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

Cyprus



Country information

Capital	Nicosia
Languages	Greek, English
Main Ports	Limassol
Additional Ports	Larnaca
Coastline (km)	648.0
Imports (bbl/day)	58930.0
Offshore Production	☐

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 intrument in the national legislation
Barcelona Convention	19/11/1979	
Emergency Protocol, 1976	19/11/1979	
Prevention and emergency protocol, 2002	19/12/2007	

International Convention

Legal Instrument	Ratification	Implementation Transposition of the international intrument in the national legislation
CLC 1992	12/05/1997	
FUND 1992	12/05/1997	
1996 HNS Convention	10/01/2005	
Bunker Convention, 2001	15/12/2006	
LLMC Protocol 96	23/12/2005	
Wreck Removal Convention, 2007	22/07/2015	
LLMC 1976	23/12/2005	
Offshore Protocol	16/05/2006	

Unapproved

International Convention

OPRC, 1990

OPRC-HNS Protocol, 2000

SALVAGE 1989

INTERVENTION Protocol 1973

INTERVENTION 1969

FUND Protocol 2003

SCP CEG

National & regional system - National & regional plan

National contingency plan

Approved	Drafted	Under preparation	None	Supported by REMPEC	Date
☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	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

Satellite image	
Aerial surveillance	☑ Police Aviation Unit, Forestry Department. Feasibility study with French customs and REMPEC Cleanseanet (EMSA)
Naval surveillance	☑ Marine Police, DFMR
Forecasting models	☑ MEDSLIK – Oceanography Centre Cyprus Meteorological services (forecast)

Response at sea

Use of dispersant	☑
Aerial surveillance	☑ The primary response method at sea is mechanical containpment and recovery. The controlled use of dispersants is allowed, following prior official authorization from Director of DFMR
Related Legislation	☑ Article 7 of Cyprus Law No.57 of 1989 determines that “the use of dispêrsants or other chemical sustances for pollution combatting is prohibited, without the approval of the Director of the Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural ressources”.
Delimitation zones for the use of dispersants	☑ 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	☑ By State General Labaratory of Cyprus

List of approved products	☑ 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
List of competent laboratories authorized	☑ State General Labaratory of Cyprus
Containment and recovery	Detail in Section 5
In situ burning	Detail in Section

Shoreline protection and cleanup

Shoreline protection	☑ Detail in Section
Shoreline cleanup	☑

Comunication

Operation activities	☑ Annexes 1 and 2 of NCP
Government/Industry relation	
Public relation	
Media relation	☑ Publicity Officer and Effect Assessment Coordinator, described in Annexe 3/g of NCP

Waste management

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

Experts

Integration of international experts in the coordination body	

Claims

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

Volunteers management

Volunteers management considered in the plan	

Faune protection

Measures for faune protection (Protected species and other marine fauna)	☑ Click on the link to access the Sea Alarm Country Profile sheet providing information on wildlife protection in this country

Expertise

Preparedness

		Expert and training Centres
Sensitivity mapping	☐ Oil ☐ Chemicals	
Risk assessment	☑ Oil ☐ Chemicals	
Contingency planning	☐ Oil ☐ Chemicals	
Training of personnel	☐ Oil ☐ Chemicals	

Response

	Expert and training Centres
Fire fighting	☑ Fire Brigade - Appendix 9/1 of NCP
Response to oil spills at sea	☑
Response to oil on shore	☑
Response to spills/releases of HNS	☑
Recovery of lost Packages of HNS	
Aerial Surveillance	
Satellite images	
Overall emergency management	
Shoreline decontamination	
Modelling and forecasting	☑
Impact - Wildlife and birds	
Impact - Fisheries/fish farming	
Accident site restoration (oil)	☑
Accident site restoration (chemicals)	

Expertise and services

Company Name	EDT Towage and Salvage Co. Ltd.
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Telephone (24 hours a day)	+357 55 326 108
Mobile	
Telefax	+357 55 324 440

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 Talfo 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	
Full name of the institution	Department of Fisheries and Marine Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Developmed Environment
Department or position	Director, Department of Fisheries and Marine Research
Address (number, street, city)	101 Vithlee, Street, 1416 Nicosia
Telephone (24 hours a day)	+357 (22) 807 867; +357 99 309 645
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Working hours	24 hrs a day
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Boundary

To whom the request has to be addressed	
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
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
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	MEDIPOL 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	MEDIPOL 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
11/2007	MEDEXPOL 2007 - Regional Seminar on Illicit Discharges from Ships and Proosecution 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 trainsers (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. Iaonrou 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 preparedeness 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
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
LC 1972	07/06/1990	☑ Maritime Code, Rules for statutary certification
AFS 2001	23/12/2005	☑ Maritime Code, Rules for statutary certification
SOLAS 74	11/10/1985	☑ Ratification Law No.77/1985
SOLAS Protocol 78	11/10/1985	☑ Ratification Law No.77/1985
SOLAS Protocol 88	04/02/1998	☑ Ratification Law No.24(III)/1997
Load Line 1966	05/05/1969	☑ Ratification Law No.36/1969
Load Line Protocol 1988	04/02/1998	☑ Ratification Law No.25(III)/1997
TONNAGE 69	09/05/1986	☑ Ratification Law No.11/1986
COLREG 72	04/11/1980	☑ Ratification Law No.18/1980

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

Unapproved

Legal Instrument	Implementation Transposition of the international intrument in the national legislation
LC Protocol 1996	
SCP B&H-CRO	

Sanctions for violations

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	☑
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	
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	☐
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 by PSC in the last 3 years	
Number of ships detained under the USCG	15
Port State Control Inspections	
Port State Control Inspections are carried out in your ports	☑
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	☑
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)

Casuality investigations

The Administration has the necessary national laws in force to carry out the required casualty investigations	☑
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

The Administration has the necessary national laws in force to ensure the provision of sanctions of adequate severity with respect to MARPOL infringements	☑
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
Lemesos	●		●	●	
Larnaca	●		●	●	
Vassilikos	●		●	●	

Surveillance of coastal waters	
Surveillance of the waters under your jurisdiction is carried out	☑
If yes, what are the methods and resources available to carry out such surveillance?	Normal patrol by marine police.

Resources

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	