



SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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Malé	Email:	maritime@transport.gov.mv

RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

The Maldives Coast Guard, part of the National Defence Force, is responsible for responding to maritime distress calls. The Coast Guard has its own contingency plans for oil spills, but no further details are known. A regional oil and chemical spill contingency plan for South Asia and associated MoU was developed in association with the IMO for enhanced cooperation in the event of a spill for the five maritime states – Maldives, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. The Maldives signed the MoU in 2009 and the other countries are at various levels of progress.

RESPONSE POLICY

A formal response policy is not known.

EQUIPMENT

Government & Private

Tugs, barges and sorbent materials are available.

PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

The Maldives has not experienced any major spills.

HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES (HNS)

The Maldives is developing its capability to respond to spills of HNS.

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

REGIONAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

The South Asia Seas Programme is a cooperative partnership, formally adopted in 1995, for the protection and management of the shared marine waters and associated coastal ecosystems of five maritime SACEP countries – Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

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