

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

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4- National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP)

Contingency planning

Name of the NOSCP	NOSCP
Status of the NOSCP	To be updated
Administrative decree of approval – Number and date	
Date of latest approved update	
Working group / committee	

NOSCP Parts

- Dispersant use policy

Status of the dispersant use policy	Not initiated
Is the dispersant use policy included in the plan as a response option?	No
If yes, Administrative decree of approval – Number and date	
Is there a list of approved dispersants? Is this public information?	No
What is the responsible authority in charge of dispersant approval during peacetime?	N/A
Is the same authority responsible for dispersant use authorisation in case of an emergency?	N/A

What are the geographic and bathymetric limits of dispersant use?			
Stockpile of dispersant			N/A
Location of storage site			N/A
Name	Owner	Volume	

- Sensitivity mapping

Status of sensitivity maps	
Working group / committee	
Are sensitivity maps included in the NOSCP ?	
Date of latest approved update	
Are the maps covering the entire coastline?	
Are the sensitivity maps public?	
Are they available in hard copy or electronically?	

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

Status of shoreline response strategy	Under development
Which authority is in charge of shoreline response?	NEA
Date of latest approved update	
Is the shoreline response strategy included in the NOSCP?	No
Is the SCAT included within the shoreline response strategy?	No

Are volunteers allowed to be involved in the shoreline clean-up operations?	Yes
If yes, is volunteers management covered in the NOSCP?	No

- Waste management plan

Status of the waste management plan	Not initiated
Working group / committee	N/A
Validation date and last update	
Is the Waste management plan included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan?	No
Does the Waste management plan include transport, temporary storage of waste and final disposal?	
Is oiled waste considered hazardous waste under the national legislation?	
What legislative framework regulates waste management at the national level?	

- Wildlife response plan

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

- In-situ burning policy

Status of In-situ Burning Policy	Not initiated
Working Group / Committee in charge	N/A
Validation date and last update	
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?	No
Is each defined role associated with a person / function?	No
Are contact details of the identified persons annexed to the NOSCP?	No

- 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?	No
Indicate the date of the last transboundary exercise	
Is your country engaged in cooperation with projects / institutions aimed at improving preparedness and response capacity? If yes, which ones ?	

- [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?	No
If so, what is the procedure to follow?	N/A

[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?	
Is the Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) incorporated into the NOSCP?	No
Does the NOSCP take into account the Tiered Preparedness and Response good practice (Tiers 1, 2,3)?	No

Does the NOSCP take into account aerial surveillance in the event of an incident (e.g. with radar, satellite, aircraft, helicopter ..)?	No
Does the NOSCP cover preparedness for, and response to, spills of Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS)?	No
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.)?	No

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	No	Yes
OPRC HNS Protocol - 2000	No	Yes

[Liability and compensation](#)

Name	Ratification	Transposition into the national legislation
CLC 1992	No	Yes
FUND 1992	No	Yes
Supp FUND	No	No
2010 HNS Convention	No	
Bunker Convention - 2001	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		
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?	
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7- Expertise and resources

Government:
Private:

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?	FAR Limited
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?	No
Is there a pooling of human and equipment resources between industry and government?	
Please specify any other relevant aspect of cooperation between industry and your government	