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

Israel



Country information

Capital	Jerusalem
Languages	Hebrew, Arabic, English
Main Ports	Haifa, Ashdod, Eilat
Additional Ports	Hadera, Ashkelon
Coastline (km)	195.0
Production (bbl/day)	5246.0
Exportation (bbl/day)	69580.0
Imports (bbl/day)	318900.0
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	03/03/1978	
Emergency Protocol, 1976	03/03/1978	
Prevention and emergency protocol, 2002	10/09/2014	

International Convention

Legal Instrument	Ratification	Implementation Transposition of the international intrument in the national legislation
OPRC, 1990	24/03/1999	
CLC 1992	21/10/2004	
FUND 1992	21/10/2004	

Unapproved

International Convention

OPRC-HNS Protocol, 2000

1996 HNS Convention

Bunker Convention, 2001

LLMC Protocol 96

Wreck Removal Convention, 2007

LLMC 1976

SALVAGE 1989

INTERVENTION Protocol 1973

INTERVENTION 1969

FUND Protocol 2003

Offshore Protocol

SCP CEG

National & regional system - National & regional plan

National contingency plan

Approved	Drafted	Under preparation	None	Supported by REMPEC	Date
☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	18/05/2008

Test type	All types
Test frequency	Once a year Communication Exercise, twice a year Table Top Exercise and Full Scale Exercise
Relevant national legislation adopting the plan	
The plan maintenance	Marine and Coastal Environment Division, Ministy of Environmental Protection
Implementing the plan	Marine and Coastal Environment Division, Ministy of Environmental Protection

Subregional Agreements

National & regional system - response strategy

Monitoring and Evaluation

Satellite image	☑
Aerial surveillance	☑
Naval surveillance	☑
Forecasting models	☑ GNOME (NOAA) oil spill forecasting model for use in the territorial sea

Response at sea

Use of dispersant	☑ Carried out by Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Transport + Private Contractors
Aerial surveillance	☑ Prior written autorisation from the Ministry of Environment
Related Legislation	Under development
Delimitation zones for the use of dispersants	Case by case – water depth >20 m, or offshore at less than one nautical mile from any coastal national park or marine reserve.
Authority in charge of authorisation identified	☑ Ministry of Environmental Protection
Dispersant testing procedures	☑ Efficeincy, toxicity biodegradability
List of approved products	☑ List of CEDRE + FE11, DO All 18, Bio Solve and PTI 25
List of competent laboratories authorized	Sending to CEDRE
Containment and recovery	☑ Details in Section 5
In situ burning	Details in Section 5

Shoreline protection and cleanup

Shoreline protection	☑ Details in Section 5
Shoreline cleanup	☑ Details in Section 5

Comunication

Operation activities	☑
Government/Industry relation	☑
Public relation	
Media relation	☑

Waste management

National policy regarding oily waste	☑
Treatment/disposal facilities/solutions	☑

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	
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	MAAGAN, GAL-YAM, DANCORE
Address (number, street, city)	
Telephone (24 hours a day)	
Mobile	
Telefax	
E-mail	

Further details	

Trans-Boundary arrangements

Provider

To whom the request has to be addressed	
Full name of the institution	Ministry of the Environmental Protection
Department or position	Director, Marine and Coastal Environment Division
Address (number, street, city)	15a Pal Yam Street, P.O. Box 811, Haifa 31007
Telephone (24 hours a day)	+972 (4) 863 35 00/+972 50 62 33 050 (mobile)
Telefax	+972 (4) 863 35 20
Working hours	0730-0700
E-mail	rani@sviva.gov.il; raniamir@013.net

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	Algeria, Lebanon, Libya Morocco,Syria and Tunisia
Financial and other conditions (transportation, etc.) for making the equipment or product available to a requesting party	As case requires
Location of equipment and products and nearest port or airport (city/port, city/airport)	Haifa, Ashquelon, Eilat

Training and follow-up

REMPEC Focal points meeting

Year	Representative	Ministry/Department/Division
2003	Mr. Ran Amir, Director, Marine and Coastal Environment Division	Ministry of Environment
2005	Mr. Ran Amir, Director, Marine and Coastal Environment Division	Ministry of Environment
2007	Mr. Ran Amir, Director, Marine and Coastal Environment Division	Ministry of the Environment
2005	Captain Alexander Gerson, Principal Shipping Inspector	Administration of Shipping and Ports, Ministry of Transport
2009	Mr. Ran Amir, Director	Marine and Coastal Environment Division, Ministry of the Environmental Protection
2009	Captain Eliezer Sternberg, Deputy Director	Administration of Shipping and Ports, Ministry of Transpor
2011	Mr Rani Amir, Director of Marine and Coastal Environment Division	Ministry of Environmental Protection
2011	Mr Zeev Leshem, Director, Economic & International Affairs	Ministry of Transport

Regional activities

Date	Activity name	Country participant name
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.	Ms. Galia Pasternak, Mr. Gideon Bettlheim, Israel
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	Mr. Rani Amir, Israel
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. Oved Meytav, Israel
12/2001	MEDEXPOL 2001 – Regional Training Course on Prevention, Preparedness and Response to accidents involving hazardous substances at ship-shore interface - 10-14 December 2001	Mr. Rani Amir, Israel
10/2002	MEDIPOL 2002 6 Regional Seminar on response to Oil and Chemical spills for Governments Administrators and senior Managers - 29 October - 02 November 2002	Mr. Rani Amir, Israel
10/2003	MEDIPOL 2003 – European Workshop on Satellite Imagery and illicit oil spills in Europe and in the Mediterranean and Field activities in Rognac, Marseilles - Toulon, France 02-04 October 2003	Mr. Eli Varbourg, Mr. Ronen Elkalay Israel
10/2005	MEDEXPOL 2005 – Regional Seminar on the use of Remote Sensing in Oil Pollution Control, Nicosia, Cyprus, 17-20 October 2005	Mr. Yechiel Kalusky, Mr. Alexanser Gerson, Israel

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12/2004	Regional Alert Exercice - MEDIPOLEX 2004, organized in close collaboration with the national Focal Point of Cyprus, held on 7-8 December 2004	All Contracting Parties participated
11/2007	MEDEXPOL 2007 - Regional Seminar on Illicit Discharges from Ships and Prosecution of Offenders - Marseille, France 27-30 November 2007	Mr. Nimrod Utitz, Ms. Iris Shalit, Mr. Alexander Gerson. Israel
11/2000	Subregional Training Course on new Development in Shoreline Clean-up Techniques (TCY96/INT/08), Malta, 14-16 November 2000	Mr. Rani Amir, Ms. Osnat Mor, Mr Oz Goren, Mr Hagai Blencher, Mr. Adi Matmon, Israel
05/2000	Subregional Training Course on Trrainers (TCY96/INT/08), Nicosia, Cyprus, 16-18 May 2000	Mr. Ellik Adler, Mr. Itzhak Kodovitzki, Mr. Gideon Bettelheim. Mr. Oz Goren, Israel
06/2007	Pollution prevention and control (INFOPOL) training course	Mr. Yechiel KALUSKI

National activities

Date	Activity name
11/2006	Joint Training Exercise - Combatting Marine Pollution by Oil, Eilat-Aqaga - November 2006
05/2006	Exercise - Mediterranean Assistance Unit - May 2006
11/2007	International Exercise Jordan- Israel
07/2007	National Exercise-clean beach held in 2007
05/2008	Marine Pollution Combat Exercise in Ashkelon - 20 May 2008
11/2009	Israel-Jordan bi-national exercise

Prevention

Internation Conventions of prevention

Approved

Legal Instrument	Ratification	Implementation Transposition of the international intrument in the national legislation
SOLAS 74	15/05/1979	☑ Shipping Regulations 1982
SOLAS Protocol 78	21/08/1981	☑ Shipping Regulations 1982
SOLAS Protocol 88	21/11/2012	
Load Line 1966	05/07/1967	☑ Shipping Regulations 1982
TONNAGE 69	13/02/1975	
COLREG 72	24/06/1977	☑ Shipping Regulations 1982
STCW 78	16/01/1986	☑ Shipping Regulations 1982
MARPOL Annex I & Annex II	31/08/1983	☑ Shipping Regulations 1982
MARPOL Annex III	01/10/1996	☑ Shipping Regulations 1982
MARPOL Annex V	03/08/2011	☑ Complete Legislation, Await Submission to IMO

Unapproved

Legal Instrument	Implementation Transposition of the international intrument in the national legislation
LC 1972	
LC Protocol 1996	
AFS 2001	
Load Line Protocol 1988	
UNCLOS	
BWM 2004	
MARPOL Annex IV	
MARPOL Annex VI	
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?	Reported to Administrations, fines imposed through annually updated rates, and/or submitted to court procedures as criminal offence

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?	
Number of ships detained by PSC in the last 3 years	
Number of ships detained under the Med MoU	122
Number of ships detained under the Paris MoU	
Number of ships detained under the Tokyo MoU	
Number of ships detained under the USCG	
Port State Control Inspections	
Port State Control Inspections are carried out in your ports	☑
If yes, how many PSC inspections are carried out annually?	Average – 270 (not including re-inspecting deficient ships)
Delegation of Authority to Recognised Organizations (ROs)	
The Administration has the necessary national laws, including necessary Agreements, in force to delegate authority to ROs	☑

Delegation of Authority to Recognised Organizations (ROs)	
What procedures are in place to monitor the work of the ROs?	SOLAS CH. XI-1: Authorization of Recognized Organizations – A.739(18), A789(19)
Provide list of ROs to whom delegation of authority is granted through such an Agreement.	American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) Bureau veritas (BV) Det Norske Veritas (DNV) Germanischer Lloyd (GL) Lloyds Register (LR) Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NKK) Registro Italiano Navale (RINA) Korean Register of Shipping (KR)

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	
Number of reported collisions in the last 3 years	
Number of reported casualties resulting in pollution incidents in the last 3 years	

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?	National Legislation- Port Regulations 1982 + Ministry of Environmental Protection Regulations. Under Israeli Law pollution is defined as "Strict Liability" and is a criminal offence.

Port Reception Facilities

Port	MARPOL Annex I	MARPOL Annex II	MARPOL Annex IV	MARPOL Annex V	MARPOL Annex VI
Ashdod	●	●		●	
Ashkelon	●			●	
Eilath	●			●	
Hadera	●			●	
Haifa	●	●		●	

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?	Weekly fixed-wing aircraft surveillance. Aerial observer only. Navy ships report to RCC any pollution observed.

Resources

Organigramme	
Number of Offices, non-technical, technical staff	

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Head Office (provide full address and contact details)	Israeli Ministry of Transport, Administration of Shipping and Ports, 15A, Pal-Yam street, Building "B", P.O.B. 806, Haifa, 31007, Israel. Tel: +972-4-8632080, Fax: +972-4-8632118 E-mail: yohanay@mot.gov.il
Number of other Offices (provide full address and contact details of all offices)	
Number of non-technical staff	30
Number of technical Staff	15
Number of Inspectors (Flag State Surveyors and Port State Inspectors)	14
Number of flag State Casualty Investigators	