


Country Profile – Sierra Leone

1- General information

	Name	Sierra Leone
	Capital(s)	Freetown
	Language	English
	Main Ports	Queen Elizabeth II Quay
	Coastline (km)	402

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	National Oil Spill Contingency Plan for Sierra Leone
Status of the NOSCP	In progress
Date of latest approved update	
Decret of approval	
Working group / committee	Working Group established by the Ministry of Transport and Aviation

[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?	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	No	
Name	Owner	Volume

- Sensitivity mapping

Status of the oil spill sensitivity maps	Developed
Are the sensitivity maps included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	To be included as an annex
Date of validation	Not yet validated
Working group / Committee	Ministries of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Institute of Marine Biology and Oceanography, Maritime Administration, Environmental Protection Agency
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	

- 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?	

- Waste management plan

Status of the waste management plan	Not developed
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?	
Date of validation	
Working group / 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 (but yet to be implemented)
Are roles and responsibilities specified?	Yes

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	

- 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	None
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)?	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	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	No	No

Liability and compensation

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
CLC 1992	Yes	Yes
FUND 1992	Yes	Yes
Supp FUND	No	No
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	Yes
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	No

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
National Workshop on the update of the NOSCP - OPRC Level 1	August 2013

6- Expertise and resources

Comments

Oil industries have limited stockpile of 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