

PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF A NOSCP

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WHO IS ITOPF?

ITOPF is a not-for-profit, scientific advisory organisation based in London but active globally. Response

Technical services include:





ITOPF has been working alongside the GI WACAF Project for 11 years.

ITOPF has attended multiple workshops and hosted table-top exercises in many GI WACAF countries in subjects such as:

- Oil spill preparedness and response
- Waste management
- International co-operation and legislation
- Wildlife response
- Aerial surveillance
- Shoreline clean-up





ANNEXE CONTENTS

- Contact details for relevant government authorities, response organisations and technical experts
- Inventory of available resources and contact details of operators
- Contact details of third-party suppliers of materials and services (PPE and waste contractors)
- Sensitivity mapping, shoreline types and priorities for protection
- Access routes and waste storage / disposal sites
- Guidelines for dispersant use in different areas
- Guidelines for use of preferred response techniques, including boom deployment plans
- Logistical support (e.g., accommodation, catering and security for workforce)
- Example forms for recording expenditure
- Sources of funding and compensation

Information Directory

Operational references

- Contact details and remit of relevant government agencies and other response organisations
- Inventory of available resources and contact details of operators
- Contact details of third party suppliers of materials and services
- Sensitive area maps
- Restrictions on dispersant use

Sample documents

- Example equipment charter and hire agreements
- Sample pro-forma daily aerial, at-sea and shoreline progress reports
- Example forms for recording expenditure

Supplementary information

- List of approved response products
- Guidelines for observation and recording oil at-sea and on shore
- Guidelines for use of preferred response techniques, including booming plans
- Guidelines for sampling and for monitoring contamination levels
- Sources of funding and compensation
- Information necessary to expedite cost recovery
- Legislation stating statutory powers of the plan holder

CO-OPERATION WITH OIL INDUSTRY

- Co-operation between all parties (government authorities, oil industry and technical experts) during planning and operational phase of NOSCP is crucial for a successful response
- List of oil industry's capabilities should be included in NOSCP
 - Oil spill response equipment stockpiles / availability
 - Non-specialist machinery availability (e.g., excavators, workforce)
- Compatibility between oil industry's contingency plan and the NOSCP should be sought
- Oil industry representatives should be present during training exercises to ensure that roles and responsibilities are understood
- Clarification of agreement should be sought for the provision of oil industry assets in the event of a spill not under their liability
- Agreed contractual terms for oil industry-owned equipment could be appended to NOSCP







TOTAL

SPECIALIST EXPERTISE CAPABILITIES

- NOSCP should contain:
 - Trajectory modelling / remote sensing capabilities (e.g. WebGNOME, Sentinel)
 - Technical expertise available (e.g. consultants, specialist responders)
- The reader should be able to rapidly find list of expertise to contact in the event of an incident
- Capabilities should be divided into:
 - National
 - Regional
 - International







SENSITIVITIES - MAPPING



- A NOSCP should contain maps with locations of different habitats/shoreline types/sensitive areas.
- Reader can quickly establish affected areas and appropriate measures to be taken
- Crucial to prioritising areas of high environmental and economic sensitivity
- If resources are limited prioritisation is key
- Seasonal variation can greatly alter protection priorities



ACCESS TO SHORES

- Shoreline accessibility is crucial for responders
- Accessibility should be included in sensitivity mapping
- Big difference between theoretical and physical clean-up operations
- Shorelines inaccessible to machinery
- Presence of large logs on-shore preventing vehicular access (common in Gulf of Guinea)
- Hazardous shorelines for personnel to navigate









TYPES OF SUBSTRATE

Different types of substrate provide different clean-up challenges

ROCKY SHORE

- Difficult to access
- Mechanical equipment unable to assist
- Manual recovery of oil is primarily used

SANDY SHORE

 Easier to access with multiple entry points for vehicles and mechanical equipment

PORT

 Easily accessible with mechanical equipment usually already present









MANGROVE HABITATS

- Makes up a large area of African coastline
- Highly productive and biodiverse tropical soft-sediment habitat
- Mangroves should be designated as a priority area in NOSCP

Clean-up considerations

- Areas may be difficult to access low bearing capacity of soft-sediment
- Use of machinery **not appropriate** for this shoreline type
- Potential for response to cause more damage than oil spill due to trampling and disturbance of the mangrove





ECONOMIC SENSITIVITIES - FISHING

- Important part of African economy and livelihoods
- Crucial areas that should be included in sensitivity mapping
- 'No use zone' for dispersants should be detailed in NOSCP in areas close to fisheries
- Authorities responsible for seafood safety should work through contingency arrangements, such as criteria under which fishing restrictions would be imposed / lifted











The NOSCP should contain the following logistical information:

- Marine assets available and mobilisation times
- List of relevant contractors available nationally
- List of equipment suppliers
 - Including non-oil spill response equipment (construction / agricultural machinery)
- Oil industry assets available
- International assets available (co-operation agreements)



RESPONSE STRATEGIES

- Dependent on phase/nature of the oil spill
- Dependent on type of oil spilled
- Should be divided into:
 - <u>At-sea response</u> emergency phase
 - <u>Shoreline protection</u> emergency phase
 - Shoreline clean-up operational phase









Supporting information required in NOSCP

- Policies for dispersant use and in-situ burning
- List of permitted dispersants and availability
- Vessel / aerial application availability
- Weather conditions suitable for dispersant use

At-sea response linked with sensitivity mapping

- Reader should be able to quickly identify if spill is located in dispersant-permitted area
- If in sensitive environment dispersant banned

Supporting information required for in-situ burning

- Type of oil suitable for in-situ burning
- Fire boom resources / stockpile availability

Limitations of at-sea response techniques need to be clearly stated in NOSCP





AT-SEA RESPONSE – CONTAINMENT & RECOVERY

Supporting information required in NOSCP

- Suitable type of oil
- Suitable weather conditions
- Oil spill response vessel availability
- Boom / skimmer equipment availability

Limitations need to be clearly stated in NOSCP

 Longer mobilisation time = increased spreading of oil and reduced containment efficacy









SHORELINE PROTECTION



- Unlikely that all the resources at risk can be defended successfully
- Essential to consider extent to which defence and protection of resource is practicable
- Deployment plan is required for each boom to ensure rapid sealing off of priority areas
- Regular training/exercises are essential for testing speed and efficacy of boom deployment plan
- Supporting information required for shoreline protection planning:
 - Boom stockpiles available / condition / location
 - Boom deployment plans
 - Weather conditions in which boom deployment would be ineffective



<u>Step 1</u>: Shoreline surveys to gather information

- Aerial surveillance / boat surveys / ground truthing on shoreline undertaken
- Identify oil extent / characteristics / shoreline type / access issues

<u>Step 2</u>: Prioritisation of sites / trade offs

- Priority areas should be easily accessible from sensitivity map within NOSCP
- Seasonal variability of priorities taking into account

Step 3: Selection of clean-up techniques

- Dependent on substrate type / access issues
- Contact details for clean-up personnel (government / army / fire brigade / local manpower)
- List of PPE providers and logistics of PPE distribution to workforce

<u>Step 4</u>: Execution of operations

- Delineation of shoreline into sections and division of workforce into teams
- Phase 1: bulk / mobile oil removal
- Phase 2: buried / residual oil removal

Step 5: Re-assessment and termination

- Endpoints established at the beginning of the clean-up
- Surveys with relevant parties to agree on termination of clean-up operations



SHORELINE CLEAN-UP TECHNIQUES

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Simple but effective matrix to predict most effective clean-up techniques by shoreline type

Allows the reader to quickly assess what clean-up methods can be used according to the substrate type



Waste logistics

- Initial storage / segregation of waste streams
- Licensed waste transporters procured
- Intermediate and final storage areas identified

Waste treatment / disposal / reuse

- Licensed waste treatment sites identified
- Environmental and legal considerations for waste reuse / recycling
- Different disposal routes per waste streams







Source: Oil spill waste management operational guide





- A wildlife response plan should be incorporated into the NOSCP
 - Euthanasia routinely undertaken to reduce suffering by some countries
 - Rehabilitation capture, cleaning, treatment and release undertaken by other countries
- NOSCPs should contain contact details for vets / specialist care organisations as well as regional and international assistance
- At local level, existing/potential treatment centres should be identified
- Contact details for suppliers of equipment and feed should be included





- A timetable for training and exercises needs to be set out in the NOSCP
- Training programmes should be for:
 - Marine response teams
 - Shoreline response teams
 - Interested parties
- Regular and realistic exercises:
 - Ensure contingency arrangements function properly
 - Test roles and responsibilities to ensure they are understood
 - Assess equipment's availability and performance
 - Ensure contact details are up to date



Thank you for listening – any questions?

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