

2013

A year in review



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About the GI WACAF

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 countries to prepare for and respond to marine oil spills.

A key innovative feature is to emphasize the promotion of public/private partnership for effective oil spill response making use of existing industry expertise and resources. The GI WACAF is jointly funded by the International Maritime Organization and 9 oil companies.



The Project area covers 22 West, Central and Southern African countries. The scope is to organise workshops, training, seminars and deployment exercises in collaboration with national authorities in charge of oil spill response and in partnership with local business units.

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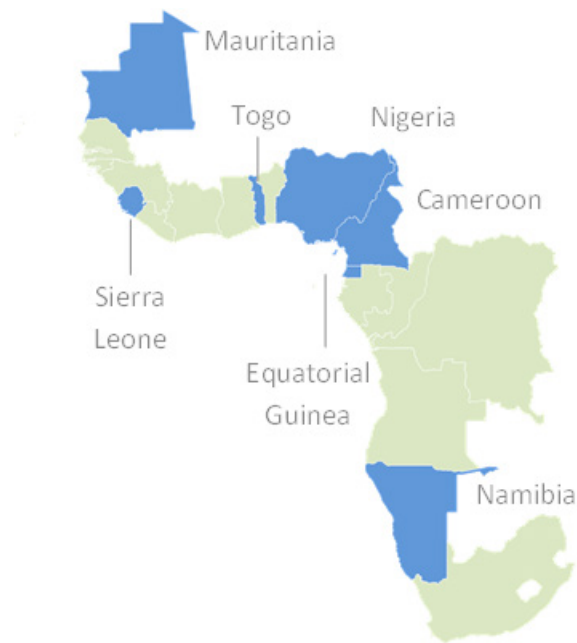
At the end of 2013, the GI WACAF Project completed its two year work biennium. The main objectives of the biennium were to develop, test and update the National Oil Spill Contingency Plans (NOSCP) throughout the region.

This was achieved through the cooperation between key partners from the government and private sectors and the delivery of national and regional events such as conferences, seminars, workshops and exercises. This report provides a review of some of the key highlights.



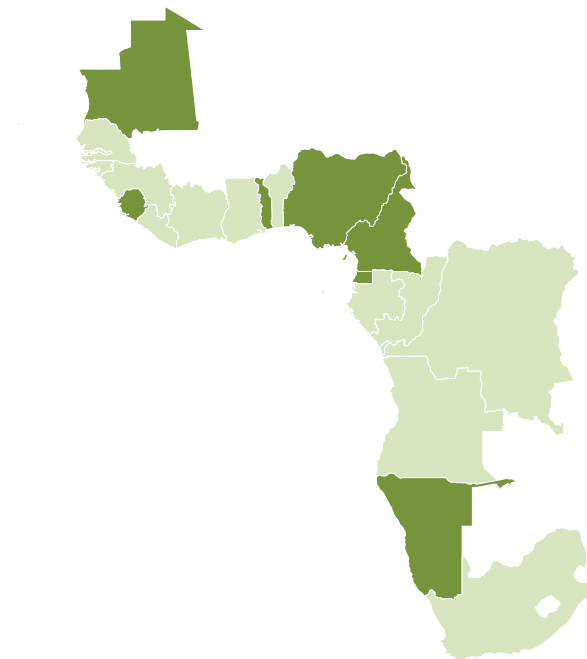
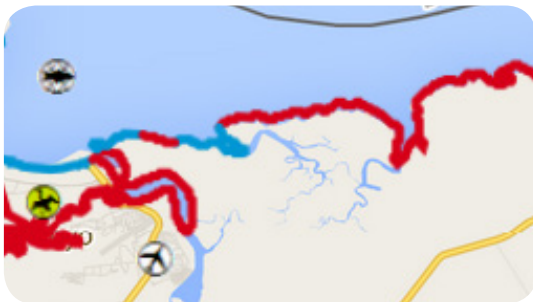
2013 Highlights

10 activities were organised in 2013, in 6 countries (indicated in blue on the map). The detail of these activities can be found on page 3.



5 National Oil Spill Contingency Plans were developed or tested in 2013 (indicated in green on the map).

Sensitivity maps were developed in Namibia and Togo.



Status of the key indicators of preparedness in 2013

85% of the countries in the region have now ratified the OPRC 90.

80% of the countries in the region have a National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP) in place.

2013 activities timeline



January	February	March	April	May	June
Mauritania Scoping mission for the finalisation of the National Oil Spill Contingency 	Equatorial Guinea Scoping mission for the finalisation of the National Oil Spill Contingency 	Namibia National workshop on sensitivity mapping 		Togo National workshop to update the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan and develop an atlas of sensitivity 	Mauritania National Exercise to test and update the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (POLMAR) 
OSPRI workshop on effective exercise management <i>Istanbul, Turkey</i>		GI South East Asia Launch <i>Jakarta, Indonesia</i> 		OPRC Technical Group <i>London, UK</i> 	
		Oil Spill Working Group (OSWG) <i>Jakarta, Indonesia</i>		Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) <i>London, UK</i>	



July

August

September

October

November

December

Cameroon

Sierra Leone

Namibia

Namibia

Nigeria

Preparatory mission to the national exercise to test and update the National Oil Spill Contingency

National workshop to update the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan and develop an atlas of sensitivity maps

Sub-Regional workshop on liability and compensation for English speaking countries

GI WACAF Regional Conference 2013

National joint government / industry exercise in Nigeria



Oil Spill Working Group (OSWG)
Paris, France



GI WACAF activities

Other activities attended by the GI WACAF

A network of trained and committed focal points across West, Central and Southern Africa

The GI WACAF Project relies on a network of Focal Points from the governments and the industry that ensure the effective implementation of the Project's Action Plan at the national level. In 2013, the involvement of our Focal Points was again critical to the successful delivery of our programme of activities. The following Focal Points were particularly active in 2013.



Mr Babana Ould Yahya - Mauritania

Mr Ould Yahya, Director of the Merchant Navy at the Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy, in Mauritania, was the most active Government Focal Point with the organisation of the joint government and industry exercise to test and update the POLMAR Plan, which took place in Nouakchott from the 30 June to 4 July. This event was successfully organised in collaboration with the PETRONAS Oil Company and gathered stakeholders and the expertise from all the relevant ministries and oil companies.



Mr Pinehas N. Auene - Namibia

Mr Auene, Deputy Director of Marine Pollution Control and SAR at the Directorate of Maritime Affairs of the Ministry of Works and Transport of Namibia was very active at the Regional level by hosting three GI WACAF events in 2013: the national workshop on sensitivity mapping, the sub-regional workshop on liability and compensation, and the GI WACAF Regional Conference 2013. Both events were held in Swakopmund, Namibia.



Mr Abdel Ganiou Soulemane - Togo

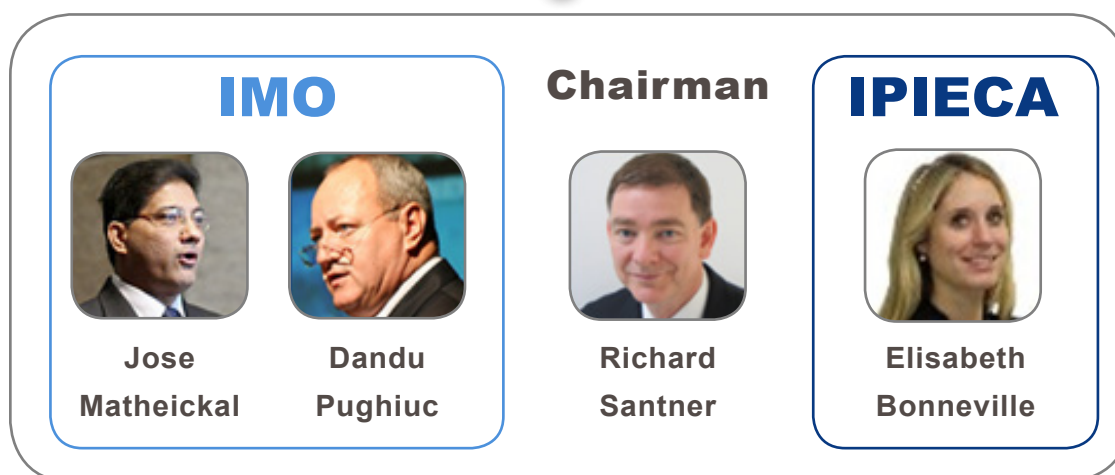
Mr Soulemane, engineer in environment and water management at the Ministry of Environment and Forest Resources in Togo, brought strong support in the organisation of the National workshop to update the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan and develop an atlas of oil spill sensitivity maps. The newly created sensitivity maps will be available for consultation of the GI WACAF website in 2014.

2013 project management team

Elisabeth Bonneville is the new Oil Spill Working Group (OSWG) Project Manager in IPIECA. **Anton Rhodes** has been appointed as the new GI WACAF Project Manager, replacing Romain Chancerel, in August 2013.

Richard Santner (BP) is the Chairman of the GI WACAF Project since 2011. The team is also composed of **Dandu Pughiuc** (Senior Deputy Director, Sub-Division for Implementation, Marine Environment Division, IMO), **Jose Matheickal** (Senior Technical Officer, Major Projects and Resource Mobilisation, Sub-Division for Implementation, Marine Environment Division, IMO) and **Benjamin Jeanne** (GI WACAF – IMO/IPIECA Project Consultant).

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The future development of the GI WACAF

The diversification of GI WACAF is one that is set to continue into the future with an even greater focus on specialised topics at the regional and sub-regional level, and an increase in trans-boundary cooperation with particular emphasis on cross-border exercises.

At the GI WACAF Regional Conference (Namibia, November 2013), Government and Industry Focal Points outlined their priorities for the next biennium of work activities (2014 – 2015). The recommendations provided by delegates at the conference serve as the foundation upon which the GI WACAF Strategic Plan is based.

Delegates agreed that GI WACAF activities for the new biennium should be listed under three broad categories:

1) National level activities focused upon the core elements of the OPRC 90 Convention,

2) Regional / Sub-regional activities, and

3) Specialised topics.

At the national level, GI WACAF will prioritise the continued support of practical exercises to test the respective NOSCP's, and where applicable will continue to support the development of NOSCP's through workshops.

At the regional and sub-regional level, there will be an increased focus upon trans-boundary cooperation between adjoining countries that share common oil spill risks. Particular emphasis will be placed upon trans-boundary exercises.

With regards to specialised topics, it was recommended that in addition to existing GI WACAF topics (such as sensitivity mapping, dispersant policy, claims and compensation), focus should also be placed upon developing: Incident Management Systems, Effective Exercising, Shoreline Clean-up, and Waste Management.

You can consult these recommendations in the report of the GI WACAF Conference 2013.



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