

# GAMBIA

## SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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## COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY

The National Environment Agency.	Contact details unknown
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## RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

The government departments responsible for controlling marine pollution and dealing with accidental spills from ships are the Gambia Port Authority, the The National Environment Agency and the Gambian Navy.

No national contingency plan exists. However, the International Maritime Organisation is in the process of assisting with a draft plan for the country. The major ports have local contingency plans in place.

## RESPONSE POLICY

No official spill response policy exists. However, any response would involve manual clean-up of the many long sandy beaches which are an important tourist attraction.

Under local law the dumping of hazardous, toxic, or radio active substances into Gambian waters is prohibited. In addition, failure to remove any produced oily waste may lead to the imposition of fines.

## EQUIPMENT

### Government & Private

Limited stocks of boom and dispersant are held by the major ports. Any response would rely on public works and port equipment and agricultural equipment, and manual shoreline clean-up.

## PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

There do not appear to have been any major spills. However, oil/tar balls are regularly washed onto beaches.

## CONVENTIONS

Prevention & Safety					Spill Response			Compensation					
MARPOL 73/78		Annexes III IV V VI			OPRC '90	OPRC -HNS	CLC '69 '76 '92			Fund '92	Supp Fund	HNS*	Bunker
✓	✓	✓	✓				✓						

\* not yet in force



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## Regional and Bilateral Agreements

Abidjan Convention (with states of the West and Central African Region).

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