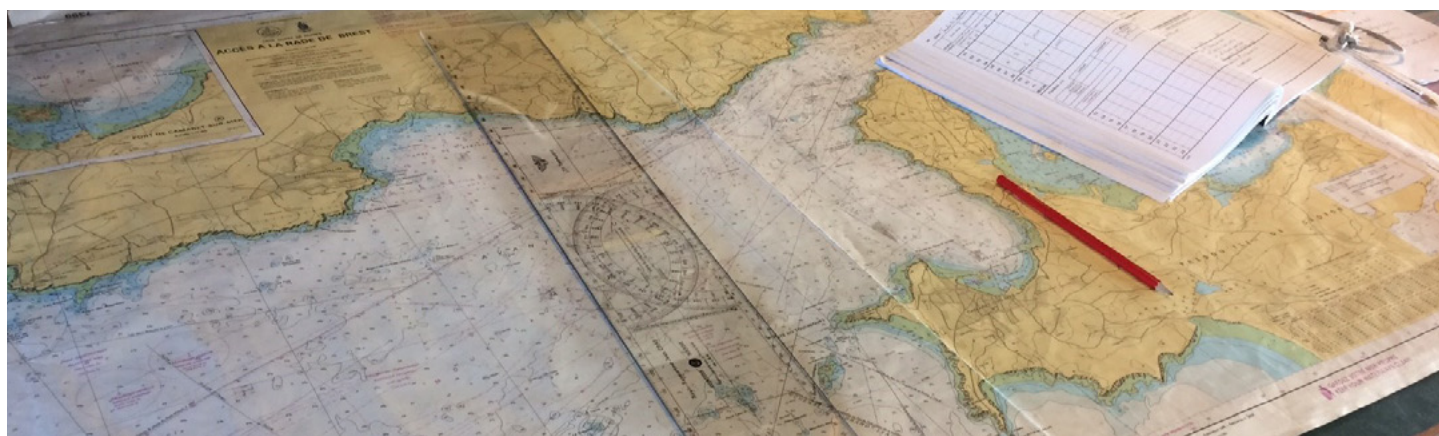
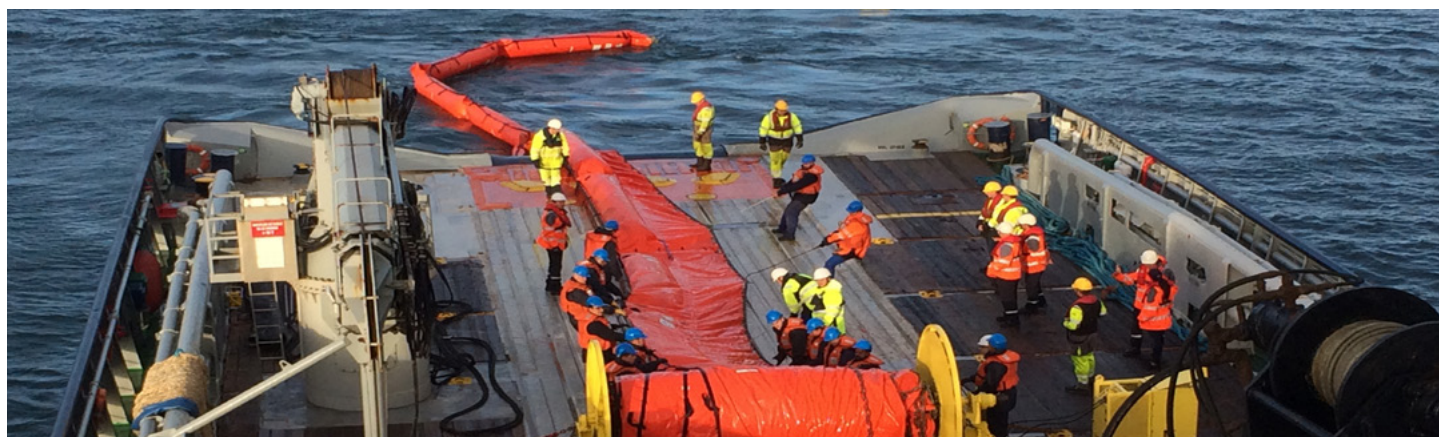


# 2017

## *Mid-Year Review*



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## About the Project

Launched in 2006, the Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI WACAF Project) is a cooperation 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 feature is the promotion of public-private collaborations for effective oil spill response. The GI WACAF Project is jointly funded by the International Maritime Organization and 7 oil companies (BP, Chevron, ENI, ExxonMobil, Shell, Total and Woodside).

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





## 2017 Mid-Year Review of the GI WACAF Project

2017 marks the second half of the 2016-2017 biennium. The Project Secretariat has continued to implement the strategic action plan drawn up following the GI WACAF Regional Conference in 2015. The overview for 2016, which marked the 10th anniversary of the Project, is provided in the [2016 Annual Report](#).

The first activity of the year was a national workshop held in February, followed by several other missions. A sub-regional workshop, involving the majority of Francophone Western and Central African countries, was also held in Dakar in July to discuss the use of dispersants. Another highlight was the Project taking up an observational role on a deployment exercise organised by the Côte d'Ivoire authorities in June; this type of mission was a first for the Project.



At the same time, the Project took part in several external events dedicated to environmental emergencies and pollution response and preparedness in Africa and the United States. The Project Manager was therefore able to highlight during the said conferences the Project's innovative, sustainable and effective approach in preparing for and responding to oil spills, as well as presenting the international community's best practice standards which GI WACAF attempts to uphold in the region.

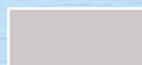
Finally, the Project Secretariat has been continuing to update and improve the Project website. Recently, new filters were created in the [delivered activities section](#), making searches faster and more effective.



## Calendar of Events 2017

(Click on  to download the report)

<b>February</b>		Mauritania	National workshop and table-top exercise to test the revised National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP)	
<b>February</b>		Ukraine	OSPRI Annual Meeting	
<b>March</b>		Côte d'Ivoire	Integrated Ocean Management Policies in Africa – COP 12 of the Abidjan Convention	
<b>April</b>		Senegal	Action plan development workshop to improve responses to pollution risks posed by offshore gas and oil activities in West Africa	
<b>May</b>		USA	International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC 2017)	
<b>May</b>		Uganda	The African Great Lakes Conference 2017	
<b>June</b>		Côte d'Ivoire	Observation Mission during a national exercise to test and update the NOSCP	
<b>June</b>		Congo	National workshop on oiled waste management	
<b>June</b>		Ghana	Table-top exercise to test the NOSCP using Net Environmental Benefit Analysis and Incident Response Communications.	
<b>July</b>		Nigeria	Conference on Marine Safety and Fisheries Protection	
<b>July</b>		Senegal	Sub-Regional Workshop on the use of Dispersants and Analysis of Net Environmental Advantages	

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## Activity Overview

### February, Mauritania

#### National workshop and table-top exercise to test the revised National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP)

Some fifty participants took part in this workshop. The key objective was to test the newly-revised NOSCP in the light of recommendations made following the national deployment exercise organised by GI WACAF in 2013. This national workshop was run in 3 parts. Firstly, a summary of the fundamentals of the Contingency Planning and presentation of the revised NOSCP was given. It was followed by a table-top exercise, which then fed into the third section in which recommendations could be made. A copy of this report is [available online](#).



### June, Cote d'Ivoire

#### Observation Mission during a national exercise to test and update the NOSCP

For the first time, the GI WACAF Project took part in an observation mission, at the request of Côte d'Ivoire. Deployment at national level has been organised entirely by the competent authorities and encompasses numerous public and private-sector stakeholders involved in preparedness and response work. Following the 2-day exercise, an observation report including feedback and recommendations was drawn up by the Project and submitted to the competent authorities. It will shortly be available on the GI WACAF website.



### June, Congo

#### National workshop on oiled waste management

This activity, in direct continuity with the activities previously carried out in Congo by the GI WACAF Project, was devoted to an often-overlooked aspect of marine oil spill preparedness and response: the oiled waste management. It contained a wealth of learning and results for both the Project and our Congolese partners. Over 80 participants from the private and public sectors attended this 3-day event, taking part in technical presentations and working on the table-top exercise. A report of this event is [available online](#).



## June, Ghana

### Table-top exercise to test the NOSCP using Net Environmental Benefit Analysis and Incident Response Communications

A national exercise aimed at testing Ghana's NOSCP was organised in conjunction with Ghana's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Key stakeholders in the plan, from various ministries, agencies and authorities, came together for this activity organised under the framework of the GI WACAF Project with EPA's support.

This activity was in line with previously conducted work to improve the country's capacity to prepare for and respond to oil spills. To achieve this objective, participants were supported by facilitators over 4 days of presentations, working group discussions and a table-top exercise.



Participants agreed on an amended Action Plan which will enable the NOSCP to be finalised before being published; for more details, a report of the activity is now [available online](#).

## July, Senegal

### Sub-Regional Workshop on the use of Dispersants and Analysis of Net Environmental Advantages

This sub-regional workshop brought together 11 different countries from sub-regions of Central and Western Africa as well as national representatives from the Senegalese authorities. The overall aim of the workshop was to strengthen the national marine oil pollution prevention, preparedness and response strategy by focusing on developing and implementing national policies regarding the use of dispersant. Technical presentations, updates on the development of dispersant policies and a table-top exercise were delivered and conducted. A more detailed report will shortly be available on the Project website.



## Overview of external events in which the Project has been involved

### February, Ukraine

#### OSPRI Annual Meeting

OSPRI is a partner organisation to GI WACAF, sharing the Global Initiative's aims of assisting countries in developing and strengthening their oil spill preparedness, response and cooperation capacities in the Black Sea and Caspian Sea regions. The GI WACAF Project Manager travelled to Kiev in the Ukraine to act as an observer at the OSPRI Annual Meeting. It featured a presentation of the activities organised in the various countries of the region in 2016. The steering committee of the Project then reviewed and approved the project strategy.

OSPRI Project Manager, Mr Taylor, is a regular participant to GI WACAF Regional Conferences. These inter-project exchanges are an ideal opportunity to share best practice and experiences with a view to achieving a common goal, namely improving the capacities of countries to prepare and respond to oil spills.

### March, Côte d'Ivoire

#### Integrated Ocean Management Policies in Africa – COP 12 of the Abidjan Convention

The GI WACAF Project attended the 12th Conference of Parties (COP12) to the Abidjan Convention for Cooperation in the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Atlantic Coast of the West, Central and Southern Africa Region. This important event brought together major players in marine environment and coastal protection in the region. The Project Secretariat was able to meet a great many stakeholders and exchange best practice while investigating potential synergies.

### April, Senegal

#### Action plan development workshop to improve response capacities to pollution risks posed by offshore gas and oil activities in West Africa

The GI WACAF Project was invited by the MAVA foundation to take part in a workshop in Saly, Senegal. The aim of this workshop was to consult stakeholders working in the marine environment protection sector in West Africa, with a view for the MAVA Foundation to set up a Project. As a recognised stakeholder, GI WACAF was able share its mandate and scope of work, as well explore possible synergies thus avoiding any duplication of efforts.

#### GI WACAF and MAVA, a blossoming collaboration

The MAVA Foundation has developed a new strategy for the 2016-2022 period, in which one of its key priorities is the improvement of response capabilities to pollution risks from offshore oil and gas activities, especially considering the prospective intensification of offshore oil and gas activities in West Africa. As a key regional player in strengthening oil spill preparedness and response capacities, the GI WACAF Project was called upon by the MAVA Foundation to contribute to the design, approval and subsequent implementation of the MAVA Foundation's project. GI WACAF is recognised as having a role to play in many of MAVA's project areas and sits on the steering committee of Strategy 3, devoted to contingency planning in the region. The MAVA's project covers 4 countries: Mauritania, Senegal, Guinea-Bissau and Sierra Leone. Over the long term, the MAVA's Project intends to expand its geographical scope, strengthening the capacities of the region as a whole.



### **May, USA**

#### **International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC) 2017**

The GI WACAF Project Manager took part in the IOSC 2017 in Long Beach, USA. The Project Manager Clément Chazot gave a presentation on the development of trans-boundary spill response cooperation across West, Central and Southern Africa over the past 10 years. This was also an excellent opportunity to meet the key players in this field.

### **May, Uganda**

#### **The African Great Lakes Conference 2017**

The GI WACAF Project took part in the African Great Lakes Conference 2017. Clément Chazot represented the Project in a panel discussion on environmental best practice in the extractive industries. He shared with the experts in attendance the lessons learned from the GI WACAF Project's 10 years of experience and illustrated the benefits of cooperation between public bodies and private stakeholders.

### **July, Nigeria**

#### **Conference on Marine Safety and Fisheries Protection**

GI WACAF Project Manager took part in the International Conference on Marine Safety and Fisheries Protection organized by the Norwegian Embassy in Nigeria and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

The main aim of the conference was to focus on environmental issues around oil spills and facilitate discussion on response options, contingency planning, regional cooperation as well as facilitate discussions on tools for oil spill prevention and response, disaster planning and regional co-operation. Mr Chazot's presentation covered aspects such as marine pollution and oil spill prevention and response, environmental protection and safety and regional cooperation initiatives.



*Photo: Clean-up operation on the beach at Assinie. Photo JF/GI WACAF.*



## Feedback on the observation exercise in Côte d'Ivoire, GI WACAF's 100<sup>th</sup> mission

Having celebrated its 10-year anniversary last year, GI WACAF celebrated its 100th mission in June this year. This is proof of GI WACAF's enduring commitment not only over time but also of its consistent drive to uphold its mission. The unique institutional structure of the Project, based on a deep-rooted cooperation between public and private sectors, is even more relevant in this context.

However, this continuity would be of little value were the Project merely a repetitive exercise. On the contrary, the Project has demonstrated a tremendous capacity to adapt and to innovate, enabling it to accommodate the various needs of its many partner countries. One of the delegates' recommendations at the last Regional Conference in Accra in November 2015 was to continue to prioritise implementation of the basic principles of the OPRC 90 Conference, as was the case for example the 2016 workshop in São Tomé and Príncipe. Nevertheless, the Project has also demonstrated its adaptability by introducing supplementary indicators and new topics for its activities.

Serendipitously, the Project's 100th mission coincided with a new kind of support: taking up the role of observer/evaluator during an exercise organised entirely by the concerned country i.e. Côte d'Ivoire.

Between 2013 and 2014, Côte d'Ivoire drew up its emergency preparation and response plan for accidental oil spills and other chemical products in oceans, lagoons, and coastal areas (POLLUMAR Plan). The aim of this plan is to define responsibilities and ensure rapid and effective actions in case of an oil spill or a likely threat of spill. It sets out the preparedness, response and co-operation structure, the strategies to be implemented, as well as deployment methods, in accordance with OPRC 90 Convention's recommendations.

Furthermore, each year its Ministry for the Environment and Sustainable Development has decided to run a test exercise each year for this plan and to ensure it is up to date; in 2017 it requested that the GI WACAF Project sends out a team of experts to work in the field, observing and evaluating this exercise. This exercise ran over two days. The scenario was based on an oil spill incident following a collision between an oil tanker and a fishing vessel in Grand Bassam. The oil tanker was rescued and taken to the Port of Abidjan. The oil spill pollution was treated with dispersants. The response exercise continued the next day on the beaches of Assinie, protecting the coastline and cleaning the beaches.

### A new reporting format

Following this exercise, a report is now being drawn up. This report takes a new format for the Project, in the form of feedback (divided into 5 subject areas: Crisis Management Planning and Implementation, Global Analysis of the Situation, Communications Management, Mobilisation of Means, and Debriefing). Having completed this mission, the Project has expanded its portfolio of skills for supporting and assisting partner countries in strengthening their capacities.

The final report is at the approval stage and will shortly be published on the Project website.

<sup>1</sup>See the [GI WACAF Annual Report 2016](#) pages 9-10.

## Future Activities

### November, Côte d'Ivoire

#### GI WACAF 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference

The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and IPECA are organising the GI WACAF 7th Regional Project Conference. To be held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, this event will be held between 6 and 9 November 2017, and is organised under the framework of the Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI WACAF) Project, in collaboration with the Ivoirian government. The Conference will bring together key government and industry representatives from the 22 Western, Central and Southern African members of the GI WACAF Project.

The key objectives of this Conference will be:

- To address the challenges of oil spill preparedness and response within the Region
- To review the progress achieved since the last Regional Conference
- To facilitate information sharing and lessons learned
- To highlight the benefits of the GI WACAF Project
- To determine priority actions for the coming biennium 2016-2017 to enhance oil spill preparedness and response in the Region

### November, Nigeria

#### National Workshop on Liability and Compensation

This workshop organised under the aegis of the GI WACAF Project's Nigerian partners will bring together private and public-sector representatives. The key objectives shall be: to train the authorities on the scope and implementation of IMO Conventions pertaining to liability and compensation from marine oil spills; to develop national legislation in this area; to present the role of organisations involved in international compensation regimes (e.g. IOPC Funds, ITOPF and P&I Clubs), some of which will be present to facilitate discussions.

### December, Gabon

#### National workshop on oil-polluted waste management

In response to a request from the government of Gabon, the GI WACAF Project will, in collaboration with the Ministry for the Environment, organise a national workshop on the management of oiled waste management. Alongside ministries, agencies and public authorities, there will also be industry representatives. The aim is to integrate an oiled waste management strategy into Gabon's existing National Emergency Intervention plan.

## Future external activities

### September

#### Industry Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) 2017

The GI WACAF Project Secretariat will be taking part in the Industry Technical Advisory Committee, a forum set up by OSRL to facilitate dialogue between all parties involved in preparedness for and response to marine oil spill, may they be operators, researchers or scientists, from both the public and private sectors.



## September

### CEPPOL (French Navy expertise centre on marine pollutions)

Following an invitation received from CEPPOL, the Project Secretariat will take part in a marine spill response deployment exercise. The GI WACAF team will be able to participate as observers to this exercise, the ultimate aim of which will be to train the Navy at-sea response units.

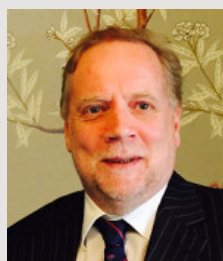


## Annual Report 2016

The GI WACAF Project published its [Annual Report 2016](#). This includes details of activities organised in the region, as well as external undertakings with which the Project was involved throughout the year. This publication focuses on the workshop based on the theme of contingency planning organised in São Tomé in March 2016. French and English versions of this document are available on the website.

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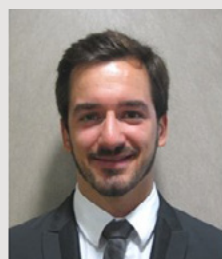


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