


Country Profile – Sao Tome and Principe

1- General information

	Name	Sao Tome and Principe
	Capital(s)	Sao Tome
	Language	Portuguese
	Main Ports	UOA, NEVES, ANA CHAVES, FERNAO DIAS
	Coastline (km)	260

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	Plan National de Contingence de Sao Tome and Principe
Status of the NOSCP	In progress
Date of latest approved update	N/A
Decret of approval	N/A
Working group / committee	Yes

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	In progress
Are the sensitivity maps included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	No
Date of validation	
Working group / Committee	General Directorate of Environment
Do the maps cover the entire coastline?	
Are shorelines types and most sensitive sites identified and included?	No
Are sensitivity maps developed from a GIS?	No
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?	No

- 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?	N/A
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?	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	

- [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	No	No

[Preparedness and response](#)

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
OPRC 90	No	No
OPRC HNS Protocol - 2000	No	No

[Liability and compensation](#)

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

[Bilateral Subregional agreements](#)

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
Abidjan Convention - Protocol on Oil Pollution	No	No
Canary Current Large Marine Ecosystem Program (CCLME) 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 to update the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan and develop an atlas of sensitivity maps	April 2014

6- Expertise and resources

Comments

Government & private:
There is no specialised clean-up equipment. Any response would involve manual clean-up.

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