


Country profile – Namibia

1- General information

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|  | Full name of the country | Namibia |
| | Capital city | Windhoek |
| | Official language(s) | English |
| | Main ports | Walvis Bay Luderitz |
| | Coastline (km) | 1570 |

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](#)

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| Name of the NOSCP | National Marine Pollution Contingency Plan |
| Status of the NOSCP | Finalised and approved |
| Administrative decree of approval – Number and date | Cabinet Decision - 5th/18.04.17/003, 18 April 2017 |
| Date of latest approved update | 18 April 2017 |
| Working group / committee | National Plan Management Committee |

[NOSCP Parts](#)

- [Dispersant use policy](#)

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| Status of the dispersant use policy | Not initiated |
| Is the dispersant use policy included in the plan as a response option? | Yes, in general terms. Technical policy guidelines still to be developed. |
| If yes, Administrative decree of approval – Number and date | Cabinet Decision - 5th/18.04.17/003, 18 April 2017 |

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| Is there a list of approved dispersants? Is this public information? | No |
| What is the responsible authority in charge of dispersant approval during peacetime? | Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources |
| 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? | Generally 35 metres |
| Stockpile of dispersant | No |
| Location of storage site | Not applicable |
| Name Not applicable | Owner Not applicable |
| | Volume Not applicable |

- Sensitivity mapping

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| Status of sensitivity maps | Finalised |
| Working group / committee | Coastal Sensitivity Mapping Steering Committee |
| Are sensitivity maps included in the NOSCP ? | Yes |
| Date of latest approved update | 27 February 2015 |
| Are the maps covering the entire coastline? | Yes |
| Are the sensitivity maps public? | Yes |
| Are they available in hard copy or electronically? | Both |

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

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| Status of shoreline response strategy | Not initiated |
| Which authority is in charge of shoreline response? | Ministry of Environment and Tourism in conjunction with the Ministry of Works and Transport (National Plan Manager) |
| Date of latest approved update | Not applicable |
| Is the shoreline response strategy included in the NOSCP? | Not |
| Is the SCAT included within the shoreline response strategy? | No |
| Are volunteers allowed to be involved in the shoreline clean-up operations? If yes, is volunteers management covered in the NOSCP? | Yes. However, a specific volunteer management guidelines are to be developed. |

- Waste management plan

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| Status of the waste management plan | Not initiated |
| Working group / committee | Not applicable |
| Validation date and last update | No applicable |
| 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? | Not applicable |
| Is oiled waste considered hazardous waste under the national legislation? | Yes |
| What legislative framework regulates waste management at the national level? | Environment Management Act 2007 |

- Wildlife response plan

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| Status of the Wildlife response plan | Not initiated |
| Working Group / Committee in charge | No established |
| Validation date and last update | No applicable |
| Is the Wildlife response plan part of the NOSCP? | Yes. The National Plan requires the development of Wildlife response guidelines. |
| Are there national bodies/entities working on the wildlife issue? If yes, which ones ? | Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources |
| Are there cooperation agreements in place with specialized structures abroad? | No |

- In-situ burning policy

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| Status of In-situ Burning Policy | Not initiated |
| Working Group / Committee in charge | Not established |
| Validation date and last update | Not applicable |
| Does the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan include an in-situ burning policy? | No |
| Is the in situ burning policy part of the NOSCP? | No |
| What is the authorization procedure in the case of an incident? | Not defined |

Organisation

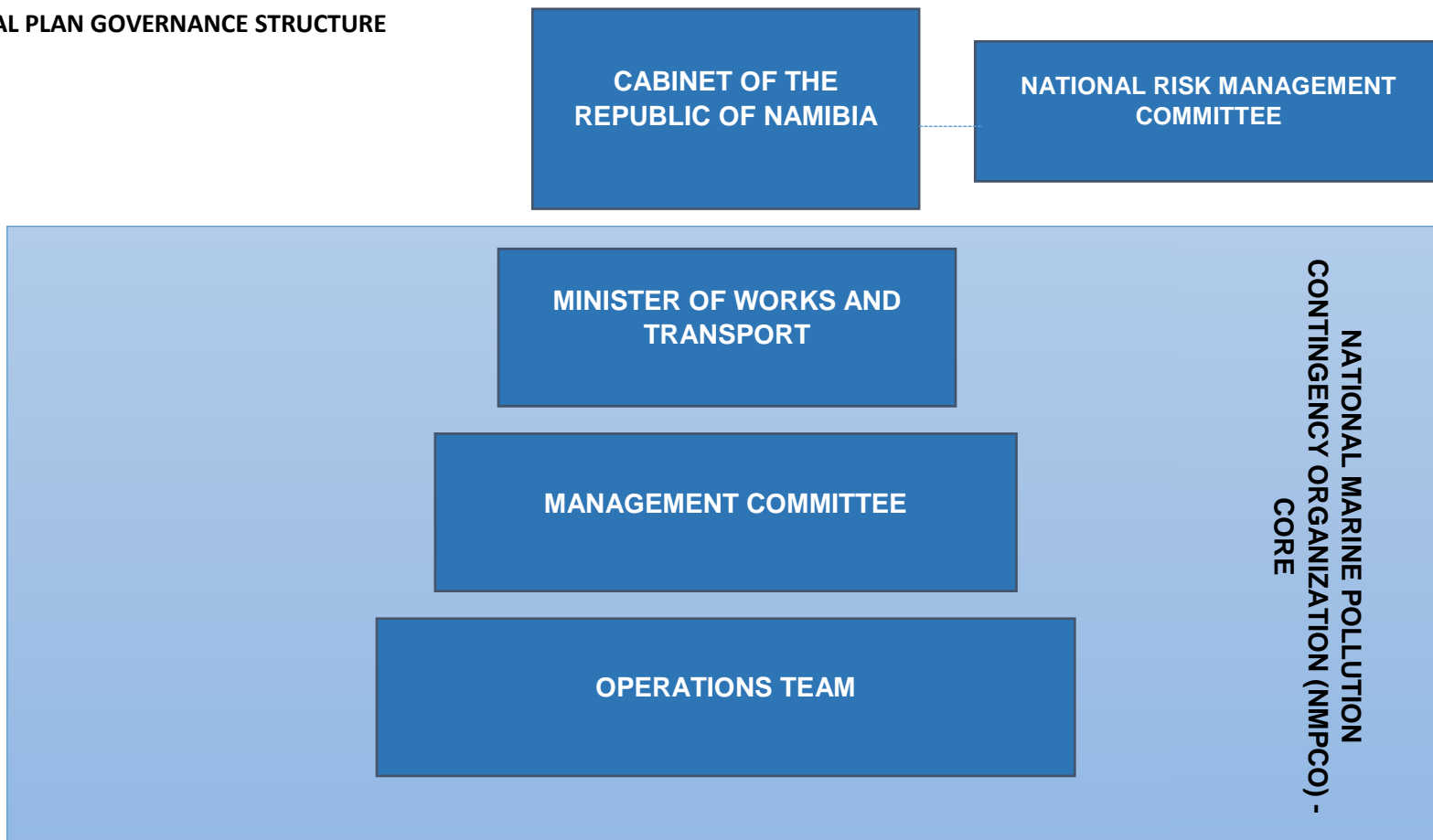
- Incident Management System (IMS)

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| 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 |

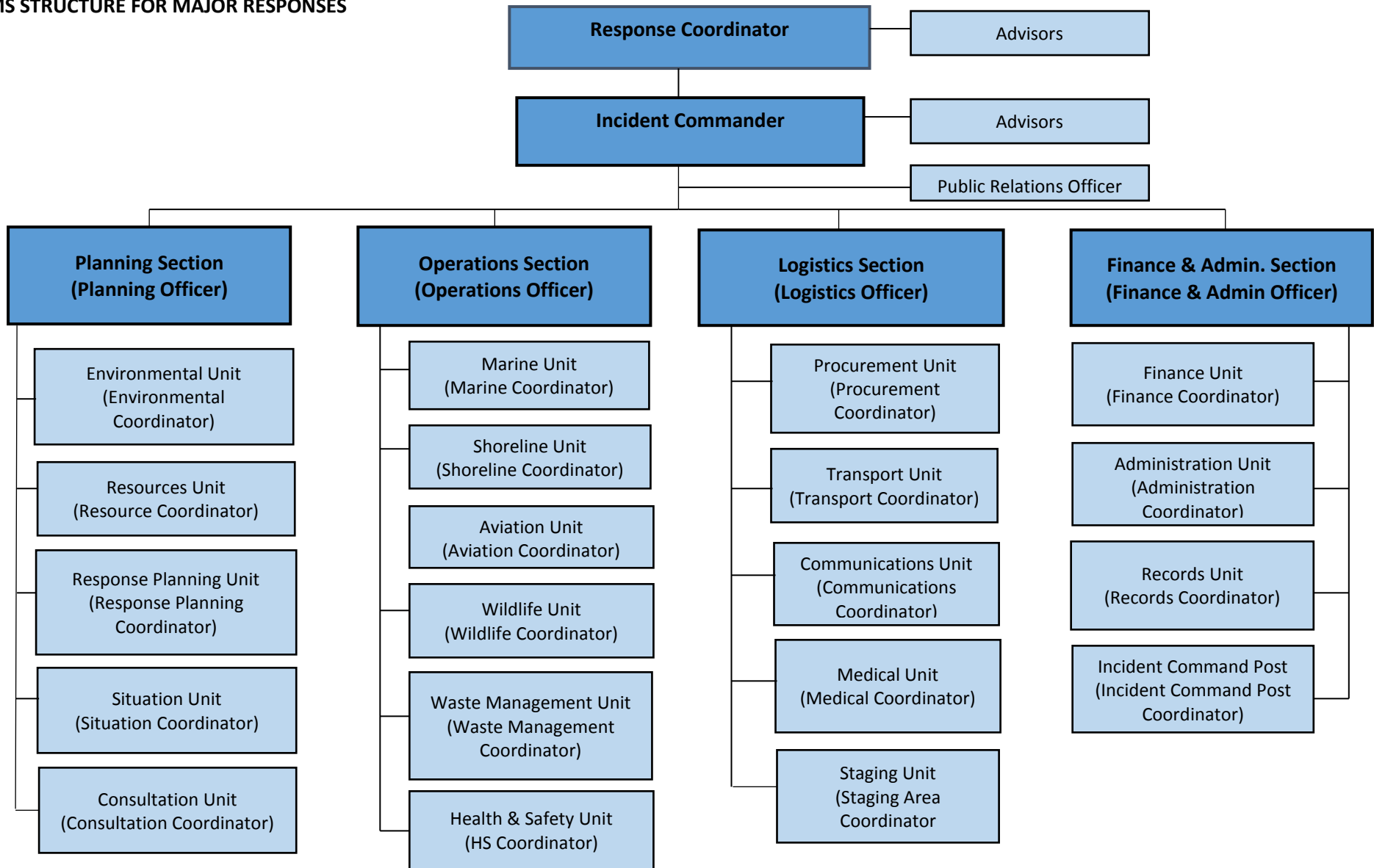
- Organisation chart

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NATIONAL PLAN GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



IMS STRUCTURE FOR MAJOR RESPONSES



Trans-boundary aspects

- Trans-boundary cooperation

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| What are the cooperation mechanisms at bilateral and / or sub-regional level that are integrated into the NOSCP? | The National Plan makes provision for mutual assistance with Angola and South Africa and other states in general terms in the context of OPRC 90, Abidjan Convention, the SADC Protocol on Transport 1981, Communication and Metrology 1996, the Benguela Current Convention 2013, and general bilateral agreements and arrangements concluded with these countries. |
| Are transboundary exercises organized on a regular basis? If yes, how often? | Not yet |
| Indicate the date of the last transboundary exercise | No applicable |
| Is your country engaged in cooperation with projects / institutions aimed at improving preparedness and response capacity? If yes, which ones ? | No |

- Trans-boundary movement of expertise and equipment

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| 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? | In terms of the National Plan, Ministry of Finance will “will be responsible for facilitating expedient clearance (entry and exit) of imported combating equipment and materials during pollution response operations and ensure that, where applicable, customs and excise duties are waived for such equipment and materials.” |

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| | <p>As regards immigration, the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration is required to “facilitate the expedient issuance of visas and work permits to enable specialist personnel to enter and exit Namibia during oil pollution response operations. “</p> <p>Specific procedures are to be developed.</p> |
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Other elements of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan

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| <p>What is the procedure for updating the NOSCP? Is an administrative act (e.g. decree, decree ...) necessary before the updated plan is adopted?</p> | <p>Cabinet approval is only required if the update relate to the substantive/high level provisions of the plan. Regular/procedural updates do not require Cabinet approval.</p> |
| <p>Is the Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) incorporated into the NOSCP?</p> | <p>Yes, in general terms.</p> |
| <p>Does the NOSCP take into account the Tiered Preparedness and Response good practice (Tiers 1, 2,3)?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Does the NOSCP take into account aerial surveillance in the event of an incident (e.g. with radar, satellite, aircraft, helicopter ..)?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Does the NOSCP cover preparedness for, and response to, spills of Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS)?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Are local plans (industry, port, terminal, etc.) referenced and integrated into the NOSCP?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>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.)?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |

5- Conventions & Agreements

Prevention

| Name | Ratification | Transposition into the national legislation |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| MARPOL Convention 73-78 | Yes | Yes |
| MARPOL IV | Not yet | Included in new draft Marine Pollution Bill |
| MARPOL V | Yes | Included in new draft Marine Pollution Bill |
| MARPOL VI | Not yet | Included in new draft Marine Pollution Bill |

Preparedness and response

| Name | Ratification | Transposition into the national legislation |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| OPRC 90 | Yes | Included in new draft Marine Pollution Bill |
| OPRC HNS Protocol - 2000 | Not yet | Included in new draft Marine Pollution Bill |

Liability and compensation

| Name | Ratification | Transposition into the national legislation |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| CLC 1992 | Yes | Included in new draft Marine Pollution Bill |
| FUND 1992 | Yes | Included in new draft Marine Pollution Bill |
| Supp FUND | No | No |
| 2010 HNS Convention | Not yet | Included in new draft Marine Pollution Bill |
| Bunker Convention - 2001 | Not yet | Included in new draft Marine Pollution Bill |

[Bilateral / Subregional agreements](#)

| Name | Ratification | Transposition into the national legislation |
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| Abidjan Convention | Yes | Not yet |
| Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Combating Pollution in Cases of Emergency | Yes | Not yet |
| Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem Program (GCLME) Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Benguela Current Convention 2013 | Yes | Not yet |
| Bamako Convention (on the ban on the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa) | Yes | Not yet |

6- Training

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

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| Government: Limited but largely obsolete. Equipment renewal programme planned. |
| Private: Various mainly port authority owned. |

Equipment

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| 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 |

8- Industry

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| Which Oil & Gas industry partners are present and operating in your country? | Shell and Total – all downstream |
| 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? | The National Marine Pollution Contingency Plan |
| Is there a pooling of human and equipment resources between industry and government? | Not yet defined |
| Please specify any other relevant aspect of cooperation between industry and your government | Namibia does not produce or import any crude oil. Government and industry (almost entirely downstream) cooperate within the context of the National Plan. Such cooperation is mainly between the Port Authority and Oil Industry. When upstream players come in to conduct exploration activities they are required to develop and seek approval of their oil spill contingency plans. |