



**REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE / REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION
EMERGENCY, INFORMATION AND TRAINING CENTRE - WIDER CARIBBEAN REGION**

Country Profile 2015

COUNTRY	HONDURAS
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Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to complete this important questionnaire. The thorough and accurate information you provide will be used by RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe to:

1. fulfill the exchange of information requirements of the Cartagena Convention and the International Convention on Oil Pollution Prevention, Response and Cooperation, 1990 (OPRC 90),
2. determine your country's specific training and exercise expectations and needs,
3. determine the regional training and exercise needs within the Wider Caribbean Region (WCR),
4. inform the working group currently developing RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe's new, 10-year strategic plan,
5. share with other organizations like UNEP, IMO and ITOFF.

RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe has been serving the marine environmental training, communication and exercise needs of the Wider Caribbean Region for over 20 years. Completing the questionnaire below will ensure RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe meets your needs and expectations well into the future. Thank you.

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1. Conventions and Agreements Ratified and/or Implemented

	Oil Spill Response			Prevention and Safety						Compensation						Other					
	OPRC 90	OPRC HNS	Cartagena Conv. Oil Spill Protocol	MARPOL 73/78, protocol 97 Annexes						CLC			Fund			HNS Conv	HNS Prot.	Anti fouling	Bunkers Conv.	Ballast water	
				1	2	3	4	5	6	'69	'76	'92	'76	'92	'03						'96
Year of ratification				x	x				x												
Year of implementation				1999	1999			1999													
Expect to Ratify (yes / no)	yes				yes	yes		yes			yes	yes	yes						yes		yes

1.1 What, if any, International Convention is your Country most likely to ratify next?

OPRC 90, BALLAST WATER CONVENTION, MARPOL ANNEXES III, IV & VI

1.2 Additional Comments

THE AFORESAID CONVENTIONS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERGOING RATIFICATION PROCESSES WITHIN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CONGRESS.

2. National Focal Points

2.1	MINISTRY OF LEAD AGENCY	Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Services	POC: Secretary of State TEL: (504) 2225-4689 CELL: 504 9774-5974 FAX: EMAIL:
		Address: Barrio La Bolsa Tegucigalpa Honduras	
2.2	LEAD AGENCY	General Directorate of the Merchant Marine of Honduras	POC: DIRECTOR GENERAL TEL: 504 22398228 CELL: 504 99165024 FAX: 504 22398221 EMAIL: direccion@marinamercante.gob.hn
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2.4	RESPONSE AGENCY	COMISIÓN NACIONAL DE CONTINGENCIAS (COPECO)	POC: National Commissioner TEL: (504)22290606

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		Address: Aldea el Ocotal 500 metros adelante del Hospital Militar, Carretera a Mateo, Comayagüela, F.M	CELL: FAX: EMAIL: webmaster@copeco.gob.hn
2.5	NATIONAL OPERATIONAL CONTACT FOR MARPOL	Abg. Laura E. Rivera	POC: Chief of Marine Environmental Protection Division TEL: 504 2239 8288 CELL: 504 9965 7898 FAX: 504 22398221 EMAIL: prevencion@marinamercante.gob.hn
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2.6	NATIONAL OPERATIONAL CONTACT FOR BALLASTWATER	Abg. Laura E. Rivera	POC: Chief of Marine Environmental Protection Division TEL: 504 2239 8288 CELL: 504 9965 7898 FAX: 504 22398221 EMAIL: prevencion@marinamercante.gob.hn
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3. Risk Assessment

3.1	What is your Countries greatest risk for an oil spill?	SENSITIVE AREAS, AREAS OF TOURISM, 2 ND LARGEST BARRIER REEF (MESOAMERICAN BARRIER REEF SYSTEM – SAM)
3.2	Date of last oil spill risk assessment?	NONE
3.3	Topics covered?	NONE
3.4	Geographic area?	CARIBBEAN SEA AND GULF OF FONSECA
3.5	What area is considered a priority?	CARIBBEAN SEA
3.6	Additional comments / Difficulties encountered?	

4. Sensitivity Maps

4.1	Sensitivity Maps exist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (go to 4.5)
4.2	Date of map or last update?	
4.3	Geographic area covered?	
4.4	Format used: paper or electronic?	
4.5	Additional comments/ Difficulties encountered?	
4.6	Will you share with RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe data layers for your sensitivity maps if any?	YES

5. National Contingency Plan

5.1a	National Contingency Plan exists?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Status of Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Draft <input type="checkbox"/> To be developed Details: ...				
5.1b	Is there a National Contingency Plan for HNS incidents? (& if so, is this an extension of the oil spill contingency plan or a separate document?)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Status of Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of the NCP <input type="checkbox"/> Separate document <input type="checkbox"/> Draft <input type="checkbox"/> To be developed Details: ...				
5.2	Date Plan was developed or updated?	<table border="1"> <tr> <th>NCP</th> <th>NCP for HNS incidents</th> </tr> <tr> <td>SEPTEMBER 2014</td> <td>SEPTEMBER 2014</td> </tr> </table>	NCP	NCP for HNS incidents	SEPTEMBER 2014	SEPTEMBER 2014
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5.3	Date approved?	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>PENDING</td> <td>PENDING</td> </tr> </table>	PENDING	PENDING		
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5.4	Is the Plan in electronic format?	<table border="1"> <tr> <td> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </td> <td> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
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5.5	Date of the last evaluation with the assessment tool, the “Readiness Evaluation Tool for Oil Spills (RETOS™)”	SEPTEMBER 2014				
5.6	What is the National policy on dispersant use and in-situ burning?	NOT APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY				
5.7	Agreements with other organizations for response? (Please provide details)	AGREEMENT WITH THE RESPONSE AGENCY COMISIÓN NACIONAL DE CONTINGENCIA – COPECO.				
5.8	Does the country have regulations for managing waste? (Please provide details)	A FEW RESOLUTIONS REGARDING SHIP GENERATED WASTE – RECEPTION FACILITY DISCHARGED IN TRUCKS, IN PORTS (2). THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY IS WORKING ON A NATIONAL WASTE LEGISLATION.				
5.9	Additional comments/ Difficulties encountered?					

6. Exercises / Training / Incidents

6.1	What is the national agency in charge of personnel training?	MERCHANT MARINE OF HONDURAS
6.2	Does a national center exist to train personnel?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please provide details) <input type="checkbox"/> No
6.3	Date of last national exercise?	NONE
6.4	Has there been any experience of ship-source Oil pollution related incidents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please provide details) MINOR INCIDENTS INVOLVING BUNKER CLEANED BY OWNER. <input type="checkbox"/> No
6.5	Has there been any experience of ship-source HNS related incidents?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please provide details) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
6.6	Additional comments/ Difficulties encountered?	

7. Regional Cooperation

7.1	What are the bilateral or multilateral agreements for the country?	NONE
7.2	What are the opportunities in developing a regional exercise in the country?	100%
7.3	Is there a mechanism in place to facilitate the clearance of equipment through Customs in an emergency situation? What is the process?	YES, MANAGED BY COPECO THROUGH A UNDP TEAM OF RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME
7.4	Additional comments?	

8. Equipment

8.1	Does your country maintain a list of oil spill cleanup equipment and materials?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (go to 8.4)
8.2	Is this equipment list in electronic format?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8.3	What equipment is available for Oil pollution	NONE

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	incident response? (a general indication of the types and amounts of response equipment and materials available from both government agencies and private companies within the country).	
8.4	What equipment is available for HNS incident response? (a general indication of the types and amounts of response equipment and materials available from both government agencies and private companies within the country).	NONE
8.5	Are there agreements in place to facilitate additional support (i.e. aerial support, medical support, manpower, communications) (possibilities for deploying dispersants with planes or helicopters)?	YES
8.6	Additional comments?	THE MERCHANT MARINE HAS INTERINSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL CONTINGENCY PLAN.

FUTURE EXPECTATIONS
Expectations

Introduction

The objective of this part is to identify a country's needed support from various regional and international organizations (activities, manuals, guidelines, etc). This will allow RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe to update their strategic plan to meet the country's expectations and to further develop the Caribbean Island OPRC Plan. While RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe will consider all proposed recommendations, there may be cases where certain expectations will not be met due to financial constraints and/or other commitments.

9. Technical Support

9.1	With respect to the activities developed by RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe, list three activities that	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SENSITIVITY MAPPING 2. RISK ASSESSMENT EVALUATION
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	are needed in order to improve your country's pollution response posture.	3. ACQUISITION OF OIL AND CHEMICAL SPILL EQUIPMENT	
9.2	What guidelines or technical manuals does your country use in regards to pollution response preparedness (title & author)?	ARPEL & IMO	
9.3	What guidelines or technical manuals does your country use in regards to pollution response (title & author)?	ARPEL & IMO	
9.4	How does your country stay informed of the latest response guidelines or obtain updates to the technical manuals (seminars, internet, personal relationships)?	NOTIFICATIONS BY ARPEL AND IMO, OTHER AGENCIES AND PRIVATE SECTOR.	
9.5	How does your country access these updates (mail order, internet, seminars)?	MAIL ORDER, INTERNET AND SEMINARS.	
9.6	Which of these topics would your country need more guidance on? <i>Note: Please be specific and add more comments if necessary.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sensitivity Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Response Techniques (<i>conventional / alternative</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> National Contingency Plan <input type="checkbox"/> MARPOL (<i>specify Annex</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waste Management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ballast Water Management <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-fouling Systems <input type="checkbox"/> International Cooperation <input type="checkbox"/> Research & Development <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ...
9.7	Why did you choose these topics?	WE HAVE NO SUSTANTIAL INFORMATION ON THESE SUBJECTS, VERY LITTLE TRAINING; SOME TOPICS ARE NEEDED FOR COMPLETION OF OUR NCP.	

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9.8	How would you like these topics to be presented (technically, practically, theoretically, etc.)?	IN ALL ACCOUNTS POSSIBLE
9.9	What are your expectations from the international technical groups?	WORKSHOPS THAT PROVIDE ASSESSMENT TO THESE TOPICS, TRAINING AND MONITORING THE TRAINEES.
9.10	Additional comments?	

10. Expectations

10.1	During an actual oil spill situation, what are your response expectations at each of the below levels (i.e. initial intervention, organization, coordination, equipment, waste management, compensation, etc.)?	<p>OUR NCP CONTAINS AN APPENDIX - L WHICH STATES THAT IN CASE OF AN OIL SPILL, THE COMPANY OIL POLLUTION CONTROL (OPC), WILL ASSUME THE RESPONSE ACTIVITIES WITH THE MARITIME AUTHORITY LEADING IT. THIS IS WHILE THE NCP IS FORMALLY APPROVED.</p> <p>ONCE THE NCP IS APPROVED, COPECO, OUR RESPONSE AGENCY WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE INITIAL INTERVENTION AS TO CONTAIN THE SPILL, LED BY THE MARITIME AUTHORITY.</p>
	TIER 1	OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANUP SUPERVISED BY MARITIME AUTHORITY.
	TIER 2	LOCAL CONTINGENCY PLAN REQUIRED LED BY THE MARITIME AUTHORITY, COPECO AS THE RESPONSE AGENCY
	TIER 3	NCP WOULD HAVE TO INITIATE, LED BY THE MARITIME AUTHORITY AND COPECO AS THE RESPONSE AGENCY.
10.2	What are your expectations in regards to bilateral or multilateral agreements?	THESE ARE VERY HARD TO AGREE ON, THEY WILL NEED A LOT OF LOBBYING, MEETINGS IN ORDER TO SIGN ONE AMONG VARIOUS COUNTRIES.
10.3	What are your expectations in regards to the Caribbean Island OPRC Plan?	LOOKS LIKE A GOOD EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW IN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN REGION, MAYBE IT CAN BE ADJUSTED. STILL IT WOULD NEED A LOT OF LOBBYING TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.
10.4	Additional comments?	