



**REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE / REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION
EMERGENCY, INFORMATION AND TRAINING CENTRE - WIDER CARIBBEAN REGION**

Country Profile 2015

COUNTRY	Nicaragua
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Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to complete this important questionnaire. The thorough and accurate information you provide will be used by RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe to:

1. fulfill the exchange of information requirements of the Cartagena Convention and the International Convention on Oil Pollution Prevention, Response and Cooperation, 1990 (OPRC 90),
2. determine your country's specific training and exercise expectations and needs,
3. determine the regional training and exercise needs within the Wider Caribbean Region (WCR),
4. inform the working group currently developing RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe's new, 10-year strategic plan,
5. share with other organizations like UNEP, IMO and ITOFF.

RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe has been serving the marine environmental training, communication and exercise needs of the Wider Caribbean Region for over 20 years. Completing the questionnaire below will ensure RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe meets your needs and expectations well into the future. Thank you.

Person responsible for this questionnaire

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1. Conventions and Agreements Ratified and/or Implemented

	Oil Spill Response			Prevention and Safety						Compensation						Other				
	OPRC 90	OPRC HNS	Cartagena Conv. Oil Spill Protocol	MARPOL 73/78, protocol 97 Annexes						CLC			Fund			HNS Conv	HNS Prot.	Anti fouling	Bunkers Conv.	Ballast water
				1	2	3	4	5	6	'69	'76	'92	'76	'92	'03					
Year of ratification				9	9	9	9	9				13		13					13	
Year of implementation				0	0	0	0	0				15		15					15	
Expect to Ratify (yes / no)																				Yes

1.1 What, if any, International Convention is your Country most likely to ratify next?

Ballast Water Convention

1.2 Additional Comments

2. National Focal Points

2.1	MINISTRY OF LEAD AGENCY	<p>Manuel Salvador Mora Ortiz</p> <p>Address: Frente al Estadio Nacional de Baseball Dennis Martínez</p>	<p>POC: TEL: (505) 22226928 CELL: 88501575 FAX: 22226928 EMAIL: dgta@mti.gob.ni</p>
2.2	LEAD AGENCY	<p>Manuel Salvador Mora Ortiz</p> <p>Address:</p>	<p>POC: TEL: CELL: FAX: EMAIL:</p>
2.3	SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT	<p>Manuel Salvador Mora Ortiz</p> <p>Address:</p>	<p>POC: TEL: (505) 22226928 CELL: 88501575 FAX: 22226928 EMAIL: dgta@mti.gob.ni</p>
2.4	RESPONSE AGENCY	<p>Address:</p>	<p>POC: TEL: CELL: FAX: EMAIL:</p>
2.5	NATIONAL OPERATIONAL CONTACT FOR MARPOL	<p>Olympia Avellaneda Torrez Martínez</p> <p>Address: Frente al Estadio Nacional de Baseball Dennis Martínez</p>	<p>POC: TEL: (505) 22226928 CELL: 84084512 FAX: 22226928 EMAIL: olimpia.torrez@mti.gob.ni</p>
2.6	NATIONAL OPERATIONAL CONTACT FOR BALLASTWATER	<p>María Isabel López Cruz</p> <p>Address: Frente al Estadio Nacional de Baseball Dennis Martínez</p>	<p>POC: TEL: (505) 22226928 CELL: 89697025 FAX: 22226928 EMAIL: maria.lopezc@mti.gob.ni</p>

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3. Risk Assessment

3.1	What is your Countries greatest risk for an oil spill?	Puerto Sandino
3.2	Date of last oil spill risk assessment?	Puerto Sandino, on April 2013. Pollution on land, little pollution marine
3.3	Topics covered?	
3.4	Geographic area?	
3.5	What area is considered a priority?	Puerto Sandino, Puerto Corinto
3.6	Additional comments / Difficulties encountered?	

4. Sensitivity Maps

4.1	Sensitivity Maps exist?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (go to 4.5)
4.2	Date of map or last update?	December, 2014
4.3	Geographic area covered?	The Pacific Coast and parts of the Caribbean
4.4	Format used: paper or electronic?	Paper
4.5	Additional comments/ Difficulties encountered?	We have some information than provide relevant information related to sensitivity map
4.6	Will you share with RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe data layers for your sensitivity maps if any?	Yes, we will ship after

5. National Contingency Plan

5.1a	National Contingency Plan exists?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Status of Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Draft <input type="checkbox"/> To be developed Details: ... we are in collecting information process. Need some annexes				
5.1b	Is there a National Contingency Plan for HNS incidents? (& if so, is this an extension of the oil spill contingency plan or a separate document?)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Status of Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of the NCP <input type="checkbox"/> Separate document <input type="checkbox"/> Draft <input type="checkbox"/> To be developed Details: ...				
5.2	Date Plan was developed or updated?	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%; text-align: center;">NCP</td> <td style="width:50%; text-align: center;">NCP for HNS incidents</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>	NCP	NCP for HNS incidents		
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5.3	Date approved?	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width:50%; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>				
5.4	Is the Plan in electronic format?	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%; text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </td> <td style="width:50%; text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
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5.5	Date of the last evaluation with the assessment tool, the "Readiness Evaluation Tool for Oil Spills (RETOS™)"					
5.6	What is the National policy on dispersant use and in-situ burning?	There are one Resolution issued by environmental authority				
5.7	Agreements with other organizations for response? (Please provide details)	Yes, SINAPRED, etc				
5.8	Does the country have regulations for managing waste? (Please provide details)	Yes, Resolution STVC-DGTA-FSL-001-08-2013, Standards for enabling individuals or companies to provide protection service spill or pollutants from ships oil transfer and their derivatives and other harmful substances. Resolution DGTA 036-2013, Regulation for reception services, treatment and final disposal for garbage from ships.				
5.9	Additional comments/ Difficulties encountered?	We have only a regulation about dangerous merchandise				

6. Exercises / Training / Incidents

6.1	What is the national agency in charge of personnel training?	We do not have
6.2	Does a national center exist to train personnel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please provide details) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
6.3	Date of last national exercise?	
6.4	Has there been any experience of ship-source Oil pollution related incidents?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please provide details) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
6.5	Has there been any experience of ship-source HNS related incidents?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please provide details) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
6.6	Additional comments/ Difficulties encountered?	The personnel is trained through COCATRAM and IMO International Convention on related

7. Regional Cooperation

7.1	What are the bilateral or multilateral agreements for the country?	Government Institutions
7.2	What are the opportunities in developing a regional exercise in the country?	Strengthen cooperation between Institutions and have more responsive, with the appropriate legal and technicians instruments
7.3	Is there a mechanism in place to facilitate the clearance of equipment through Customs in an emergency situation? What is the process?	No exactly but through good government administrative relations immediate response would
7.4	Additional comments?	

8. Equipment

8.1	Does your country maintain a list of oil spill cleanup equipment and materials?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (go to 8.4)
8.2	Is this equipment list in electronic format?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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8.3	What equipment is available for Oil pollution incident response? (a general indication of the types and amounts of response equipment and materials available from both government agencies and private companies within the country).	Booms, Skimmer, buffering systems dispersants
8.4	What equipment is available for HNS incident response? (a general indication of the types and amounts of response equipment and materials available from both government agencies and private companies within the country).	Non
8.5	Are there agreements in place to facilitate additional support (i.e. aerial support, medical support, manpower, communications) (possibilities for deploying dispersants with planes or helicopters)?	Yes, SINAPRED
8.6	Additional comments?	

FUTURE EXPECTATIONS
Expectations

Introduction

The objective of this part is to identify a country's needed support from various regional and international organizations (activities, manuals, guidelines, etc). This will allow RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe to update their strategic plan to meet the country's expectations and to further develop the Caribbean Island OPRC Plan. While RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe will consider all proposed recommendations, there may be cases where certain expectations will not be met due to financial constraints and/or other commitments.

9. Technical Support

9.1	With respect to the activities developed by	1. Seminar for dispersant use
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	RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe, list three activities that are needed in order to improve your country's pollution response posture.	<p>2. Technical assistance for the preparation of national rules on use of dispersants</p> <p>3. Training on new technologies</p>	
9.2	What guidelines or technical manuals does your country use in regards to pollution response preparedness (title & author)?	Arpel	
9.3	What guidelines or technical manuals does your country use in regards to pollution response (title & author)?	Arpel	
9.4	How does your country stay informed of the latest response guidelines or obtain updates to the technical manuals (seminars, internet, personal relationships)?	Internet, Imo Documents and seminars	
9.5	How does your country access these updates (mail order, internet, seminars)?	Internet and seminars	
9.6	<p>Which of these topics would your country need more guidance on?</p> <p><i>Note: Please be specific and add more comments if necessary.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sensitivity Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Response Techniques (<i>conventional / alternative</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> National Contingency Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARPOL (<i>Annex I to the V</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management <input type="checkbox"/> Ballast Water Management <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-fouling Systems <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Cooperation <input type="checkbox"/> Research & Development <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ...

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9.7	Why did you choose these topics?	These are issues needed to complete the national contingency plan
9.8	How would you like these topics to be presented (technically, practically, theoretically, etc.)?	Technically and theoretically
9.9	What are your expectations from the international technical groups?	Learn best experiences in the implementation of these instruments
9.10	Additional comments?	

10. Expectations

10.1	During an actual oil spill situation, what are your response expectations at each of the below levels (i.e. initial intervention, organization, coordination, equipment, waste management, compensation, etc.)?	With teams and legal elements that have nationally we are able to deal with a tier 1 and 2, we hope continue improving and developing in this topic
	TIER 1	x
	TIER 2	x
	TIER 3	International support
10.2	What are your expectations in regards to bilateral or multilateral agreements?	Agreements provide the tool necessary for response
10.3	What are your expectations in regards to the Caribbean Island OPRC Plan?	Not Apply
10.4	Additional comments?	

