


Country Profile – Liberia

1- General information

	Name	Liberia
	Capital(s)	Monrovia
	Language	English
	Main Ports	Freeport of Monrovia Port of Buchanan
	Coastline (km)	579

2- Contact list

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3- National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP)

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

Name of the NOSCP	The National Oil Spill Contingency Plan
Status of the NOSCP	In progress
Date of latest approved update	N/A
Decret of approval	
Working group / committee	Drafting Committee

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

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

Status of the policy on the use of dispersant	Not developed	
Oil dispersant use as (first/secondary/last option/not an option)	Regional Planning	
Existing approval procedure & list of approved dispersant	Regional Planning	
Stockpile of dispersant	No	
Is the policy on the use of dispersant included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	No	
If yes, name of the decree for the Dispersant use policy		
List of approved dispersants	No	
Geographical limits for the use of dispersant	No	
Location of storage site		
Name	Owner	Volume

- [Sensitivity mapping](#)

Status of the oil spill sensitivity maps	In progress
Are the sensitivity maps included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	No
Date of validation	
Working group / Committee	EPA, Fisheries, Internal Affairs, LIMA, LME, NOCAL, NPA
Do the maps cover the entire coastline?	Not yet
Are shorelines types and most sensitive sites identified and included?	No
Are sensitivity maps developed from a GIS?	No
Source of the sensitivity maps	TBD

- 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	In progress
Is the Waste management plan included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	No
Does the Waste management plan include transport, temporary storage of waste and final disposal?	TBD
Date of validation	
Working group / committee	EPA, MPW, Ministry of Internal Affairs

- 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?	N/A

- In-situ burning policy

Does the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan include an in-situ burning policy?	No
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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.)?	No
Are roles and responsibilities specified?	

[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?	No
Are there trans-boundary exercises organised at least every 3 years?	No
If so, date of the last trans-boundary exercise	N/A

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

Are trans-boundary movement of expertise and equipment included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	No
Status of work on trans-boundary movement of expertise and equipment	
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)?	No
Does the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan include the planned provision and escalation of resources to address a range of response scenarios (tiered response)?	No
Does the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan identify access to visual observation capabilities?	No
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	Yes	Yes

[Liability and compensation](#)

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

[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	Yes

5- Training

Is internal training and/or exercise undertaken at least once a year?	No
List of GI WACAF activities undertaken since 2013	
Type and topic of the activity	Date
N/A	

6- Expertise and resources

Comments

Government:

No dedicated oil spill response equipment is held by government in Liberia. The Office of Coast Guard Affairs has six vessels available for marine duties which could be used for oil spill response. The Ministry of Defence, Air Reconnaissance Unit can provide aircraft for spill surveillance and monitoring.

Private:

Mechanical and agricultural equipment suitable for beach cleaning, and labour, are available commercially. There are three oil terminals in Liberia, located at Monrovia (Liberian Petroleum Refining Company), Greenville (Texaco) and Harper (Mobil). Assistance in oil spill response may be available from these sources via their international links.

Arcelor Mittal has an oil terminal in Buchana.

Equipment

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