



Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)

Cyprus



Country information

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| Capital | Nicosia |
| Languages | Greek, English |
| Main Ports | Larnaca |
| Additional Ports | Limassol |
| Coastline (km) | 648.0 |
| Imports (bbl/day) | 58930.0 |
| Offshore Production | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Contact list

In order to access to all contact details of government officials, focal points are invited to log in on the website with their credentials

Conventions

Approved

Regional Convention

| Legal Instrument | Ratification | Implementation Transposition of the international instrument in the national legislation |
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| Barcelona Convention | | |
| Emergency Protocol, 1976 | | |
| Prevention and emergency protocol, 2002 | | |

International Convention

| Legal Instrument | Ratification | Implementation Transposition of the international instrument in the national legislation |
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| CLC 1992 | | |
| FUND 1992 | | |
| 1996 HNS Convention | | |
| Bunker Convention, 2001 | | |
| LLMC Protocol 96 | | |
| Wreck Removal Convention, 2007 | 22/07/2015 | |
| LLMC 1976 | | |
| Offshore Protocol | 16/05/2006 | |

Unapproved

International Convention

- [OPRC, 1990](#)
- [OPRC-HNS Protocol, 2000](#)
- [SALVAGE 1989](#)
- [INTERVENTION Protocol 1973](#)
- [INTERVENTION 1969](#)
- [FUND Protocol 2003](#)

National & regional system - National & regional plan

National contingency plan

| Approved | Drafted | Under preparation | None | Supported by REMPEC | Date |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 15/03/2019 |

Test type

The 1st Contingency Plan was approved on the 1st of January, 1983. The Plan has been redrafted and a new plan was approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development & the Environment in March 2019

Test frequency

Relevant national legislation adopting the plan

The plan maintenance

Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (DFMR)

Implementing the plan

Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (DFMR)

Subregional Agreements

National & regional system - response strategy

Monitoring and Evaluation

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| Satellite image | |
| Aerial surveillance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Police Aviation Unit, Forestry Department. Feasibility study with French customs and REMPEC Cleanseanet (EMSA) |
| Naval surveillance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Police, DFMR |
| Forecasting models | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MEDSLIK – Oceanography Centre Cyprus Meteorological services (forecast) |

Response at sea

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| Use of dispersant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Aerial surveillance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The primary response method at sea is mechanical containment and recovery. The controlled use of dispersants is allowed, following prior official authorization from Director of DFMR |
| Related Legislation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Article 7 of Cyprus Law No.57 of 1989 determines that “the use of dispersants or other chemical substances for pollution combatting is prohibited, without the approval of the Director of the Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural resources”. |
| Delimitation zones for the use of dispersants | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In water depth of more than 30 meters outside the boundaries of coastal national parks, marine reserve and especially protected zones identifies in the NCP |
| Authority in charge of authorisation identified | Director of DFMR |
| Dispersant testing procedures | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By State General Laboratory of Cyprus |

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| List of approved products | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATLANTOL AT7 FINASOL OSR 52 AGMA OSD 569 FINASOL OSR 121 BP ENESPERSE GAMLEN OD 4000 (PE 998) COREXIT 9600 GAMLEN OSR 2000 DASIC SLICKGONE LTE GAMLEN OSR LT 126 DASIC SLICKGONE NS OIL SPILL DISPERSANT/NF EMULGAL C-100 OIL SPILL ELIMINATOR N/T FINASOL OSR 2 SHELL DISPERSANT CONCENTRATE FINASOL OSR 4 SHEL DISPERSANT LTX FINASOL OSR 5 CONCENTRATE SUPERDISPERSANT 25 FINASOL OSR 7 MSL/SES(new generation-REACH Exempted) FINASOL OSR 12 |
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| List of competent laboratories authorized | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State General Laboratory of Cyprus |
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| Containment and recovery | Detail in Section 5 |
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| In situ burning | Detail in Section |
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Shoreline protection and cleanup

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| Shoreline protection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detail in Section |
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| Shoreline cleanup | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Communication

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| Operation activities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annexes 1 and 2 of NCP |
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| Government/Industry relation | |
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| Public relation | |
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| Media relation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Publicity Officer and Effect Assessment Coordinator, described in Annexe 3/g of NCP |
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Waste management

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| National policy regarding oily waste | |
| Treatment/disposal facilities/solutions | Contact the Department of Environment, the Geological Survey Department or the Water development Department |

Experts

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| Integration of international experts in the coordination body | |
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Claims

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| Claims legal basis at national level | |
| Claims included in the contingency plan | |
| National structure dealing with claims | |

Volunteers management

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| Volunteers management considered in the plan | |
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Faune protection

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| Measures for faune protection (Protected species and other marine fauna) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Click on the link to access the Sea Alarm Country Profile sheet providing information on wildlife protection in this country |
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Expertise

Preparedness

Expert and training Centres

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| Sensitivity mapping | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemicals |
| Risk assessment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemicals |
| Contingency planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemicals |
| Training of personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemicals |

Response

Expert and training Centres

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| Fire fighting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Brigade - Appendix 9/1 of NCP |
| Response to oil spills at sea | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See attached Annex |
| Response to oil on shore | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Response to spills/releases of HNS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Recovery of lost Packages of HNS | |
| Aerial Surveillance | |
| Satellite images | |
| Overall emergency management | |
| Shoreline decontamination | |
| Modelling and forecasting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Impact - Wildlife and birds | |
| Impact - Fisheries/fish farming | |
| Accident site restoration (oil) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Accident site restoration (chemicals) | |

Expertise and services

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| Company Name | EDT Towage and Salvage Co. Ltd. |
| Address (number, street, city) | 124 Ayias Paraskevis Street, Yermasoyla, PO Box 4548, 3725 Limassol, Cyprus |
| Telephone (24 hours a day) | +357 55 326 108 |
| Mobile | |
| Telefax | +357 55 324 440 |

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| E-mail | edt@spidernet.com.cy |
| Further details | OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ORDER FOR SERVICES SHOULD BE MADE TO : Same as above PREFERRED WAY OF COMMUNICATION : fax, telex, phone WORKING LANGUAGES : Greek, French, English 24-HOUR SERVICE : Yes INTERVENTION (IN THE MEDITERRANEAN) IN LESS THAN : 24 hrs AREAS: East Mediterranean seas |
| Company Name | VSS - EPE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SERVICES LTD |
| Address (number, street, city) | 95 Arch. Makariou III Ave. Charitini Building, 5th floor, Flat/Office 501 1071 Agios Antonios, Nicosia, Cyprus |
| Telephone (24 hours a day) | 357 9697 3300 – 3400 |
| Mobile | |
| Telefax | |
| E-mail | vss-epe@epe.gr |
| Further details | |
| Company Name | SEMESCO CO LTD |
| Address (number, street, city) | 180 Irinis Street Talfio Building, Flat 301 3022 Limassol |
| Telephone (24 hours a day) | 357 25 348994 |
| Mobile | |
| Telefax | 357 25 348996 |
| E-mail | enquiries@semesco.com |
| Further details | |

Trans-Boundary arrangements

Provider

To whom the request has to be addressed

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| Full name of the institution | Head, Fisheries and Pollution Control Division |
| Department or position | Department of Fisheries and Marine Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment |
| Address (number, street, city) | 101 Vithlee, Street, 1416 Nicosia |
| Telephone (24 hours a day) | +357 (22) 807 867; +357 99 42 78 28 |
| Telefax | +357 (22) 77 59 55 |
| Working hours | 24 hrs a day |
| E-mail | llozides@cytanet.com.cy |

Boundary

To whom the request has to be addressed

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| Financial conditions for expert services | |
| Restrictions (visa, etc.) concerning travel to any Mediterranean country? If yes, please indicate which countries | |
| Financial and other conditions (transportation, etc.) for making the equipment or product available to a requesting party | |
| Location of equipment and products and nearest port or airport (city/port, city/airport) | |

Training and follow-up

REMPEC Focal points meeting

| Year | Representative | Ministry/Department/Division |
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| 2009 | Mr. Ioannis Efstratiou, Marine Surveyor A | Ministry of Communication and Works |
| 2009 | Mr. Nicos C. Attas, Marine Surveyor A | Ministry of Communication and Works |
| 2007 | Mr. Nicos C. Attas, Marine Surveyor A | Ministry of Communication and Works |
| 2007 | Mr. Ioannis Efstratiou, Marine Surveyor A | Ministry of Communication and Works |
| 2000 | Mr. Loizos Loizides, Fisheries Officer A | Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment; Department of Fisheries and Marine Research |
| 2003 | Mr. Ioannis Efstratiou, Marine Surveyor A | Department of Merchant Shipping |
| 2005 | Mr. Michael A, Michaelides, Marine Surveyor A | Department of Merchant Shipping |
| 2011 | Mr Ioannis Efstratiou, Senior Marine Surveyor | Department of Merchant Shipping Ministry of Communications and Works |
| 2011 | Mr Nicos Attas, Marine Surveyor A | Department of Merchant Shipping Ministry of Communications and Works |

Regional activities

| Date | Activity name | Country participant name |
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| 11/2000 | MEDEXPOL 2000 – Regional Seminar for Government Administrators and Senior Managers (on Accidental Marine Pollution preparedness and response) - Naples, Italy, 6-10 November 2000 | Mrs. Lina Athanassiadou, Cyprus |
| 03/2000 | MEDEXPOL 99/2 Regional Training Course on New Techniques for Shoreline Pollution (Oil/Chemical) Clean-up - Brest, France, 21-25 March 2000 | Mr. Gergios Christophorou, Cyprus |
| 12/2001 | MEDEXPOL 2001 – Regional Training Course on Prevention, Preparedness and Response to accidents involving hazardous substances at ship-shore interface - Genoa, Italy, 10-14 December 2001 | Captain Christos Matsis, Cyprus |
| 10/2003 | MEDIPOLE 2002 6 Regional Seminar on response to Oil and Chemical spills for Governments Administrators and senior Managers - St. George's Bay, Malta | Mr. Zannetos Loucaides, Cyprus |
| 10/2003 | MEDIPOLE 2003 - European Workshop on Satellite Imagery and Illicit oil spills in Europe and in the Mediterranean and Field Activities in Rognac, Marseille - Toulon, France, 2-4 October 2003 | Mr. Antonis Avgousti, Mr Ioannis Efstratiou, Cyprus |
| 10/2005 | MEDEXPOL 2005 - Regional Seminar on the use of Remote Sensing in Oil Pollution Control, Nicosia, Cyprus, 17-20 October 2005 | Mr. Micahel Agapiou, Mr. Ioannis Efstratiou, Mr. Thenis Evriviades, Cyprus |
| 12/2004 | Regional Alert Exercise - MEDIPOLEX 2004 organized in close collaboration with the National Focal Point of Cyprus, 7-8 December 2004 | All Contracting Parties participated |

| Date | Activity name | Country participant name |
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| 11/2007 | MEDEXPOL 2007 - Regional Seminar on Illicit Discharges from Ships and Prosecution of Offenders, Marseille, France, 27-30 November 2007 | Mr. Michael Agapiou, Mrs, Lydia Kyriacou, Cyprus |
| 05/2009 | Regional Government and Industry Workshop on Cooperation, Preparedness for and Response to Oil Spills in the Mediterranean Sea, 11-12 May 2009, Marseille, France. | Mr. Nicos C. Attas, Cyprus |
| 01/2000 | Exercise within the framework of the Subregional Contingency Plan (Cyprus- Egypt-Israel) | Cyprus, Egypt and Israel participated |
| 05/2000 | Subregional Training Course on training of trainers (TCY96/INT/08), Nicosia, Cyprus, 16-18 May 2000 | Mr. Loizos Lozides, Mr. Georgios Georgiou, Mr, Nicos Paroutis, Mr. George Zodiatis, Mr. Eracis Georgiades, Cyprus |
| 11/2000 | Subregional Training Course (Cyprus-Egypt-Israel) Malta, 14-16 November 2000 | Mr. Yiangos Kyriakides, Mr. Alenxandros Nicolades, Mr. Andreas Anastasiou, Mr. Andreas Gregoriades, Mr. Leonides Constantinou, Cyprus |
| 07/2003 | Subregional Training Course on Annex I to Marpol 73/78 for ship inspectors (Cyprus-Egypt-Israel) Larnaca, 2-4 July 2003 | Mr. Ioannis Efstratiou, Nr, Andreas Sekkides, Mr. laonrou Marinos, Mr. Geroge Mousouliotis, Mr. Yiannis Palates, Mr. Antonios Samanou, Mr. George Christophi. Mr. Georges Demetriades, Mr. Cristos Assimenos, Mr. Matsis Christos, Mr Pambis Vassilou, Cyprus |
| 05/2002 | Subregional Training Course on preparedness for and response to accidental marine pollution for supervisors and on Scene Commanders from the Mediterranean Arab Countries, 11-15 May 2002 | Cyprus participated |

National activities

| Date | Activity name |
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| 05/2008 | Feasibility Study on aerial surveillance. A study was presented to the Cypriot Authorities during a Meeting held in Nicosia in May 2008 |

Prevention

Internation Conventions of prevention

Approved

| Legal Instrument | Ratification | Implementation Transposition of the international intrument in the national legislation |
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| LC 1972 | 04/05/2005 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maritime Code, Rules for statutory certification |
| AFS 2001 | 04/05/2005 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maritime Code, Rules for statutory certification |
| SOLAS 74 | 11/10/1985 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Law No.77/1985 |
| SOLAS Protocol 78 | 11/10/1985 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Law No.77/1985 |
| SOLAS Protocol 88 | 04/02/1998 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Law No.24(III)/1997 |
| Load Line 1966 | 05/05/1969 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Law No.36/1969 |
| Load Line Protocol 1988 | 04/02/1998 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Law No.25(III)/1997 |
| TONNAGE 69 | 09/05/1986 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Law No.11/1986 |
| COLREG 72 | 04/11/1980 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Law No.18/1980 |

| Legal Instrument | Ratification | Implementation Transposition of the international instrument in the national legislation |
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| STCW 78 | 28/03/1985 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Laws No.8/1985 and 1(III)/1998 |
| UNCLOS | 12/12/1988 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Law No. 203/88 |
| BMW 2004 | 08/08/2018 | |
| MARPOL Annex I & Annex II | 22/06/1989 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Law No.57/1989 |
| MARPOL Annex III | 22/03/2004 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Law No.11(III)/2001 |
| MARPOL Annex IV | 30/05/2006 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Law No.36(III)/2005 |
| MARPOL Annex V | 22/06/1989 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Law No.57/1989 |
| MARPOL Annex VI | 06/10/2004 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ratification Law No.46(III)/2004 |

Unapproved

| Legal Instrument | Implementation Transposition of the international instrument in the national legislation |
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| LC Protocol 1996 | |

Sanctions for violations

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| The Administration has the necessary national laws in force to ensure the provision of sanctions of adequate severity to discourage violation of international instruments to which the State is a Party | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, how are violations followed up and what are the sanctions (for example, type of fines) imposed? | 1) Prohibition of sail (detention) under Port State Control and as provided on ratification laws of instruments mentioned above. 2)Administrative fines : a) Ratification Law No.77/1985, section 8 (SOLAS); b) Ratification Law No.57/1989, section 19 (MARPOL); c) Ratification Laws No. 8/1985 and 1(III)/98, section 10 (STCW); d) Ratification Law No.13(III)/1995, section 33 (ILO 147); e) Ratification Law No.14(III)/1995, section 7 (ILO 92) f) Ratification Law No.36/1969, section 8 (LL 66). 3) suspension/cancellation/withdrawal of relevant certificates |

Ship inspections

Periodic inspections of own ships

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| The Administration has the necessary national laws in force to provide for ship inspections, and detaining, to ensure compliance with international maritime safety and pollution prevention standards, to which the State is a Party | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, how many number of ships are inspected annually and how many of these have resulted in detaining the ship? | There are approximately 600 inspections annually (599 in 2009 and 638 in 2008). None have resulting in detaining the ship. |
| Number of ships detained by PSC in the last 3 years | |
| Number of ships detained under the Med MoU | 7 |
| Number of ships detained under the Paris MoU | |
| Number of ships detained under the Tokyo MoU | |
| Number of ships detained under the USCG | 15 |

Port State Control Inspections

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| Port State Control Inspections are carried out in your ports | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, how many PSC inspections are carried out annually? | 327 in 2008, 300 in 2009 |
| Delegation of Authority to Recognised Organizations (ROs) | |
| The Administration has the necessary national laws, including necessary Agreements, in force to delegate authority to ROs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| What procedures are in place to monitor the work of the ROs? | Continuous evaluation through monitoring of their performance (i.e. statistics) and regular audits every two years. |
| Provide list of ROs to whom delegation of authority is granted through such an Agreement. | American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), Bureau Veritas (BV), China Classification Society (CCS), Det Norske Veritas (DNV), Germanischer Lloyd (GL), Korean Register of Shipping (KR), Lloyds Register (LR), Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NKK), Polski Rejstr Statkow (Polish Register of Shipping (PRS), Registro Italiano Navale (RINA), Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RMRS) |

Casualty investigations

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| The Administration has the necessary national laws in force to carry out the required casualty investigations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Number of reported groundings in the last 3 years | 36 |
| Number of reported collisions in the last 3 years | 44 |
| Number of reported casualties resulting in pollution incidents in the last 3 years | 0 |

MARPOL implementation

MARPOL Infringements

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| The Administration has the necessary national laws in force to ensure the provision of sanctions of adequate severity with respect to MARPOL infringements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, how are infringements followed up and what are the sanctions imposed? | Criminal offence of pollution is punishable upon conviction to imprisonment or to a fine not exceeding 850000 Euros. An administrative fine is imposed on the shipowner or the operator of the ship or the master, or in the case of installations or reception facilities, on the owner or the operator or the person in charge of them, by a reasoned decision of the Competent Authority confirming the contravention. |

Port Reception Facilities

| Port | MARPOL Annex I | MARPOL Annex II | MARPOL Annex IV | MARPOL Annex V | MARPOL Annex VI |
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| Lemesos | ● | | ● | ● | |
| Larnaca | ● | | ● | ● | |
| Vassilikos | ● | | ● | ● | |

Surveillance of coastal waters

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| Surveillance of the waters under your jurisdiction is carried out | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, what are the methods and resources available to carry out such surveillance? | Normal patrol by marine police. |

Resources

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| Organigramme | |
| Number of Offices, non-technical, technical staff | |
| Head Office (provide full address and contact details) | |
| Number of other Offices (provide full address and contact details of all offices) | |
| Number of non-technical staff | |
| Number of technical Staff | |
| Number of Inspectors (Flag State Surveyors and Port State Inspectors) | |
| Number of flag State Casualty Investigators | |