


Country profile – The Gambia

1- General information

	Full name of the country	The Gambia
	Capital city	Banjul
	Official language(s)	English
	Main ports	Banjul Port
	Coastline (km)	81

2- Competent National Authority(ies) with responsibility for oil pollution preparedness and response

At sea response

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4- National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP)

Contingency planning

Name of the NOSCP	NOSCP
Status of the NOSCP	Validated
Administrative decree of approval – Number and date	Not Yet

Date of latest approved update	2024
Working group / committee	Technical working Group

[NOSCP Parts](#)

• Dispersant use policy

Status of the dispersant use policy			Not develop		
Is the dispersant use policy included in the plan as a response option?			Yes		
If yes, Administrative decree of approval – Number and date			Not yet		
Is there a list of approved dispersants? Is this public information?			NO		
What is the responsible authority in charge of dispersant approval during peacetime?			NEA		
Is the same authority responsible for dispersant use authorisation in case of an emergency?			Yes		
What are the geographic and bathymetric limits of dispersant use?			Policy not develop		
Stockpile of dispersant			Yes		
Location of storage site			N/A		
Name		Owner		Volume	

• Sensitivity mapping

Status of sensitivity maps	Done and printed
Working group / committee	Established
Are sensitivity maps included in the NOSCP ?	yes
Date of latest approved update	2024
Are the maps covering the entire coastline?	Yes

Are the sensitivity maps public?	Yes
Are they available in hard copy or electronically?	Both

- **Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Technique (SCAT) and shoreline response**

Status of shoreline response strategy	Developed
Which authority is in charge of shoreline response?	NDMA
Date of latest approved update	2024
Is the shoreline response strategy included in the NOSCP?	Yes
Is the SCAT included within the shoreline response strategy?	Yes
Are volunteers allowed to be involved in the shoreline clean-up operations? If yes, is volunteers management covered in the NOSCP?	Yes No

- **Waste management plan**

Status of the waste management plan	Yes
Working group / committee	Environmental Quality
Validation date and last update	2024
Is the Waste management plan included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	Yes
Does the Waste management plan include transport, temporary storage of waste and final disposal?	Yes

Is oiled waste considered hazardous waste under the national legislation?	Yes
What legislative framework regulates waste management at the national level?	Marine Pollution Act 2013, NEMA and Waste Management Bill 2024

- Wildlife response plan

Status of the Wildlife response plan	Not Available
Working Group / Committee in charge	N/A
Validation date and last update	N/A
Is the Wildlife response plan part of the NOSCP?	No
Are there national bodies/entities working on the wildlife issue? If yes, which ones ?	Yes, Department of Parks and Wildlife
Are there cooperation agreements in place with specialized structures abroad?	No

- In-situ burning policy

Status of In-situ Burning Policy	N/A
Working Group / Committee in charge	N/A
Validation date and last update	N/A
Does the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan include an in-situ burning policy?	No
Is the in situ burning policy part of the NOSCP?	No
What is the authorization procedure in the case of an incident?	N/A

Organisation

- Incident Management System (IMS)

Is Incident Management System (IMS) used in the NOSCP?	Yes
Is each defined role associated with a person / function?	Yes
Are contact details of the identified persons annexed to the NOSCP?	Yes

- Organisation chart

*(not provided)*Trans-boundary aspects

- Trans-boundary cooperation

What are the cooperation mechanisms at bilateral and / or sub-regional level that are integrated into the NOSCP?	Abidjan Convention
Are transboundary exercises organized on a regular basis? If yes, how often?	Not organize yet
Indicate the date of the last transboundary exercise	N/A
Is your country engaged in cooperation with projects / institutions aimed at improving preparedness and response capacity? If yes, which ones ?	Yes, GIWACAF

- Trans-boundary movement of expertise and equipment

Is there any specific customs and immigration procedure in place to facilitate the import of equipment and / or expertise during an incident?	Yes
If so, what is the procedure to follow?	Necessary waivers, visas etc

Other elements of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan

What is the procedure for updating the NOSCP? Is an administrative act (e.g. decree, decree ...) necessary before the updated plan is adopted?	Validation/Amendment and signature
Is the Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) incorporated into the NOSCP?	Yes
Does the NOSCP take into account the Tiered Preparedness and Response good practice (Tiers 1, 2,3)?	yes
Does the NOSCP take into account aerial surveillance in the event of an incident (e.g. with radar, satellite, aircraft, helicopter ..)?	Yes
Does the NOSCP cover preparedness for, and response to, spills of Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS)?	Yes
Are local plans (industry, port, terminal, etc.) referenced and integrated into the NOSCP?	Yes
Can the NOSCP be activated in the event of an oil spill from a source other than a ship (e.g. offshore platform, pipeline, etc.)?	yes

5- 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	Yes	Yes
OPRC HNS Protocol - 2000	No	No

Liability and compensation

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

Bilateral / Subregional agreements

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
Abidjan Convention	Yes	Yes
Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Combating Pollution in Cases of Emergency	Yes	Yes
Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem Program (GCLME) 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	Yes

6- Training

Is internal training and/or exercise undertaken at least once a year?	No
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7- Expertise and resources

Government: GMA, NDMA, GPA, NEA
Private: Oil Companies

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

8- Industry

Which Oil & Gas industry partners are present and operating in your country?	Petronas
Is there a national level Working Group / Platform which brings together government and industry stakeholders to discuss issues related to preparedness and response? If yes, what is its name?	Yes (National Technical Advisory Group)
Is there a pooling of human and equipment resources between industry and government?	No (however this is provided in the contingency plan and work towards that to have human and equipment resources)
Please specify any other relevant aspect of cooperation between industry and your government	Individual MoUs between industry players and government agencies