARPOL V	1995	1995
MARPOL VI	2002	2005

[Preparedness and response](#)

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
OPRC 90	Oct 5, 1995	Jan 5, 1996
OPRC HNS Protocol - 2000	Sept., 2008	Dec., 2008

[Liability and compensation](#)

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
CLC 1992	Oct. 5, 1995	Oct. 5, 1996
FUND 1992	Oct. 5, 1995	Oct. 5, 1996
Supp FUND	Not Yet	Not Yet
2010 HNS Protocol	Not Yet	Not Yet
Bunker Convention - 2001	Aug. 21, 2008	Nov. 21, 2008

[Bilateral / Subregional agreements](#)

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
Abidjan Convention	March 22, 2005	May 22, 2005
Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Combating Pollution in Cases of Emergency	March 22, 2005	May 22, 2005
Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem Program (GCLME) Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan	2005	2005
Bamako Convention (on the ban on the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa)	*Signed only but not yet ratified	N/A

6- Training

Is internal training and/or exercise undertaken at least once a year?	Yes
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7- Expertise and resources

Government: Maritime Surveillance, Ocean Management, Navigation and Safety inspection Trained staff, Maritime Rescue Coordination Center, Tier 1 and 2 response equipment
Private: Offshore drilling, offshore monitoring, HSE inspection Tier 1,2 & 3 response equipment

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)?	Yes

8- Industry

Which Oil & Gas industry partners are present and operating in your country?	Exxon Mobil and Chevron
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?	Yes, the Environmental Sector Working Group
Is there a pooling of human and equipment resources between industry and government?	Yes
Please specify any other relevant aspect of cooperation between industry and your government	Inspection and monitoring of coastal and marine related projects