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Draft Mediterranean Guidelines for the Development of Joint Spill Response Exercises within the Framework of the Sub-regional Contingency Plans

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Welcome Address

Dear Participants

Good morning All

It is with Great pleasure, as the Head of Office of REMPEC, to welcome you in this important webinar, about the coordination of Joint Spills Response Exercises.

As you are aware one of the main roles and objectives of REMPEC is the coordination of activities of the Mediterranean coastal States related to the implementation of the Protocol concerning Cooperation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (the “2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol”) to the Barcelona Convention.



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The framework

The Framework

- *Ramoge POL between France, Italy, Monaco (1993)*
- *South-Eastern Mediterranean between Cyprus, Egypt and Israel (1995)*
- *Lion Plan between France and Spain (2002)*
- *South-Western Mediterranean between Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia (SCP AMT, 2005)*
- *The Adriatic between Croatia, Italy and Slovenia (2005)*
- *South-Eastern Mediterranean between Cyprus, Greece, and Israel (SCP CGI, 2018)*
- *Adriatic Marine Pollution Incident Contingency Plan between Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro, and Slovenia (ADRIATIC CP, 2023)*
- *South-Eastern Mediterranean between Cyprus, Egypt, and Greece (Ongoing)"*

Article 17 of the 2002
Prevention and
Emergency Protocol

Sub-regional
Contingency Plans
(SCPs)

REMPEC



The Framework

According to Article 17 of the 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol, Parties may negotiate, develop and maintain appropriate bilateral or multilateral subregional agreements in order to facilitate the implementation of this Protocol, or part of it.

[SCPs]

In this context, we are proud that in the Mediterranean, todate, seven Sub-regional contingency plans (SCPs) were established in different regions of the Mediterranean and there are others in the negotiation phase:

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The Framework

- [Objective of SCPs]

SCPs are crucial for managing major emergencies, especially in the Mediterranean Sea due to the region's high maritime traffic, environmental sensitivity and potential of transboundary pollution.

The general objective of a Sub-regional contingency plans is to organize a prompt and effective response to marine oil pollution incidents affecting or likely to affect one or more Parties of the Agreement.

The Sub-regional Plans are activated in the framework of the NCP of any of the respective Parties.

The Framework

[The Guidelines on Joint Spill Response Exercises with SCPs]

To achieve this objective, Parties agree to take actions through the implementation of the Plan, among them the development and implementation of a programme of training and exercises for different levels of personnel involved in oil pollution prevention, preparedness and response.

The implementation of the SCPs program of training and exercises so far focused on thematic workshops; however, a very limited number exercises were carried out. The only exercises conducted took place during the drafting of the SCPs in 2017 and in 2024, which revealed a lack of knowledge in preparing and conducting such activities while also helped identifying key areas for improvement in preparing and executing Tabletop and Real case exercises.

The Framework

Building on the preparation of the CYPEX 2024 exercise (postponed to a later date) and insights gained from previous exercises, REMPEC has taken the initiative with the support of Green Bow Consultants to develop a guidance document on Joint Spill Response Exercises (JSRE).

This guide is not merely a replication of existing documents. Instead, its primary objective is to serve as a practical tool for implementing SCPs during tabletop exercises and applying the entire SCP in a real-case scenario.

The Framework

It is encouraging to see so many participants at today's webinar, which is clear evidence of the importance given to this issue and promises well for a very fruitful webinar. We look forward to your active participation to make sure that the draft guidance document is a useful document that leads to further beneficial cooperation with the Mediterranean region.

Without further a do, I am pleased to now give the floor to Green Bow Consultants, who supported REMPEC in developing these guidelines to navigate us through today's webinar.

Webinar Agenda



Introduction	01 The framework	02 The Guidelines		03 Interactive Session			
	Performing JRSE within the SCPs in the Mediterranean	Review the process for drafting the Guidelines	Examine the Key points that need to be considered for the preparation of a JRSE	Break	Review the Guidance Document structure	Update on findings recorded during the Activity	Validate , refine and ensure that the recommendations align with the NCPs and the SCPs
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The Guidelines

The webinar seeks to inform the Participants on the development of the Guidelines and in more particular to:

- 1 Present the logical initial steps for the decision-making process
- 2 Present the structure of the document
- 3 Discuss Findings
- 4 Invite observations and proposals

Overall Objectives





LOGICAL STEPS FOR PLANNING AN EXERCISE

SET TARGETS

What to be tested during the exercise

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Select:

- Type of Accident
- Geographical Location
- Season

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Select :

- Type of Oil
- Preferred Response methods
- Participants and assets

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Through NCP & SRCP set :

- Response Priorities
- Command Structure
- Communications

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Organize:

- Flow of information
- Media Message
- Lessons Learnt

Guidelines for Joint Spill Response Exercises within Sub-regional Contingency Plans

Enhancing Regional Preparedness and
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The Area

Mediterranean



Hub

Risk

Activities

Vulnerability



The SCPs

A Cornerstone of
Regional Cooperation

Shared
Understanding

Communication
Protocols

Resource
Sharing

Mutual
Assistance

Joint Training
and Exercises

The Objectives



Testing the SCP

Evaluating
Communication
and Coordination

Building
Capacity

Identifying Gaps
and
Weaknesses

The Structure



Part I

A comprehensive, generic framework

Part II

A detailed, step-by-step process

Both parts are designed to complement each other

Exercise Scope and Scenario Design



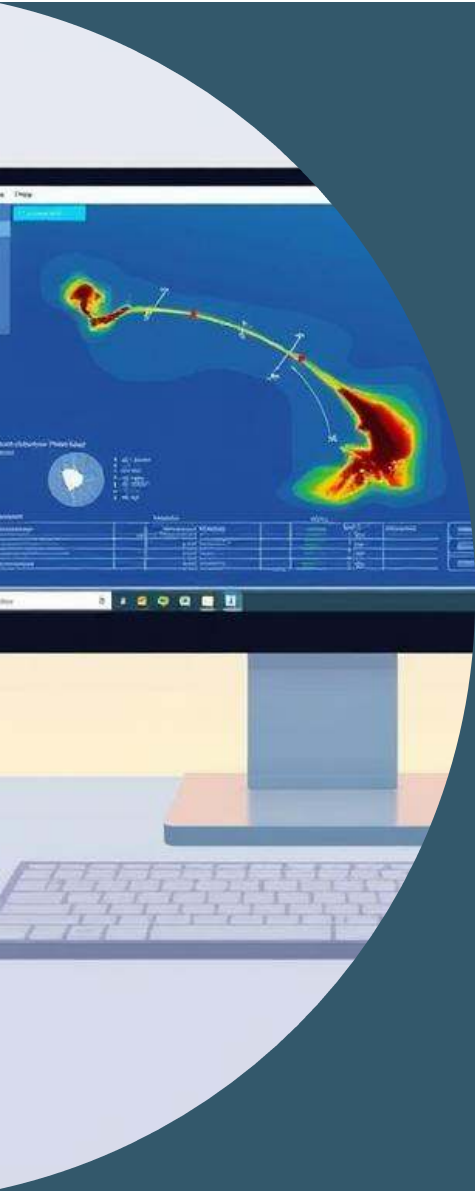
Scope

Defining the
Scope

Scenario
Development

Dynamic and
Adaptive
Scenarios

Scenario Development Techniques



Tabletop
Exercises

Computer
Simulations

Field Drills

Key Considerations



Oil Type

Spill Volume
and Location

Weather
Conditions

Environmental
Sensitivity

Potential
Impacts



Unified Command & Control

A Cornerstone of Effective Response

Unified
Command
Structure

Incident
Command
System (ICS)

Interagency
Coordination

Regional
Coordination



Communication

The Lifeline of Response

Key
Communication
Channels

Interagency and
International
Coordination

Public
Information and
Stakeholder
Engagement



Logistics and Resource Mobilization

A Well-Oiled Machine

Rapid
Deployment

Transportation
and Logistics

Resource
Tracking and
Inventory
Management

Financial
Considerations



Response Strategies

Minimizing Impact and Maximizing Effectiveness

Containment
and Recovery

Dispersant
Use

Shoreline
Cleanup

Wildlife
Protection and
Rehabilitation

Waste
Management



Environmental Considerations

Protecting Sensitive Ecosystems

Minimizing
Environmental
Impact

Environmental
Sensitivity
Mapping

Mitigation
Measures

Long-Term
Environmental
Monitoring

The Challenges



Environmental
Challenges

Logistical
Challenges

Technical
Challenges

Organizational
Challenges

Lessons Learned and Continuous Improvement

Learning from Experience



Importance of
Preparedness

Communication
and Coordination

Resource
Mobilization

Environmental
Protection



Dissemination and Implementation

Ensuring Widespread Adoption

Target Audience

Channels of
Dissemination

Implementation
and Feedback

Conclusion

A Path Forward



Enhanced
Preparedness

Regional
Cooperation

Effective
Exercises

Continuous
Improvement

Call to Action



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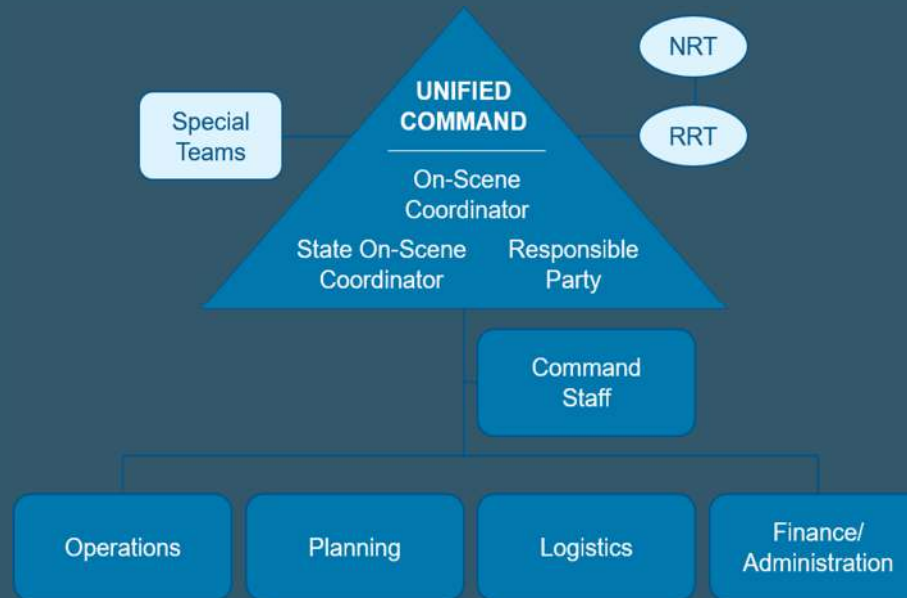
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Findings during the preparatory work

- Table Top exercises should be established on an annual basis
- Modern observation techniques create big data files that require storage with common access permission
- Command and cooperation are essential elements of an effective response.
Following Regional mobilization there is the need to create and embed to the sRCP, a system of follow-up forms.
- Media Crisis Management System should also be Annexed to the sRCP as a guide for managing Media and the information being distributed



Feedback

Is this Guidance Document a helpful
instrument for planning?
i.e organising planners' priorities and steps?

or

Other information and/or document
management should be added?



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"THE WHOLE IS GREATER THAN THE SUM
OF ITS PARTS." - ARISTOTLE

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