

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

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

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Prediction – What prediction and forecasting work is being done?

There is currently no Prediction taking place in terms of Hydrography, however hydrographic data is compiled and there is Numerical Modelling taking place in terms of Oil spills within the Gulf of Paria by the ODPM (Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management.)

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

Trinidad and Tobago has numerous coastal installations as well as several offshore industrial installations. The islands also have a vibrant fishing industry. There are two (2) Coast Stations in Trinidad (Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard at Staubles Bay, and North Post at Diego Martin) and

one (1) in Tobago at Scarborough. Additionally, there are several Limited Coast Stations around the coastline which provide a VHF communications link between vessels and the coast stations

The Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard has responsibility for maritime search and rescue for the southern Caribbean. Vessels operating or passing through the region maintain communications with our coast stations on frequencies allocated by the Radio Regulations (ITU 2015).

ODPM and TEMA (Tobago Emergency Management Agency) shall maintain marine VHF radios at their Communication Centers, and monitor the designated Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) channels 16 and 70 continuously. (Document attached for Contingency with communications)

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

There is no recovery plan in terms of Hydrography.