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About the project

Launched in 2006, the Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI WACAF) Project is a partnership between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and IPIECA, the global oil and gas industry association for environmental and social issues, to enhance the capacity of partner countries to prepare for and respond to marine oil spills.

The mission is to strengthen the national system for preparedness and response in case of an oil spill in 22 West, Central and Southern African countries in accordance with the provisions set out in the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation, 1990 (OPRC 90).

To achieve its mission, the GI WACAF Project organizes and delivers workshops, seminars and exercises, that aim to communicate good practice in all aspect of spill preparedness and response, drawing on expertise and experience from within governments, industry and other organizations working in this specialized field. To prepare and implement these activities, the Project relies on the Project's network of dedicated government and industry focal points. Promoting cooperation amongst all relevant government agencies, oil industry business units and stakeholders both nationally, regionally, and internationally is a major objective of the Project during these activities.

GI WACAF operates and delivers activities with contributions from both the IMO and seven oil company members of IPIECA, namely Azule Energy, bp, Chevron, Eni, ExxonMobil, Shell, and TotalEnergies.



2024 activities overview

Legend:

Online trainings, webinars and teleconferences

GI WACAF National activities implemented
(remote and in-country)

GI WACAF Regional Conference

External engagements

National Exercise

Communication

| Date | Countries/ stakeholders involved | Type of activity | Topic |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| January | Congo | National Workshop | Update of National Oil Spill Contingency Plan |
| March - June | Sierra Leone | Remote review | Assessment of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan |
| April | Ipeca | External engagement | Ipeca week / Marine Spill Group |
| May | Togo, GI WACAF Secretariat | In-country visit | Lomé visit in preparation for the 10th Regional Conference |
| April | The Gambia | National workshop | NOSCP Validation Workshop |
| June | Industry | Teleconference / Communication | Industry engagement teleconference |
| June | Ivory Coast | National Exercise | National Oil Spill Response Exercise "POLLUMAR 2024" |

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| June | Nigeria | National Workshop | Oiled Wildlife Contingency Plan |
| July | Nigeria | Remote Review | Review of Nigeria's OWCP |
| July | Liberia | National Workshop | Stakeholders meeting and field-based risk assessment |
| July | All | Communication | Newsletter n°3 |
| October | Liberia | National Workshop | Key stakeholders training on fundamentals of oil spill response |
| October | Sierra Leone | National Workshop | Shoreline clean-up training and NOSCP table top exercise |
| November | All | Regional Conference | 10th GI WACAF Regional Conference Representatives from 20 countries and from the Industry |
| December | All | Communication | Newsletter n°4 |

2024 review

The year 2024 marked the end of a very productive 2023/2024 biennium: in 2024, the GI WACAF Project has implemented workshops and produced remote assessments on oil spill preparedness and response with 6 of its 22 partner countries, namely Congo, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, the Gambia, Nigeria and Liberia. Industry engagement was fostered by a dedicated teleconference where Shell, TotalEnergies and ExxonMobil presented on their respective oil spill response updates.

The past biennium found closure with the 10th GI WACAF Regional Conference, hosted by Togo in November 2024, gathering no less than 90 national and industry stakeholders. The success of this 10th Conference was due to the high investment from all focal points, stakeholders and external partners. This also means a new strategic roadmap for the future GI WACAF cycle, which, this time, will be a 2025/2027 triennium.

The subjects discussed this year focused on review, assessment, completion and validation

of National Oil Spill Contingency Plans and related documents, oiled wildlife contingency planning, as well as shoreline clean up trainings and exercises.

| Number | GI WACAF Project Pillars |
|--------|---|
| 1 | Remote assistance on technical and policy aspects |
| 2 | Communication and Networking |
| 3 | Hybrid national and sub-regional activities |
| 4 | Regional Conference |



Remote assistance became, in 2023, a recurrent initial step for the implementation of our workshops – in the form of reviews of national plans, of legislation, or in the form of teleconferences introducing each activity. This refers to the remote review of Sierra Leone's National Oil Spill Contingency Planning, which enabled the production of recommendations on which part of the October workshop was based. Remote assistance also played a big part in the success of our activity with Liberia, allowing for more productive in-country workshops, notably regarding stakeholder mapping and risk assessment.

In 2023, we saw the establishment of the Industry Engagement Teleconference, gathering local industry stakeholders to present on their recent actions or workshops in the region regarding oil spill preparedness and response. The goal of such an event remains to (1) raise awareness around GI WACAF actions and progress, and (2) ensure alignment between industry activities and GI WACAF activities in the field of OSPR. Its continuation in 2024 showed its necessity and positive outcomes, inviting dialogue between GI WACAF and local industry stakeholders.

A similar initiative is planned to be organized for national stakeholders, and will take place in 2025.

As mentioned, the 10th GI WACAF Regional Conference took place in November 2024, and showed great involvement from all participants. Prior to the drafting of the Conference programme, all national and industry focal points were asked about their expectations for the event and the subjects they would like to discuss during the conference. In both cases, the two top subjects were National Oil Spill Contingency Planning and Transboundary Cooperation. In that sense, those two subjects were deeply discussed during days 2 and 3 of the event, through presentations but also interactive working groups where participants had a chance to discuss amongst each other and exchange of experience and good practices. The Regional Conference enabled the GI WACAF to gather feedback from its Industry stakeholders and from National focal points: this feedback and the priorities defined by countries will be the basis for the strategic roadmap of GI WACAF's next cycle.



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2024 GI WACAF remote action

Review of Congo's National Oil Spill Contingency Plan

Dates: 2023 – January 2024

Remote

Mandated expertise: Cedre

Prior to the in-country workshop in January 2024 in Congo, the GI WACAF mandated the Cedre to produce a review of the NOCSP (2014 version). The review was shared with the country prior to the workshop: it identified key points requiring priority attention regarding the strategic, preparation as well as the intervention aspect. A summary of those recommendations can be found in the [report](#) of the workshop which took place in Pointe-Noire in January 2024.

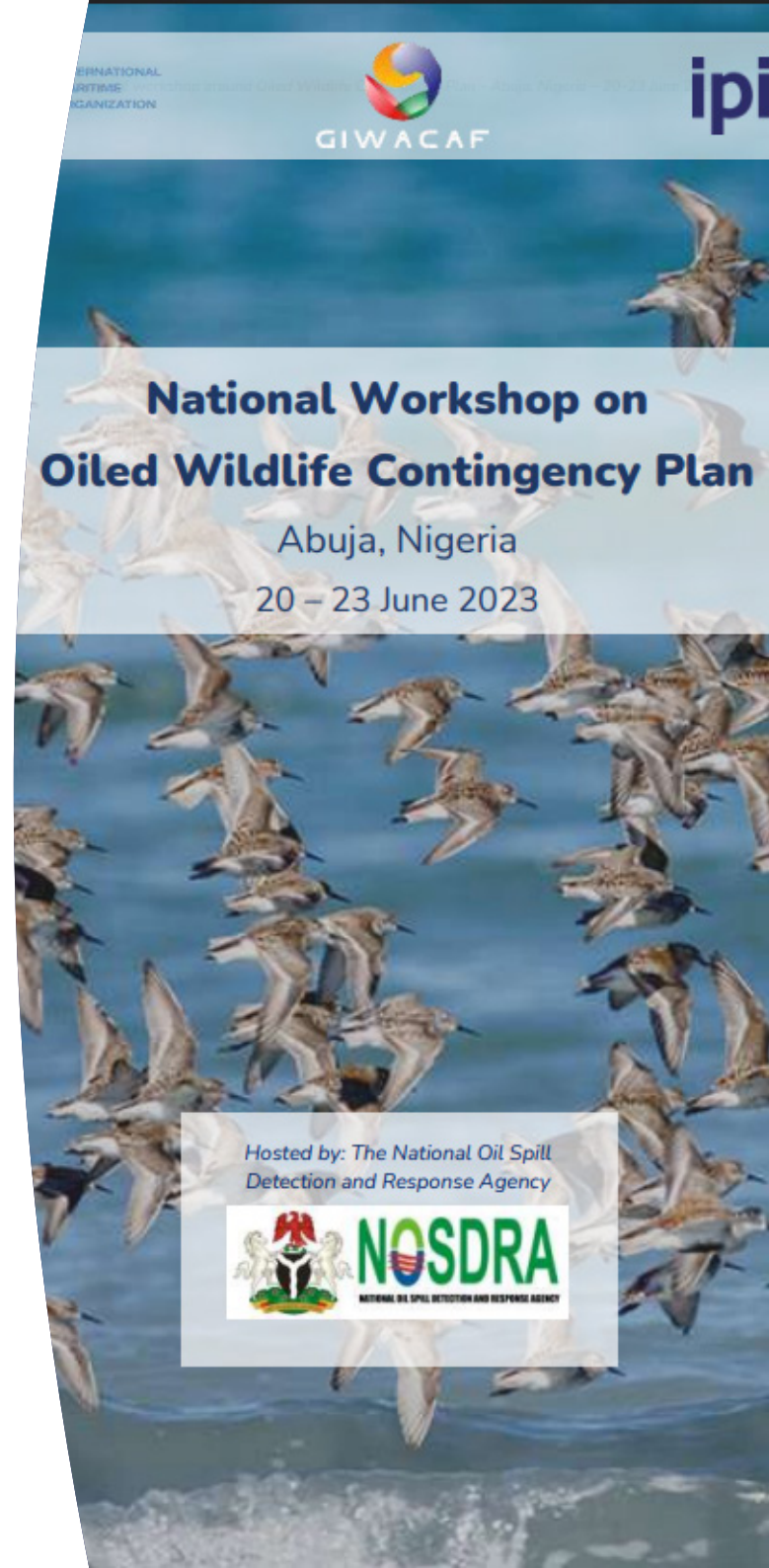
Review of Nigeria's Oiled Wildlife Contingency Plan

Dates: July 2024

Remote

Mandated expertise: SANCCOB

In July 2024, SANCCOB, with the support of GI WACAF, produced a review of Nigeria's OWCP, identifying gaps and priority areas to work on. A set of recommendations have been shared with the country, including recommendations on operational flow, risk assessment, effects of oil on wildlife, priority species for protection, health and safety strategy, communication strategy, facilities and equipment, personnel management, and a set of operational recommendations.



Assistance to Liberia on the strengthening of its preparedness and response system: a continuous communication handled remotely

Dates: March - December 2024

Remote

Mandated expertise: Marittima Limited

As a GI WACAF Partner country, the Republic of Liberia has in recent years made considerable progress in establishing the conditions necessary to respond to oil spills.

GI WACAF had already worked remotely with Liberia in 2021 for a critical review of the draft coastal and Marine Sensitivity map of Liberia. Liberia has been working to strengthen its national capacities through the process of preparing a National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP). To accelerate this work, in 2023 Liberia formally requested assistance from the GI WACAF for continued development of its NOSCP.



2024 GI WACAF activities overview

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Congo – National Workshop on NOSCP Update

Dates: 22-26 January 2024

Organized and hosted by: Ministry of Transport, Civil Aviation and the Merchant Navy

Mandated expertise: Cedre

75 participants gathered at the Conseil Congolais des Chargeurs (CCC) in Pointe-Noire from 22 to 26 January 2024 to discuss Congo's NOSCP update.

The objectives of this workshop were part of a wider technical assistance project in Congo to review and update the national spill preparedness and response system (and the related National Spill Contingency Plan, NSCP) in line with current risks, conventions and best practices.

More specifically, the priority technical objectives of the workshop were to:

- Clarify the scope and operational coverage of the national response system
- Update the national response organization and coordination mechanisms
- Develop operational arrangements for response at sea and on land
- Review national and cross-border alert processes
- Review the national policy on the use of dispersants
- Ensure that the revision of the NSCP is in line with the draft Angola - Congo - DRC subregional agreement.

The workshop consisted of various information and working sessions, according to each objective. The discussions that took place during the workshop led to numerous proposals for updating the national response system and therefore the National Emergency Response Plan (NERP).

The workshop produced two types of recommendations:

- So-called "strategic" recommendations for the attention of decision-makers and senior Congolese authorities, aiming at improving the overall national response system.
- Technical recommendations for the Technical Working Group (TWG), detailing actions to implement the strategic recommendations and thus guide and facilitate the work of the TWG.

The [Report](#) of this activity is available in French on the GI WACAF Website.



The Gambia – National Workshop for NOSCP Validation

Dates: May 2024

Organized and hosted by: The Gambia Maritime Administration

Mandated expertise: Marittima Limited

The year 2023 was a very productive year for The Gambia, as can be read in the [2023 Annual Report](#). Following this work, the GI WACAF Secretariat was pleased to take part in the NOSCP Validation workshop in The Gambia in May 2024.

In the beginning of 2024, The Gambian authorities received a document, produced by Marittima Ltd. with support from GI WACAF and PRCM, outlining an NOSCP Gap analysis and recommendations for the finalization of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan. Recommendations were grouped in Strategic and Operational sections. The strategic recommendations covered subjects such as governance, inter-agency harmonization and pooling of resources, policies and implementing regulations and funding mechanisms. The operational recommendations covered coordination centers, operations bases, facility and port

capacity, resources, training and tactical response plans by area.

During the validation workshop, the stakeholders filled in the final gaps in the NOSCP, including contact lists and roles and responsibilities. Recommendations on this finalization workshop were expressed by the GI WACAF consultant, consisting of final recommendations to maintain the momentum of the project in-country, and making the NOSCP operational and practical for real emergency situations.

Liberia - Technical assistance to strengthen the national accidental spill response system through the improvement of the National Spill Contingency Plan and the support of the development of tactical and operational maps

Dates: 8-18 July 2024 and 14-18 October 2024

Organized and hosted by: Liberia Maritime Authority

Mandated expertise: Marittima Ltd.

Liberia has, in recent years, made considerable

progress in establishing the conditions necessary to respond to oil spills. GI WACAF, in recent years, delivered workshops in Liberia on Incident Management Systems, remote legal assistance, and in 2021 produced a critical review of the draft coastal and marine sensitivity map of Liberia. In 2024, the country has been working to strengthen its national capacities through the process of preparing a National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP).

In 2024, two workshops were delivered in Liberia to assist in the development and finalization of the country's NOSCP. A first workshop consisted of field surveys and meetings with key government stakeholders, while the second one focused on IMO OPRC Levels 1 and 2 and trainings on shoreline survey and oil spill trajectory modelling.



July 2024 Workshop – field surveys and stakeholder meetings

The objectives of the site visits were to:

- Assess current status of NOSCP development and identify outstanding activities in order for a national plan that can be formally adopted by all stakeholders;
- Gather outstanding information and data relevant to the development of a practicable National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP); and
- Identify a plan of action for the rest of the project.

These objectives were achieved through field surveys and meetings with key government stakeholders. In all, we undertook four days of surveys and met with 18 government stakeholder entities.

Following the mission, it was agreed that this project will focus on compiling existing work, information and activities already completed by the Liberian Authorities into a new guidance document. This draft guidance document for the NOSCP will be submitted to LiMA in mid-September for review and completion by

Liberia's Technical Committee. Furthermore, the consultants agreed to support Liberia Spatial and Geographic Information Service (LISGIS) in the development of Environmental sensitivity and tactical maps, as requested.

Before and between the aforementioned workshops, GI WACAF technical experts were in constant communication with national stakeholders to discuss the progress and answer potential questions. For example, prior to those workshops, remote assistance was given to national stakeholders through presentations on various preparedness and response subjects: a LISGIS remote meeting took place in June 2024, as well as various calls with the national focal point to frame the scope of the assistance and workshop agendas.

Various guidance documents have been produced with the support of GI WACAF to assist Liberia in enhancing its preparedness and response system. The next steps are now for Liberia to take ownership of the country's progress, new documents, to complete the gaps identified and consolidate the final NOSCP.



October 2024 Workshop

The aim of this workshop was to train key entities on the fundamentals of oil spill response, following the standard format and content contained in the IMO OPRC Levels 1 and 2 training courses but tailored to be relevant to the specific risks and conditions identified in Liberia.

The workshop had the secondary aim of conducting round table sessions with key stakeholders to progress discussions and finalize roles and responsibilities, the organization of a response from both an inter and intra-agency perspective and to define specific response strategies that will be included in the National Contingency Plan (NCP).

The workshop gathered 55 participants drawn mainly from Liberia relevant government and private stakeholders.

The Report for this workshop is available in English on our website.

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Sierra Leone - National workshop on Shoreline clean-up training / NOSCP table top exercise

Dates: 14-17 October 2024

Organized and hosted by: Sierra Leone Maritime Administration

Mandated expertise:
Emergency Preparedness Consultancy Limited, ITOFF

The National Workshop on Shoreline Clean-up and Waste Management and the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP) table top exercise were phase 2 of the GI WACAF mission with the Sierra Leone authorities, phase 1 being the review of the NOSCP produced and shared with the country in mid-2024.

The purpose of the workshop was to equip delegates with the fundamental knowledge and skills to be able to supervise shoreline clean-up operations and conduct surveys of oil contaminated coastal environments. Having completed the 3-day training, the collective group represents an incremental improvement in the national capability to respond to future accidental marine oil spills.

The rationale for the table-top exercise was to support the authorities tasked with updating the 2017 NOSCP. The format and scenario were intentionally designed to validate the key findings and recommendations already made during the first phase review of the plan. Meaningful learnings for the review team to consider when revising the NOSCP was the inclusion of the vital role of the Joint Maritime Committee (JMC) and its influence on communication, information flow and decision-making processes. Additionally, the mapping of the Incident Management Team (IMT) interface with the spillers management team was also identified as vital to an efficient and effective response.

In-country exercises

Ivory-Coast - Yearly national large-scale oil spill response exercise

Dates: 11-14 June 2024

Organized and hosted by: CIAPOL, Centre Ivoirien Antipollution (Ministry in charge of Environment)

GI WACAF role: observer

The CIAPOL organized, in June 2024, their yearly national large-scale oil spill response exercise, which included deployment of oil spill response equipment at sea and on shore. Overall, 200 participants gathered for this exercise: CIAPOL requested for a GI WACAF team to observe and assess the training and the national exercise.

The objectives of the exercise, set by the CIAPOL, were to:

- Improve the capabilities of the members of the Inter-ministerial Response Committee (CIL): public and semi-public administrations, oil companies, ports and airports, administrative and customary

authorities and local environmental protection associations and other nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), for their roles and tasks within the National POLLUMAR organization;

- Implement strategies and operational response on the field in the framework of a practical exercise based on a “level 2 oil spill scenario (> 10 tonnes)”;
- Check the availability and operability of the response resources of the POLLUMAR organization and key partners;
- Improve the procedures, forms and aids to develop response tactics in the event of an oil spill in the marine and lagoon environments;
- Create a forum to share experience, information and collaboration between stakeholders in the POLLUMAR Plan.

The first and second days were dedicated to the training, to remind participants about the basics of spill response, national POLLUMAR organization and key provisions of the

POLLUMAR Plan.

The exercise took place during the third day, from 9h00 to 18h00, and included:

- Official opening and launching of the exercise by the Minister in charge of the Environment.
- Mobilisation of the “National Crisis Cell” (CCN) with its sections split in four different locations.
- Work of the sections of the CCN to address all issues proposed by the spill scenario, evaluate the situation and develop response tactics.
- Deployment of equipment on the shore (deployment of boom at sea from vessels carried out a different day).
- 1st debriefing of the sections of the CCN at the end of the exercise.

A comprehensive debriefing of the exercise was held on the fourth day, with a representative of each CCN section providing a report and recommendations.

The recommendations formulated at the end of this exercise can be found in the [report published on The GI WACAF website in French.](#)



2024 Highlights

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10th GI WACAF Regional Conference

Dates: 24-28 November 2024

Organized and hosted by: Ministry of Maritime Economy and Coastal Protection, Togo

The 10th GI WACAF Regional Conference took place from 25 to 28 November 2024 in Lomé, Togo, at the Sarakawa Hotel. The Conference was organized in close collaboration with the Government of Togo, more specifically the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Coastal Protection. The event brought together key industry and government representatives from the 20 African partner countries of the Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI WACAF) project as follows: Angola, Benin, Cabo Verde, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo, with some 90 participants attending the Conference.

The main objectives of the Conference were to:

- Address the challenges of Oil Spill Preparedness and Response (OSPR) within the region;
- Review the progress achieved since the last regional conference in 2022;
- Facilitate information sharing and lessons learned;
- Strengthen the network of government delegates involved in oil spill preparedness and response in the region;
- Highlight the benefits of the GI WACAF Project; and
- Determine priority actions for the coming 2025-2027 triennium to enhance oil spill preparedness and response in the region. To address these objectives, the participants were guided through four days of presentations, case studies, working group sessions, discussions, and tabletop exercises based on fictional scenarios.

The Conference recommendations, as outlined below, are based on the conclusions of the working groups and on the information provided by the countries over the four-day event. These recommendations will serve as basis for developing the Project's action plan for the 2025-2027 triennium.

Main recommendations

Amongst the different working groups, discussions revealed a common and strong desire for guidelines and tools tailored to the WACAF region to guide the countries in the organization and management of exercises. As countries evolve towards more efficient contingency planning, there is a growing need to test the National Oil Spill Contingency Plans (NOSCPs) and policies associated.



Step 1: Legislation and regulatory framework

Establishing a legislative and regulatory framework is the foundation for an effective national preparedness and response system (i.e. ratification/ transposition of conventions, update of national laws/ decrees, review of national institutional framework, regional/ transboundary agreements, etc.). In this connection, the conference recommended the following:

- Assist in the development of bi-lateral and sub-regional oil spill preparedness and response agreements and plans; and
- Develop guidelines, tools and templates to promote sub-regional agreements.

Step 2: Policies and processes

Establishing the appropriate policies, processes and tools to implement the legislative framework (e.g. National Contingency Plan, dispersant use policy, waste management policy, shoreline clean-up plans, maps, incident management system etc.), are all key components of an effective national system. The conference encouraged the establishment of operational systems and resources, for incident management and spill response, in line with the national policies

and legislative framework. Recommendations under this pillar included:

- A continuous effort to assist in the development of NOSCPs, their implementation and transposition to national regulation; and
- Provide assistance in the development of standard operating procedures.

Step 3: Assistance for Implementation

The conference recognized the ongoing support and assistance that is required by countries to develop the necessary capacity and knowledge to ensure effective national response systems. Amongst the tools discussed during the conference, three were considered as of immediate interest and importance:

- Promote the development of small-scale to large-scale exercises. Small-scale exercises, focused on specific parts of national oil spill contingency planning, allow for participants to develop a full picture vision of the outcomes of the exercises, thus to strengthen capacity building throughout the region. Specific elements to be discussed in small-scale table-top exercises could include roles

and responsibilities, dispersant approval, logistical challenges, etc.;

- Produce practical guidelines and tools, tailored to the WACAF region, to assist countries in the development and management of exercises on various scales; and
- Support countries in the implementation of regular and national transboundary exercises.

Step 4: Promoting stakeholder communication

- Assist in the set-up of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) between government entities and the private sector to facilitate resource mobilization in case of need;
- Facilitate communication between entities; and
- Establish a forum between countries at different levels of preparedness to promote experience sharing and learning.



External meetings, conferences and engagements

Ipieca week & Marine Spill Group, London

April 2024

The GI WACAF participated to the annual Ipieca Week, during which took place the Marine Spill group, an IPIECA working group that aims to develop and disseminate good practices worldwide to enable industry and stakeholders to improve oil spill preparedness and response. The GI WACAF, as a Project involved in the spreading of good practices, is invited to take part in the meetings of this group in order to stay up to date on the developments in the field. This is the opportunity to have updates on other GI Initiatives, including OSPRI, GI SEA, and REMPEC.

Industry Engagement Teleconference, Remote

June 2024

The aim of this teleconference is to gather local industry members of GI WACAF through the West, Central and Southern African region, in a remote teleconference format, to share and exchange about GI WACAF and Industry activities in the field of OSPR. This new initiative will take place two times per year.

Our objectives are to:

1. Link with local industry actors
2. Ensure coherence between activities organized by Industry and GI WACAF activities in the field of OSPR
3. Raise awareness around GI WACAF actions and progress

Our second Industry Engagement teleconference took place in June 2024, with presentations from **GI WACAF, bp, ExxonMobil and OSRL.**

Institutions we work with



PRCM

Since 2022, a number of GI WACAF member countries have benefited from both GI WACAF and PRCM assistance in its process of enhancing preparedness and response to accidental oil spills. PRCM Members include organizations from most of the countries of the western African coast, as well as a few European countries such as Spain or Belgium. PRCM representatives participated to the recent GI WACAF Regional Conferences.



World Bank – WACA Program

Since 2020, the GI WACAF project has been cooperating with the World Bank through the WACA Program (West Africa Coastal Areas Management Program), to participate in the drafting of a report on marine and coastal pollution and pressures in West and Central Africa. This cooperation with the World Bank and WACA Program is promising and places the action of the GI WACAF within a broader perspective in the protection of the marine and coastal environment, giving its full meaning to the project.



BCC

The [Benguela Current Convention](#) (BCC) has acted South Africa, Namibia and Angola since 2007. It sets out these countries' intentions to promote a coordinated regional approach to the long-term conservation, protection, rehabilitation, enhancement, and sustainable use of the Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem in order to provide economic, environmental and social benefits.



Network of trained and dedicated GI WACAF Focal Points across the region

The GI WACAF relies on a network of Focal Points from governments and industry to ensure the effective implementation of the work plan. Every year, the involvement of our Focal Points is critical to the successful delivery of our program. We seize this opportunity to thank all the GI WACAF Focal Points, and especially those acknowledged below, for their commitment and proactive contribution to the achievements of the GI WACAF objectives.



Mr. Duramani Kempes Sesay, Sierra Leone

Duramani is currently the Senior Environmental Manager of the Sierra Leone Maritime Administration. His involvement in enhancing preparedness and response to oil spills in Sierra Leone has led to productive work between the country and the GI WACAF project, both by remote means and through in-country workshops. His presence at the GI WACAF Regional Conference, along with Mrs. Cremelda Thomas, Environmental Manager at Sierra Leone Maritime Administration, shows the country's high involvement in enhancing its preparedness and response.



Mr. GNAMA Kpatcha Mawaïboyodou, Togo

Mr. Gnama is currently Maritime Affairs Administrator and Technical Advisor to the Minister withing the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Coastal Protection of The Republic of Togo. After a very successful GI WACAF Regional Conference in Togo in November 2024, made possible thanks to his involvement, he has been

appointed as the new GI WACAF Focal Point for Togo. We are glad to count him as one of our trusted regional focal points.



Tania Augusto, ExxonMobil

Tania has been working with ExxonMobil for 19 years: before being the Regional Emergency Preparedness and Response Advisor, she was an Environmental and Regulatory Advisor, and Emergency Preparedness and Response Security Supervisor, and an Emergency Preparedness and Response Senior Advisor. Since 2017, she is a member of the Europe Africa Middle East Regional Response Team. Tania has been appointed GI WACAF vice-chair in 2023.

Following Tania's high involvement in the GI WACAF project's Steering Committee and her global positive impact on the project's strategic direction, she has been voted as the new Industry Chair for the Project in December 2024.



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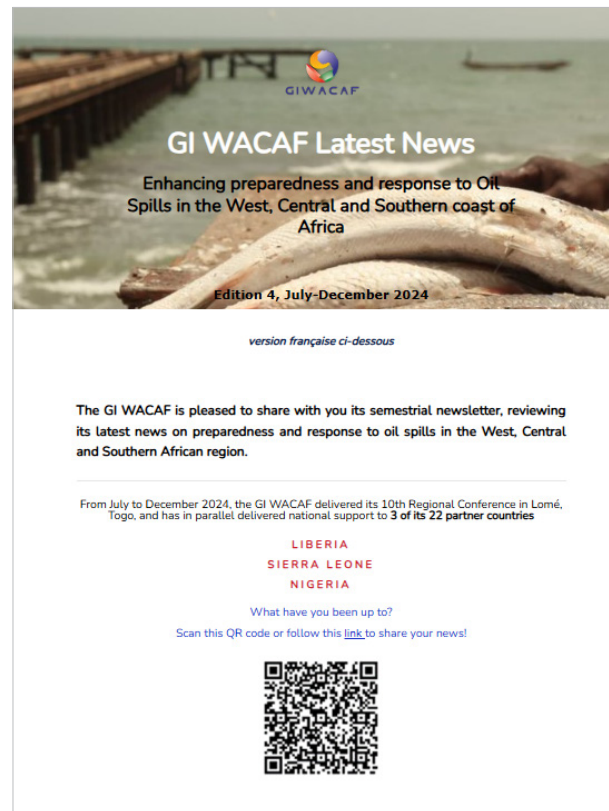
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LinkedIn Page

The Project's LinkedIn page has now reached the 1000 subscribers thanks to the GI WACAF team's efforts to implement a new content strategy and provide the followers with regular and diversified updates.

Website

Activities, conferences, workshops and exercises organized by the GI WACAF are regularly summarized and made publicly available on the project's dedicated website.



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Governments and Industries working together to enhance oil spill preparedness, response and cooperation

5200+

PEOPLE TRAINED

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1200+

PEOPLE ATTENDING EXERCISES

The Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI WACAF) was launched in 2006.

Planned activities for 2025

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The 2025 GI WACAF Programme is currently being drafted based on the feedback and recommendations gathered during the previous cycle and 10th Regional Conference. The main subjects which will be worked on for the beginning of this cycle will be the following:

- Subregional workshops on claims, liability and compensation
- National Oil Spill Contingency Planning
- Dispersant Use Policies





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