


Country Profile – Namibia

1- General information

	Name	Namibia
	Capital(s)	Windhoek
	Language	English
	Main Ports	Walvis Bay Luderitz
	Coastline (km)	1572

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	NOSCP of Namibia
Status of the NOSCP	Developed & approved
Date of latest approved update	01/02/2007 (approval pending for 2015 version)
Decree of approval	TBC
Working group / Committee	National Oil Spill Contingency Organisation (NOSCO)

[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)	N/A	
Existing approval procedure & list of approved dispersant	No	
Stockpile of dispersant	No	
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	NOSCP	
List of approved dispersants	No	
Geographical limits for the use of dispersant	Yes	
Location of storage site	No	
Name	Owner	Volume

- [Sensitivity mapping](#)

Status of the oil spill sensitivity maps	Developed and approved
Are the sensitivity maps included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	Yes
Date of validation	February 2015
Working group / Committee	CSM National Steering Committee
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	Various

- Shoreline assessment and clean-up plan

Is the Shoreline response plan included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	Yes
Does the Shoreline response plan integrate shoreline assessment and clean-up strategy?	Yes

- 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?	No
Date of validation	N/A
Working group / committee	Waste management Steering Committee

- 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

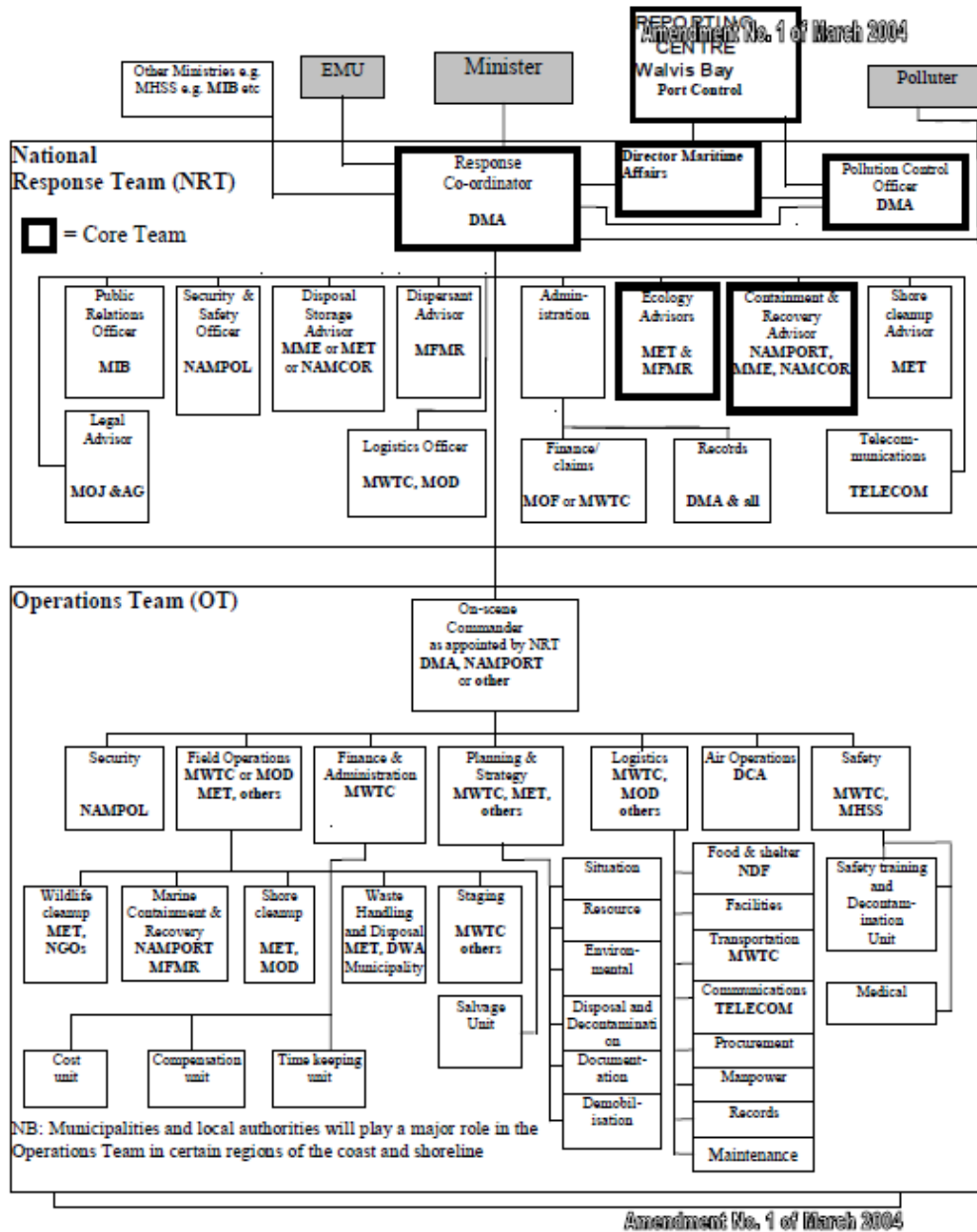
Does the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan include an in-situ burning policy?	No
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Organisation

- 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.)?	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?	Yes
Are there trans-boundary exercises organised at least every 3 years?	No
If so, date of the last trans-boundary exercise	No

- 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	General legal framework in place: specific arrangements for oil spills to be concluded
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	No
MARPOL V	Yes	No
MARPOL VI	No	No

Preparedness and response

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
OPRC 1990	Yes	Yes
OPRC HNS Protocol - 2000	No	No

[Liability and compensation](#)

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

[Bilateral and Sub-regional agreements](#)

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
Abidjan Convention - Protocol on Oil Pollution	No	No
Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem Program (BCLME) 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)	No	No

5- Training

Is internal training and/or exercise undertaken at least once a year?	Yes
List of GI WACAF activities undertaken since 2013	
Type and topic of the activity	Date
National workshop on sensitivity mapping	March 2013
National workshop on oil spill waste management	June 2015
Sub regional workshop on SCAT	December 2014
Sub regional workshop on the mechanisms of compensation	October / November 2013
Regional Conference	November 2013

6- Expertise and resources

Comments

Government and Private:

Limited Tier-2 level equipment is jointly held by the Ministry of Works and Transport and the Namibian Ports Authority at Walvis Bay and Luderitz. Aircraft and helicopter surveillance can be provided by the NRT. National operating oil companies have limited amounts of Tier-1 level 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) ?	No
Is the national oil spill response capacity sufficient to carry out the oil spill response operations (TIER3) ?	No