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

Syria



Country information

Capital	Damascus
Languages	Arabic
Main Ports	Lattakia, Tartous
Additional Ports	Banias, Arwad, Jableh
Coastline (km)	185.0
Production (bbl/day)	426100.0
Exportation (bbl/day)	155000.0
Imports (bbl/day)	58710.0
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	26/12/1978	
Emergency Protocol, 1976	26/12/1978	
Prevention and emergency protocol, 2002	11/04/2008	

International Convention

Legal Instrument	Ratification	Implementation Transposition of the international intrument in the national legislation
OPRC, 1990	14/03/2003	☑ Decree No. 6 - 19/01/2003
OPRC-HNS Protocol, 2000	10/02/2005	Law No. 2 - 11/01/2004
CLC 1992	22/02/2005	☑ Law No. 27 - 19/11/2003
FUND 1992	24/04/2009	☑ Decree No.44 - 13/07/2003
1996 HNS Convention	27/06/2006	Law No. 6 - 26/06/2007
Bunker Convention, 2001	24/04/2009	☑ Decree No.58 - 09/09/2003
LLMC Protocol 96	02/09/2005	Decree No. 62 - 31/07 /2005
LLMC 1976	02/09/2005	
SALVAGE 1989	19/03/2002	
INTERVENTION 1969	06/02/1975	
Offshore Protocol	22/02/2011	☑

Unapproved

International Convention

Wreck Removal Convention, 2007

INTERVENTION Protocol 1973

FUND Protocol 2003

SCP CEG

National & regional system - National & regional plan

National contingency plan

Approved	Drafted	Under preparation	None	Supported by REMPEC	Date
☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Test type		Full Scale Exercises			
Test frequency		Four times a year			
Relevant national legislation adopting the plan					
The plan maintenance		Ministry of Local Administration and Environment Affairs			
Implementing the plan		Ministry of Transport/ Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources/Ministry of Defence			

Subregional Agreements

National & regional system - response strategy

Monitoring and Evaluation

Satellite image	
Aerial surveillance	
Naval surveillance	☑
Forecasting models	☑ MEDSLIK 4.1 Oil Spill Forecasting Model

Response at sea

Use of dispersant	☑
Aerial surveillance	☑
Related Legislation	☑
Delimitation zones for the use of dispersants	☑ Depending on the position of accident
Authority in charge of authorisation identified	☑ Ministry of Local Administration and Environmental Affairs
Dispersant testing procedures	☑ Depending upon the date of manufacting and analyses
List of approved products	☑
List of competent laboratories authorized	☑ High Institute of Marine Researcg
Containment and recovery	☑ Detail in Section 5
In situ burning	☑

Shoreline protection and cleanup

Shoreline protection	Detail in Section 5
Shoreline cleanup	☑

Comunication

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

Waste management

National policy regarding oily waste	Yes in our Legislation but till now not applicable
Treatment/disposal facilities/solutions	

Experts

Integration of international experts in the coordination body	☑

Claims

Claims legal basis at national level	☑ Law No. 9 - 02/2006
Claims included in the contingency plan	☑ Depending on International Convention (CLC Fund 1992)
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)	☑ Protection of marine environment totally

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	☑ Tug boats equipped with fire fighting system
Response to oil spills at sea	☑ 3 boasts equipped with necessary instruments
Response to oil on shore	☑
Response to spills/releases of HNS	
Recovery of lost Packages of HNS	
Aerial Surveillance	
Satellite images	
Overall emergency management	☑ Under preparation
Shoreline decontamination	
Modelling and forecasting	
Impact - Wildlife and birds	
Impact - Fisheries/fish farming	
Accident site restoration (oil)	☑
Accident site restoration (chemicals)	

Expertise and services

Trans-Boundary arrangements

Provider

To whom the request has to be addressed	
Full name of the institution	Ministry of Local Administration and Environment
Department or position	General Commission for Environmental Affairs - GCEA
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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	No restrictions mentioned in the draft Contingency Plan.
Location of equipment and products and nearest port or airport (city/port, city/airport)	National Centre for Marine Anti-Pollution - Banias Sector

Training and follow-up

REMPEC Focal points meeting

Year	Representative	Ministry/Department/Division
2007	Mr. Shaka Al Soleman	Ministry of Local Administration and Environment
2007	Mr. Ali Dayoub, Head of Marine Anti-Pollution Department	Ministry of Transport
2005	Mr. Shaka Al Soleman, Engineer in Chemicals Safety Directorate	Ministry of Local Administration and Environment
2003	Mr. Hasan Morjan, Director of Environment in Tartous	Missing
2003	Mr. Ali Dayoub, Head Marine Anti-Pollution Department	Ministry of Transport
2003	Mr. Shaka Al Soleman, Head Chemical Safety Department	Ministry of Environment
2011	Ms Fathia Mohammad, Department of Chemical Safety and Waste Management	Ministry State of Environment Affairs

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.	Mr. Bashar Ibrahem, Mr. Molham Darwish, Syria
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. Ali Dayoub, Syria
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. Ahmad Ashkar, Syria
10/2002	MEDIPOL 2002 6 Regional Seminar on response to Oil and Chemical spills for Governments Administrators and Senior Managers - Malta, 29 October. -2 November 2002	Mr. Hussein Shahadeh, Syria
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, 2 – 4 October 2003	Mr. hussien Shahadeh, Mr. Sairouz Chamsin, Syria
10/2005	MEDEXPOL 2005 – Regional Seminar on the use of Remote Sensing in Oil Pollution Control, Nicosia, Cyprus, 17-20 October 2005	Mr. Shaka Al Soleman, Mr. Farouk Aleter, Syria
12/2004	Regional Alert Exercise MEDIPOLEX 2004, organized in close collaboration with the national Focal Point of Cyprus, held on 7-8 Dec. 2004.	All Contracting Parties participated
11/2007	MEDEXPOL 2007 - Regional Seminar on Illicit Discharges from Ships and Prosecution of Offenders - 27 – 30 November 2007, Marseilles, France	Mr. Shaka Al Soleman, Mr. Ali Dayoub, Syria

Date	Activity name	Country participant name
06/2007	Pollution prevention and control (INFOPOL) training course	Eng. Ali DAYOUB
01/2011	Sub-Regional Workshop on HNS Contingency Planning for Arab Speaking Countries , Alexandria, Egypt, 17-20 January 2011	R.Admiral Ghazi HAMDAN, Mr. Ali DAYOUB, Mr. Hussein SHAHADEH

National activities

Date	Activity name
07/2001	LIFE TCY99/INT/017/SYR Tartous / Safita, Syria, 7-10 July 2001 National Training Course on Preparedness for and Response to Accidental Marine Pollution for Supervisors and On-Scene Commanders
07/2003	National Training Course on Spill Response Techniques for Response Personnel, Banias, 21-24 July 2003
08/2003	LIFE TCY99/INT/017/SYR - National Training Course on Coastal Sensitivity Mapping, Damascus, Syria 17-18 August 2003
10/2005	National Training, 31 October and 1 November 2005, Lattakia, Syria
06/2007	National Training Course on MEDSLIK Oil Spill Drifting Model version 5.1.2, Lattakia, Syria , 4-5 June 2007

Prevention

Internation Conventions of prevention

Approved

Legal Instrument	Ratification	Implementation Transposition of the international intrument in the national legislation
LC 1972	06/05/2009	
AFS 2001	24/04/2009	
SOLAS 74	20/07/2001	
SOLAS Protocol 78	20/07/2001	
SOLAS Protocol 88	20/07/2001	☑
Load Line 1966	06/02/1975	
TONNAGE 69	06/07/1975	
COLREG 72	16/02/1976	
STCW 78	20/07/2001	
BWM 2004	02/09/2005	
MARPOL Annex I & Annex II	09/11/1988	☑ National Law for protection of Marine environment against pollution No 9/2006
MARPOL Annex III	08/03/2006	
MARPOL Annex IV	08/03/2006	
MARPOL Annex V	08/03/2006	
MARPOL Annex VI	26/08/2008	

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LC Protocol 1996	
Load Line Protocol 1988	
UNCLOS	
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?	National laws 9 + 27 + 46

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	11
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?	
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?	According to RES A.789(19)

Delegation of Authority to Recognised Organizations (ROs)	
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) Croatian Register of Shipping (CRS) Det Norske Veritas (DNV) Germanischer Lloyd (GL) Hellenic Register of Shipping (HRS) Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) Internation Register of Shipping (IRS) International Survey Bureau (INSB) Korean Register of Shipping (KR) Lloyds Register (LR) Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NKK) Polski Rejstr Ststkow (PR) Registro Italiano Navale (RINA) Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RMRS) Turku Lloyd (TR)

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	11
Number of reported collisions in the last 3 years	
Number of reported casualties resulting in pollution incidents in the last 3 years	23 small incidents

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?	Not yet

Port Reception Facilities

Port	MARPOL Annex I	MARPOL Annex II	MARPOL Annex IV	MARPOL Annex V	MARPOL Annex VI
Oil terminal- Banias	●			●	
Tartous	●			●	
Lattakia				●	

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?	Coast guards's boat VTS

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 Offices, non-technical, technical staff	
Number of technical Staff	
Number of Inspectors (Flag State Surveyors and Port State Inspectors)	
Number of flag State Casualty Investigators	