



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

Country Profile 2015

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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.

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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						'96
Year of ratification	yes	No	yes	y	y	y	y	y	n	n	y	n	n	y	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
Year of implementation																					
Expect to Ratify (yes / no)									y							yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

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

Ballast Water, MLC 2006, Anti Fouling,

1.2 Additional Comments

Hurdle due to lack of attendance at IMO Council/Assembly meetings

2. National Focal Points

2.1	MINISTRY OF LEAD AGENCY	Ministry of Infrastructure, Port Services and Transport	POC: TEL: CELL: FAX: EMAIL:
		Address: Union. Castries	
2.2	LEAD AGENCY	Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (SLASPA) Maritime	POC: TEL: 7584576100 CELL: FAX: 7684576190 EMAIL: maritime@slaspa.com
		Address: POBox 651 Manoel Street Castries	
2.3	SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT	Director- Maritime Affairs Chairman-Oil Spills Committee	POC: TEL: CELL: 758-7284846 FAX: 7584530889 EMAIL: Christopher.alexander@slaspa.com
		Address: SLASPA	
2.4	RESPONSE AGENCY	National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO)	POC: TEL: 758-4623802 CELL: FAX: 758-4532152 EMAIL: admin@nemo.gov.lc
		Address: Sunny Acres Castries	
2.5	NATIONAL OPERATIONAL CONTACT FOR MARPOL	Director-Maritime Affairs	POC: TEL: CELL: FAX: EMAIL:
		Address: SAME	
2.6	NATIONAL OPERATIONAL CONTACT FOR BALLASTWATER	Director-Maritime Affairs	POC: TEL: CELL: FAX: EMAIL:
		Address: SAME	

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3. Risk Assessment

3.1	What is your Countries greatest risk for an oil spill?	Buckeye Oil Depot Terminal- 9.2 million gallons Oil Tankers Cruise ships
3.2	Date of last oil spill risk assessment?	2014
3.3	Topics covered?	Location to Tourism areas Equipment on hand to respond
3.4	Geographic area?	Two miles from city center- 277 Acres Buckeye Oil Depot
3.5	What area is considered a priority?	Beachfront property one mile away
3.6	Additional comments / Difficulties encountered?	Depot has comprehensive annual table top exercise for spills

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?	2008
4.3	Geographic area covered?	Mangroves Savannes bay/Praslin Bay/ Sea Grass beds/reefs
4.4	Format used: paper or electronic?	Paper
4.5	Additional comments/ Difficulties encountered?	
4.6	Will you share with RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe data layers for your sensitivity maps if any?	yes

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5. National Contingency Plan

5.1a	National Contingency Plan exists?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Status of Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Draft <input type="checkbox"/> To be developed Details: ...				
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Status of Plan <input checked="" 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"> <thead> <tr> <th>NCP</th> <th>NCP for HNS incidents</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2013</td> <td>2013</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NCP	NCP for HNS incidents	2013	2013
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5.3	Date approved?	<table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>2004</td> <td>2004</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	2004	2004		
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5.4	Is the Plan in electronic format?	<table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </td> <td> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" 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?	Dispersants- permission from NEMO/Chairman Oil Spill Burning- permission from NEMO/Fire Service				
5.7	Agreements with other organizations for response? (Please provide details)	Fire Service- Response on land Marine Police Unit-Response on sea Buckeye Oil Limited- national response National stock stored on site				
5.8	Does the country have regulations for managing waste? (Please provide details)	Yes. Saint Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority (online access)				
5.9	Additional comments/ Difficulties encountered?	Structured documentation for waste including ship borne				

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6. Exercises / Training / Incidents

6.1	What is the national agency in charge of personnel training?	NEMO
6.2	Does a national center exist to train personnel?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please provide details) NEMO Headquarters <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please provide details) M/V ANGELN sinking in 2013 Tug M/V DOGGERSBANK sank in Castries Harbour <input type="checkbox"/> No
6.5	Has there been any experience of ship-source HNS related incidents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please provide details) Sinking of M/V ANGELN <input type="checkbox"/> No
6.6	Additional comments/ Difficulties encountered?	M/V ANGELN Foreign clean up expertise utilized from ships's company

7. Regional Cooperation

7.1	What are the bilateral or multilateral agreements for the country?	CARICOM Regional response Yes. Through the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan
7.2	What are the opportunities in developing a regional exercise in the country?	Networking and knowledge would assist islands according to capability Would be acceptable bearing in mind financial constraints
7.3	Is there a mechanism in place to facilitate the clearance of equipment through Customs in an emergency situation? What is the process?	Yes-NEMO Letter from NEMO as to equipment. Contents of containers
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).	Oil Booms Sausages Absorbent pads Degreasers
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).	Clothing protection- Fire Service Equipment stored at Fire Service Received advance training from French Counterparts
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 National Oil Spill Contingency Plans
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	1.Refresher Course for Oil Spill Responders
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	activities developed by RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe, list three activities that are needed in order to improve your country's pollution response posture.	<p>2.Oil Spill Pollution Bill</p> <p>3.On scene Commanders</p>	
9.2	What guidelines or technical manuals does your country use in regards to pollution response preparedness (title & author)?	<p>OPRC Disaster management Act Saint Lucia Oil Spill Contingency Plan</p>	
9.3	What guidelines or technical manuals does your country use in regards to pollution response (title & author)?	<p>OPRC</p>	
9.4	How does your country stay informed of the latest response guidelines or obtain updates to the technical manuals (seminars, internet, personal relationships)?	<p>Internet Personal relationships- workshops</p>	
9.5	How does your country access these updates (mail order, internet, seminars)?	<p>Internet Networking</p>	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sensitivity Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Response Techniques (conventional / alternative) <input type="checkbox"/> National Contingency Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARPOL (specify Annex) <p>Annex V1 HNS</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ballast Water Management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anti-fouling Systems <input 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?	To build capacity Awareness Training
9.8	How would you like these topics to be presented (technically, practically, theoretically, etc.)?	Technically Practically
9.9	What are your expectations from the international technical groups?	Capacity Building
9.10	Additional comments?	

10. Expectations

	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.)?	
10.1	TIER 1	Response by local resources on the spot including Industry. Arrangements are established at ports and oil handling facilities Chairman Oil Spills/Marine Police/Fire Service/Fisheries
	TIER 2	Support and assistance from within the region. Arrangements provide for merging of governments or privately owned resources at a local level or Wider Caribbean CEHI-Caribbean Health Institute/REMPEITC/CDERA/
	TIER 3	Reinforcements on a global scale. Combined national, regional, or international response
10.2	What are your expectations in regards to bilateral or multilateral agreements?	Additional Resources will be made available to respond Response Personnel
10.3	What are your expectations in regards to the Caribbean Island OPRC Plan?	Deploy Maritime assets Equipment
10.4	Additional comments?	

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