


Country profile – Sierra Leone

1- General information

	Full name of the country	Sierra Leone
	Capital city	Freetown
	Official language(s)	English
	Main ports	Queen Elizabeth II Quay
	Coastline (km)	402

2- Competent National Authority(ies) with responsibility for oil pollution preparedness and response

[At sea response](#)

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[Shoreline response](#)

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4- National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP)

[Contingency planning](#)

Name of the NOSCP	NOSCP of Sierra Leone
Status of the NOSCP	Being finalised
Administrative decree of approval – Number and date	N/A
Date of latest approved update	N/A
Working group / committee	NOSCP Technical Committee

[NOSCP Parts](#)

- [Dispersant use policy](#)

Status of the dispersant use policy	Not initiated	
Is the dispersant use policy included in the plan as a response option?	While awaiting the D.P, the NOSCP states It can be used when appropriate	
If yes, Administrative decree of approval – Number and date	N/A	
Is there a list of approved dispersants? Is this public information?	N/A	
What is the responsible authority in charge of dispersant approval during peacetime?	EPA - SL	
Is the same authority responsible for dispersant use authorisation in case of an emergency?	NO – NOSCP Incident Command Team	
What are the geographic and bathymetric limits of dispersant use?	Not yet defined	
Stockpile of dispersant	None	
Location of storage site	N/A	
Name	Owner	Volume

- [Sensitivity mapping](#)

Status of sensitivity maps	Finalised
Working group / committee	EPA - SL
Are sensitivity maps included in the NOSCP ?	Yes
Date of latest approved update	2014
Are the maps covering the entire coastline?	Yes
Are the sensitivity maps public?	Yes
Are they available in hard copy or electronically?	

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

Status of shoreline response strategy	Not initiated
Which authority is in charge of shoreline response?	Not yet specified
Date of latest approved update	N/A
Is the shoreline response strategy included in the NOSCP?	No
Is the SCAT included within the shoreline response strategy?	N/A
Are volunteers allowed to be involved in the shoreline clean-up operations? If yes, is volunteers management covered in the NOSCP?	N/A

- Waste management plan

Status of the waste management plan	Not initiated
Working group / committee	N/A
Validation date and last update	N/A
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?	N/A
Is oiled waste considered hazardous waste under the national legislation?	Yes
What legislative framework regulates waste management at the national level?	EPA – SL ACT Waste Management Act

- Wildlife response plan

Status of the Wildlife response plan	Not initiated
Working Group / Committee in charge	N/A
Validation date and last update	N/A
Is the Wildlife response plan part of the NOSCP?	No
Are there national bodies/entities working on the wildlife issue? If yes, which ones ?	Conservation Society of S/L Wildlife Society of S/L
Are there cooperation agreements in place with specialized structures abroad?	No

- In-situ burning policy

Status of In-situ Burning Policy	Not initiated
Working Group / Committee in charge	N/A
Validation date and last update	N/A
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?	N/A

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

(not provided)

Trans-boundary aspects

- Trans-boundary cooperation

What are the cooperation mechanisms at bilateral and / or sub-regional level that are integrated into the NOSCP?	Abidjan Convention
Are transboundary exercises organized on a regular basis? If yes, how often?	No
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 ?	Abidjan Convention Oil Spill Response Centre

- 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?	Not yet
If so, what is the procedure to follow?	N/A

[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?	Yes
Is the Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) incorporated into the NOSCP?	No
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 ..)?	When and if available
Does the NOSCP cover preparedness for, and response to, spills of Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS)?	No
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.)?	No

5- Conventions & Agreements

[Prevention](#)

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
MARPOL Convention 73-78	Yes	In Progress
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	In Progress
OPRC HNS Protocol - 2000	No	No

[Liability and compensation](#)

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

[Bilateral / Subregional agreements](#)

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
Abidjan Convention	Yes	Yes
Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Combating Pollution in Cases of Emergency	No	No
Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem Program (GCLME)	Yes	Yes
Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan	Yes	?
Bamako Convention (on the ban on the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa)	Yes	?

6- Training

Is internal training and/or exercise undertaken at least once a year?	No
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7- Expertise and resources

Government: Expertise
Private: Expertise and resources

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) ?	No

8- Industry

Which Oil & Gas industry partners are present and operating in your country?	Total
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 NOSCP Technical Committee
Is there a pooling of human and equipment resources between industry and government?	No
Please specify any other relevant aspect of cooperation between industry and your government	Industry logistic expertise