

# COUNTRY & TERRITORY PROFILES

A Summary of Oil Spill Response Arrangements & Resources Worldwide

# **GUINEA BISSAU**

## **SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT**

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## **COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY**

A competent authority does not appear to have been designated.

#### **RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS**

No response organisation exisits and there are no local or national contingency plans.

## **RESPONSE POLICY**

No oil spill response policy has been defined. However, defensive booming of extensive, sensitive coastal mud and marsh and important areas of mangrove swamp should be a priority in any response. Dispersant use should be influenced by the predominance of the fishing industry.

## **EQUIPMENT**

#### Government

Only basic resources are likely to be available to combat spills, possibly from the port, public works department, agricultural and commercial sources. These resources combined with labour for cleaning shorelines would probably provide the most effective response.

## **Private**

There are no specialised private clean-up resources.

## PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

There do not appear to have been any major spills in Guinea-Bissau waters.



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#### **CONVENTIONS**

Prevention & Safety	Oil Spill Response	Compensation					
MARPOL Annexes	OPRC	CLC			Fund		
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Guinea-Bissau is not a signatory to any of the above conventions.

#### REGIONAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

Guinea-Bissau is not a party to any agreements.

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