


# Country profile 2024 – Sierra Leone

## Part 1. General information

### 1. Country information

	<b>Full name of the country</b>	SIERRA LEONE
	<b>Capital</b>	FREETOWN
	<b>Official language(s)</b>	ENGLISH
	<b>Main ports</b>	FREETOWN
	<b>Coastline (km)</b>	402 Km

## 2. Contacts

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### 3. Industry

Industry presence in the country	
Which industry partners from the <i>Oil &amp; Gas</i> sector are present and operating in your country?	ORYX Energies, CONEX (SL); National Petroleum Company (NP) (SL); Addax
Cooperation with the industry	
Is there working group/platform that brings together government and industry to address issues related to oil spill preparedness and response? If yes, please provide the name.	YES: THE NATIONAL OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN (NOSCP)
Is there sharing of human resources and equipment between industry and government during exercises and/or training?	YES
Please list any other aspects relevant to cooperation between industry and government.	OIL SPILL RESPONSE TRAINING, communication strategy

## Part 2. Updating the Country Profile, identification of level of preparedness and priority actions

### *1. Institutional and legal context*

#### 1. Designation of responsible authority (ies)

<b>Competent national authorities responsible for oil spill preparedness and response</b>	
<b>Response at sea</b>	
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## 2. Ratification of international conventions and national legislation

<b>Ratification of international IMO conventions (related to oil spill prevention, preparedness and response, and to civil liability and compensation) and their transposition into national legislation</b>				
	<b>Status of ratification</b>	<b>National legislation that incorporates the Convention</b>	<b>Status of implementation</b>	<b>Observations/specific actions needed</b>
<b>Prevention</b>				
<b>MARPOL 73-78</b>	YES	THE DRAFT MARINE POLLUTION BILL	YES	THE BILL IS YET TO BE ENACTED
<b>Preparedness and response</b>				
<b>OPRC 90</b>	YES	DRAFT MARINE POLLUTION BILL		THE BILL IS YET TO BE ENACTED

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<b>OPRC-HNS Protocol</b>	NO			
<b>Liability and compensation</b>				
<b>CLC 69</b>	NO			
<b>CLC 92</b>	YES	DRAFT MARINE POLLUTION BILL		<b>THE BILL IS YET TO BE ENACTED</b>
<b>Fund 92</b>	YES	DRAFT MARINE POLLUTION BILL		<b>THE BILL IS YET TO BE ENACTED</b>
<b>Fund Prot. (2003)</b>	NO			
<b>Bunker Oil (BUNKER 2001)</b>	YES	DRAFT MARINE POLLUTION BILL		<b>THE BILL IS YET TO BE ENACTED</b>
<b>LLMC 76</b>	NO			
<b>LLMC 96</b>	NO			
<b>HNS 2010</b>	NO			

<b>National legislation</b>			
<b>Maritime policies and regulatory framework</b>	Do maritime policies or strategies exist? What is the responsible entity?	YES. THE SIERRA LEONE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION	
<b>Ratification of IMO conventions</b>	What are the main challenges/obstacles to ratification?	Lack of coordination	Lack of coordination among stakeholders
		Lack of priority	YES. THOSE WITH TOP PRIORITY HAVE BEEN RATIFIED
		Lack of legal expertise	

		Lack of technical expertise	THERE ARE TECHNICAL EXPERT BUT FEW
		Lack of financial resources	
<b>Incorporation of IMO conventions</b>	What is the procedure for incorporating IMO Conventions related to safety, marine pollution, and liability and compensation, into national legislation?	DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT BILL BY THE ADMINISTRATION STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION FINALIZATION OF DRAFT DRAFT IS BEEN SENT TO THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MTA WHO THEN SENT IT TO LAW OFFICERS DEPARTMENT CABINET PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL Presidential assent	
<b>Incorporation of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1992 Fund Convention</li> <li>• Supplementary Fund Protocol</li> </ul>	Does the related law identify the national authority responsible for the submission of oil reports?		

## *II. National Oil Spill Contingency Plan*

### **1. Development of a National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP)**

Document	
<b>Name of NOSCP</b>	THE NATIONAL OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN OF SIERRA LEONE
<b>Status of NOSCP</b>	The NOSCP IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW WITH SUPPORT FROM GIWACAF
<b>Administrative act of initial approval – Number and date</b>	MINISTERIAL APPROVAL
<b>Date of last approved update</b>	2016

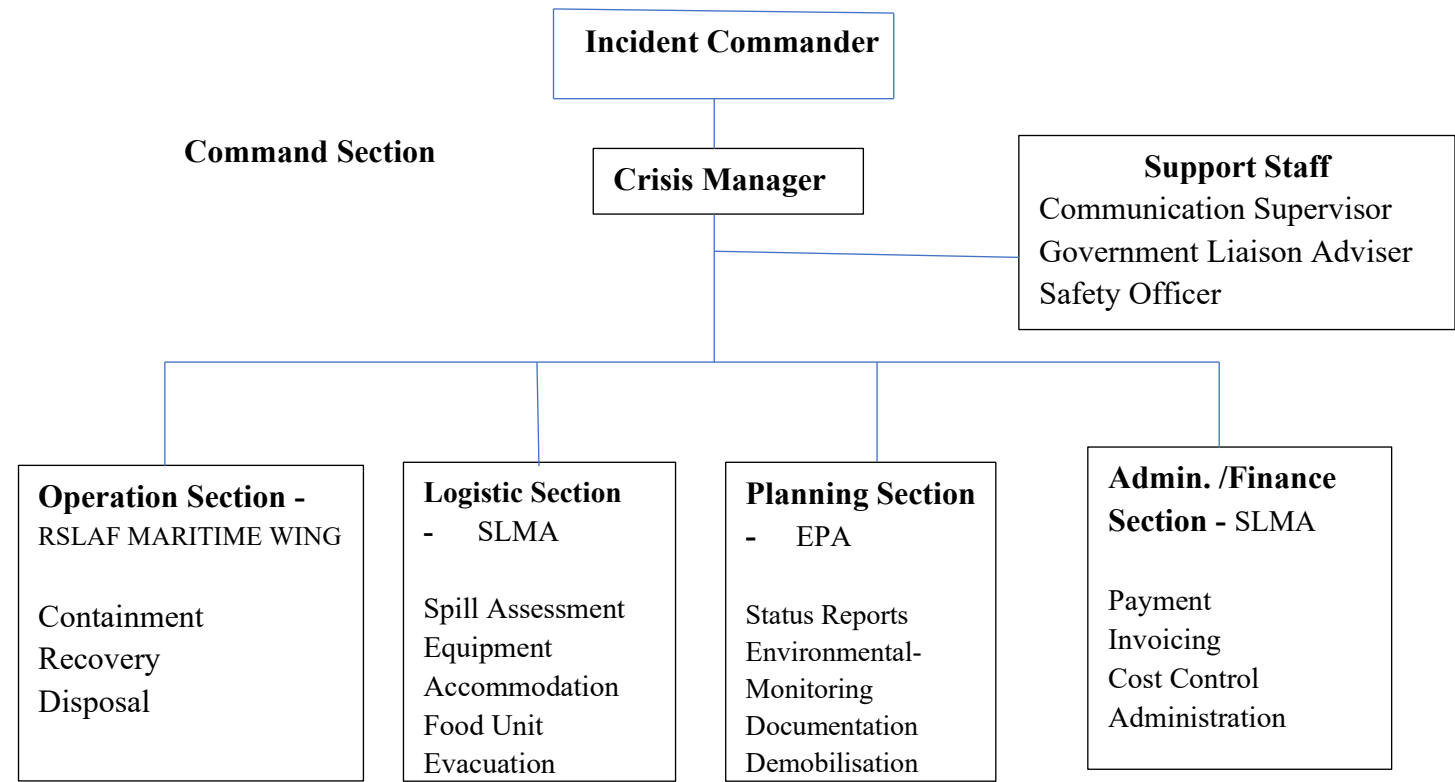
<b>Committee/working group responsible</b>	NOSCP REVIEW COMMITTEE
<b>Has the NOSCP been tested? Date and main comments</b>	NO
<b>What is the procedure for updating the NOSCP? Does the updated NOSCP have to be formalised through an administrative act (e.g. decree, law ...) for it to be applicable?</b>	HIRE A CONSULTANT AND AT THE SAME TIME ORGANIZE AN EXPERT REVIEW MEETING. MINISTERIAL APPROVAL

## 2. Coordination, notification policies and organisation of response

Organisation of response	
<b>Does the NOSCP utilise concepts from the <i>Incident Management System (IMS)</i>?</b>	YES
<b>Is each defined role assigned to a person/function?</b>	YES
<b>Are the contact details of the responsible persons contained in an annex?</b>	YES
<b>Does the NOSCP incorporate the different preparedness levels (Tiers 1, 2, 3)?</b>	YES



Organisation chart:



Notification and reporting procedures	
Are the emergency, notification and follow-up procedures (reports, etc.) well defined? Do they include a template as well as an updated contact list?	YES
	YES

Can the NOSCP be activated in case of an oil spill caused by a non-ship source (e.g. offshore platform, pipeline, etc.)?	YES
<b>Coordination with local plans and the industry</b>	
Are the local plans (port, terminal, etc.) referenced and integrated in the NOSCP?	YES
Are the contingency plans of oil and gas industry facilities referenced and integrated in the NOSCP?	YES
<b>Involving the local communities</b>	
Is the involvement of local communities in case of oil spills and during exercises planned?	YES
<b>Follow-up and archive; compensation</b>	
Is there a follow-up plan and archiving system that allows evidence to be stored?	YES
Are compensation and the procedures for requesting compensation defined and integrated?	YES

### 3. Components of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan

<b>Policy on the use of Dispersant</b>	
Status of the policy on the use of dispersants	It has been drafted and is under review
The use of dispersants is considered as (first/second/last option/not an option).	The use of dispersant can applied as and when necessary

State the name of the administrative act which details the policy on use of dispersants.	THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ACT OF 2008	
Is there a list of approved dispersants? If yes, is it public?	NOT YET	
Is there an approval procedure? If yes, which authority is responsible for this?	NO T YET	
Is the same authority responsible for authorising the use of dispersants in emergency situations?	YES	
Is the policy on the use of dispersants included in the NOSCP?	YES, IT WILL BE INCLUDED	
What are the geographic and bathymetric limits for use of dispersants?	NOT YET AVAILABLE	
Is there a stock of dispersants?	NO	
Location of the storage sites	N/A	
Name	Owner	Quantity
<b>Sensitivity mapping and risk evaluation</b>		
<i>Sensitivity maps</i>		
Status of sensitivity maps	IN PLACE	
Responsible working group/committee	IN PLACE	
Are sensitivity maps included in the NOSCP?	YES	
Date of validation and last update	2014	
Does the map cover the whole shoreline?	YES	
Are the sensitivity maps public?	YES	
In what format are the sensitivity maps available? Print or digital?	BOTH	

<i>Risk Evaluation</i>	
<b>Does the plan include drift patterns?</b>	WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW UPDATED PLAN
<b>Does the NOSCP consider air surveillance in case of an incident (radar, satellite, aircraft, helicopter, etc.)?</b>	YES
<b>Does the plan include a risk register and spill scenarios?</b>	YES
<b>Is the Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) included in the NOSCP?</b>	YES
Shoreline evaluation and response plan	
<b>Status of the shoreline response plan</b>	To be developed
<b>Which authority is responsible for shoreline response?</b>	SLMA
<b>Date of validation and last update</b>	N/A
<b>Is the shoreline response plan part of the NOSCP?</b>	NO, (WHEN DEVELOPED, IT WOULD BE PART OF IT)
<b>Does the shoreline response plan incorporate the Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Technique (SCAT)?</b>	N/A YET
<b>Can volunteers participate in shoreline response? If yes, is there a volunteer management plan in case of oil spills?</b>	YES NOT YET
Oiled waste management plan	
<b>Status of the waste management plan</b>	N/A
<b>Responsible working group/committee</b>	N/A
<b>Date of validation and last update</b>	N/A

Is the waste management plan part of the NOSCP?	NO, (WHEN DEVELOPED, IT WOULD BE PART OF IT)
Does the waste management plan include transport, temporary storage and final disposal of waste?	N/A
Does the national legislation consider oiled waste as hazardous waste?	YES
What legislative framework regulates waste management at the national level?	LOCAL COUNCIL ACT, EPA ACT
<b>Contingency plan for the safety of oiled wildlife</b>	
Status of the contingency plan for the protection of oiled wildlife	N/A
Responsible working group/committee	N/A
Date of validation and last update	N/A
Is the contingency plan for the protection of oiled wildlife part of the NOSCP?	N/A
Are there national bodies responsible for this? If yes, which ones?	NO
Are there cooperation agreements with international specialised organisations?	NO
<b><i>In-situ</i> burning policy</b>	
Status of the <i>in-situ</i> burning policy	N/A
Responsible working group/committee	N/A
Date of validation and last update	N/A

Does the <i>in-situ</i> burning policy form part of the NOSCP?	N/A
What is the authorization procedure in case of an incident?	N/A
Other technical elements	
Does the NOSCP cover preparedness and response in the case of spills of hazardous and noxious substances (HNS)?	YES

### *III. Response equipment, training/exercises and international cooperation*

#### 1. Transboundary cooperation and international assistance

Regional agreements	
What bilateral and/or regional cooperation response mechanisms are included in the NOSCP?	WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE REVIEW NOSCP
Are transboundary exercises organised regularly? If yes, how often?	NO
Date of the last transboundary exercise	NOT YET
Transboundary transfer of expertise and equipment	
Are there specific customs and immigration procedures in place to facilitate the import of equipment and/or expertise?	NO
If yes, what are the procedures?	

Assistance mechanisms	
Does your country participate in cooperation with projects/institutions aimed at improving preparedness and response? If yes, which ones?	YES GIWACAF
Is there mutual support between government and industry for the exchange of response equipment?	YES
Are mechanisms for mobilisation and access to public and private international assistance in place?	NOT YET

## 2. Training and exercises

Training	
<i>Courses</i>	
Does the country organise internal training for staff at all levels (based on the needs of the country and in accordance with international standards)?	NO
<i>Exercises</i>	
Does the country organise national exercises (involving local and private sectors) at least once a year?	YES
Education	
Does cooperation with universities to train future experts in environmental management and the management of industrial and environmental risks exist or is it planned?	

### 3. Equipment and national resources

Response equipment	
<b>Government:</b>	<b>Private sector:</b>
Centre for storage and maintenance of response equipment	N/A
Planned acquisition of response equipment by the government	NO
Inventories of public and private response equipment (annexed to the NOSCP)	YES
Procedure for the temporary loan of response equipment from the industry, in case of an incident	NO
Crisis control centre (rooms for meetings and communication)	YES
Centre for resources, training and documentation for oil spill preparedness and for response management	N/A
Capacity for intervention	
In case of TIER 1 <sup>1</sup> oil spills, is there sufficient national oil spill response capacity to enact intervention measures?	THERE ARE, BUT NOT SUFFICIENT

<sup>1</sup> The definition of tiers 1, 2, 3 varies by country



<b>In case of TIER 2 oil spills, is there sufficient national oil spill response capacity to enact intervention measures?</b>	NO
<b>In case of TIER 3 oil spills, is there sufficient national oil spill response capacity to enact intervention measures?</b>	NO

#### 4. Communication

Communication with the media and the public	
<b>Are standard procedures in place for communication with the media during exercises and actual incidents?</b>	YES
<b>Is there a practical and strategic training programme on communicating with the media, for decision-makers and other response stakeholders?</b>	NO