



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

Country Profile 2015

COUNTRY	Jamaica
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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	'03	'96	'10	'01	'01	'04	
Year of ratification	2000	-	1987	91	91	91	91	91	08	-	-	97	97		-	-	-	2003	-
Year of implementation			LBS Protocol (
Expect to Ratify (yes / no)		Yes																	Yes

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

International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 and The Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter

1.2 Additional Comments

Draft legislation has been prepared for the implementation of MARPOL, Bunkers 2001, London Protocol 96, CLC 92 and FUND 92.

MARPOL - Jamaican ships are in compliance with MARPOL and have been issued the statutory MARPOL Certificates by Recognised Organisations appointed by Jamaica. Facilities for receiving Annex 1 & V wastes are also in place. Mandatory annual Report submitted to IMO.

2. National Focal Points

2.1	MINISTRY OF LEAD AGENCY	Office of the Prime Minister	POC: Permanent Secretary TEL: 1 876 927 9941 - 3 CELL: FAX: 1 876 968 8229 EMAIL:
		1 Devon Road Kingston 10	
2.2	LEAD AGENCY	Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management	POC: Director General (ODPEM) TEL: 1-888-991-4262 CELL: FAX: EMAIL: odpem@cwjamaica.com
		2-4 Haining Road Kingston 5 Jamaica	
2.3	SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT	Jamaica Defence Coast Guard	POC: CDR Duty Officer (24hrs) TEL: 967-8193 CELL: FAX: 1 (876) 967 8278 EMAIL: jdfcgopso@yahoo.com
		HMSJS Cagway Port Royal Kingston 1	
2.4	RESPONSE AGENCY	Jamaica Defence Coast Guard	POC: Duty Officer (24hrs) TEL: 967-8193 CELL: FAX: 1 (876) 967 8278 EMAIL: jdfcgopso@yahoo.com
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2.5	NATIONAL OPERATIONAL CONTACT FOR MARPOL	Maritime Authority of Jamaica	POC: Rear Admiral (Ret'd) Peter Brady TEL: 976-1060 CELL: 383-8984 FAX: 922-5765 EMAIL: maj@jamaicaships.com
		2 nd Floor, The Office Centre Building, 12 Ocean Boulevard, Kingston	
2.6	NATIONAL OPERATIONAL CONTACT FOR BALLASTWATER	Maritime Authority of Jamaica	POC: Rear Admiral (Ret'd) Peter Brady TEL: 976-1060 CELL:383-8984 FAX: 922-5765 EMAIL: maj@jamaicaships.com
		2 nd Floor, The Office Centre Building, 12 Ocean Boulevard, Kingston	

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3. Risk Assessment

3.1	What is your Countries greatest risk for an oil spill?	Bunker Operations, Oil and Chemical tankers transiting Jamaican waters
3.2	Date of last oil spill risk assessment?	Nil
3.3	Topics covered?	N/A
3.4	Geographic area?	N/A
3.5	What area is considered a priority?	N/A
3.6	Additional comments / Difficulties encountered?	Risk Assessment being finalised.

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?	

5. National Contingency Plan

5.1a	National Contingency Plan exists?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Status of Plan <input checked="" 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" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">NCP</th> <th style="width: 50%;">NCP for HNS incidents</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>December 2013</td> <td>December 2013</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NCP	NCP for HNS incidents	December 2013	December 2013
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5.3	Date approved?	June 18, 2014.				
5.4	Is the Plan in electronic format?	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No </td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
5.5	Date of the last evaluation with the assessment tool, the “Readiness Evaluation Tool for Oil Spills (RETOS™)”	Nil				
5.6	What is the National policy on dispersant use and in-situ burning?	Policy being finalized. Decision to use dispersant/chemical agent is made by OSC in consultation with the National Planning and Environment Agency				
5.7	Agreements with other organizations for response? (Please provide details)	Clean Caribbean and Americas Cooperative. Agreement is with Petrojam Limited (Government owned refinery)				
5.8	Does the country have regulations for managing waste? (Please provide details)	There is no MARPOL specific legislation although Annex V is partially implemented in the National Solid Waste Management Act, 2002. National guidelines are in place for receiving Annex1 and Annex V waste which is monitored by an interagency Committee chaired by the Maritime Authority.				
5.9	Additional comments/ Difficulties encountered?	Drafting of implementing legislation is hampered by competing Government priorities				

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6. Exercises / Training / Incidents

6.1	What is the national agency in charge of personnel training?	Training conducted by all relevant Agencies. ODPEM is informed of the training.
6.2	Does a national center exist to train personnel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please provide details) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
6.3	Date of last national exercise?	December 2013
6.4	Has there been any experience of ship-source Oil pollution related incidents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please provide details) <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?	MTOP
7.2	What are the opportunities in developing a regional exercise in the country?	Jamaica is open to the development of a regional exercise.
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
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
8.3	What equipment is available for Oil pollution incident response? (a general indication of the	

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	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).	
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)?	No formal agreements in place.
8.6	Additional comments?	Equipment is generally obtained from donors and there are challenges in maintaining and replenishing same.

FUTURE EXPECTATIONS

Expectations

Introduction
<p>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.</p>

9. Technical Support

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9.1	With respect to the activities developed by RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe, list three activities that are needed in order to improve your country's pollution response posture.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 NCP training and TT Exercise exercises 2 Insufficient legislation on Oil Pollution and Spill Prevention 3 Lack of up-to-date Environmental Sensitivity Maps and Risk Assessment
	What guidelines or technical manuals does your country use in regards to pollution response preparedness (title & author)?	IMO, ITOPF Publications
9.3	What guidelines or technical manuals does your country use in regards to pollution response (title & author)?	
9.4	How does your country stay informed of the latest response guidelines or obtain updates to the technical manuals (seminars, internet, personal relationships)?	Attending MEPC sessions and monitoring IMO DOCS
9.5	How does your country access these updates (mail order, internet, seminars)?	Internet

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9.6	<p>Which of these topics would your country need more guidance on?</p> <p><i>Note: Please be specific and add more comments if necessary.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sensitivity Maps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response Techniques (conventional / alternative) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Contingency Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARPOL (specify Annex) Annex I, II and VI	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management <input type="checkbox"/> Ballast Water Management <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-fouling Systems <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Cooperation <input type="checkbox"/> Research & Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Claims Handling Pollution.
9.7	<p>Why did you choose these topics?</p>	<p>Risk assessment and sensitivity maps are critical to the investigation of the NCP. CME Training on MARPOL necessary to implement the Convention. Post Incident claims handling and in particular documenting and qualifying response activities is an important element of comprehensive spill response framework.</p>	
9.8	<p>How would you like these topics to be presented (technically, practically, theoretically, etc.)?</p>	<p>Practical training</p>	
9.9	<p>What are your expectations from the international technical groups?</p>		
9.10	<p>Additional comments?</p>		

10. Expectations

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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.)?	
	TIER 1	
	TIER 2	
	TIER 3	
10.2	What are your expectations in regards to bilateral or multilateral agreements?	Mechanism to facilitate coordination between national response agencies international requests for assistance.
10.3	What are your expectations in regards to the Caribbean Island OPRC Plan?	Plan needs to be communicated to countries in the Region and an annual Exercise of the plan conducted. Plan should contain annex with information on National spill notification points
10.4	Additional comments?	