

## Workshop on the sharing of experience in dealing with Maritime Disasters

Please add as many details as possible and if you have developed a contingency plan as advised by Resolution 1/2005 – IHO Response to Disasters, please provide this if you are willing to share it

- In any major pollution emergency incident the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) is responsible for the overall coordination of the activities. In the event of a pollution incident, the Director of ODPEM will be responsible for the implementation of the Plan, and is therefore designated the National Coordinator (NC) and also Chairman of the NRT.
- THE JAMAICA DEFENCE FORCE COAST GUARD (JDFCG) [MARINE] • The JDFCG has the responsibility for the coordination and direction of the National Pollution Control efforts at the scene of an incident in marine waters. In the event of a pollution incident, the Commanding Officer is responsible for the operational coordination to combat the incident, including arrangement for investigation and documentation, and is therefore designated the On-Scene Commander (OSC). • Assist in investigating incidents and provide patrol craft and On-Scene support personnel as necessary. Arrest/Detention of any offending vessel/personnel, if necessary.

**Emergency Contacts** – Who is the focal point? Who are the listed Emergency contacts?

1. **Contact Details:**
2. ODPEM Telephone: (876) 906-9674-5 or (876) 754-9077-8
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**Prediction** – What prediction and forecasting work is being done?

No information at this time.

**Planning** – What plans do you have in place? Do you have a contingency plan? If so, please can you share it?

Jamaica has in place several plans for different disasters and these fall under the direction of ODPEM.

1. National Mass Rescue Operation Plan is in effect for Cruise Ships
2. National Oil Spill Plan
3. National Hurricane Plan- For Hurricanes all vessels ride out the storm at sea, no vessel in port
4. National Earthquake Plan
5. National Damage Assessment Plan

**RESPONSE COORDINATION (OPERATIONS)**

1. A pollution incident can be broken down into five operational phases.

I Phase I - Discovery and alarm (awareness stage)

II Phase II - Evaluation and Plan activation (Initial action)

III Phase III - Containment and Countermeasures

IV Phase IV - Clean-up and Disposal, recovery and rehabilitation

V Phase V- Debriefing, analysis, documentation and cost recovery

2. The OSC will initiate and direct as required phase I to V of the operations.

**Recovery** – What is your recovery plan? Do you have lessons learned from previous experience?

- Based on the report from the National Damage Assessment team to ODPEM it determines the basis for the allocation of the available manpower, resource and equipment. It also serves as a guide to the critical facility (facilities) requiring the most immediate assistance.
- Each disaster that affects the island a report is written by the Disaster Coordinator of that area and recommendations made from lessons learnt

- For Hurricane Gustav, a number of communities were marooned for a number of days. It was recommended that supplies should be sent to the various Emergency Operating Centres (EOC) long before an eventuality to prevent last minute 'rush' and adequate preparations.