

**Annexure 2**

*(To Regional Oil and Chemical Pollution Contingency Plan for South Asia)*

**NATIONAL CONTINGENCY PLANS**  
**(the Maldives do not have a National Contingency Plan)**  
**(OR RELEVANT PARTS THEREOF)**

**Country:** Maldives

**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE MNDF COAST GUARD CONTINGENCY PLAN**

**Title** MNDF Coast Guard Marine Oil Pollution Contingency Plan

**Prepared:** MNDF Coast Guard

**Became Effective (year):** 2015

**SCOPE.** This MOPCP applies to all MNDF Coast Guard units and personnel and to any MNDF Coast Guard auxiliary units and personnel; and all personnel (civil or military) attached to the Coast Guard unknit in the event this MOPCP is executed. This MOPCP shall be applied to the following nature of oil spills.

**Applicable to Pollution by:** Oil spills of more than 20 liters  
Spills that do not include light volatile products or condensates.

**Levels of Emergency:** **TIER 1.** Small operational spills that can be dealt with immediately utilizing local resources.

**TIER 2.** Medium sized spills, which will be handled; by Area command personnel and nominated MOP response contractor other external assistance and resources available in the sources area. Tier Two MOP response shall be guided by the MNDF JOC, but conducted by the CG Squadron. For the purpose of this MOPCP, Tier two MOP refers to spills upto 1000 liters of diesel/marine gas oil.

**TIER 3.** Large marine spills or serious failure of containment, which will require full involvement of other authorities and possible mobilization of national stockpiles and resources. If the spill is beyond the containment capability of national resources or expertise, international assistance in MOP response shall be recommended. Tier Three MOP response operations shall be conducted by the MNDF JOC and shall follow the National Marine

Oil Pollution Contingency Plan. For the purpose this MOPCP, Tier Three MOP refers to spills of over 1000 liters of diesel/marine gas oil.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a. **Coast Guard Squadron Commander** shall be responsible to act as commander for a MOP response in any maritime area under their specific area commands with the guidance of the Area Commander in the event of an oil spill. The CG Squadron Commander shall activate this MOPCP in the event of an MOP incident.
- b. **On Scene Commander** shall be subordinate to the CG Squadron Commander, and shall be responsible for the assessment, containment and recovery of the spilled oil in accordance with the MOPCP. The OSC shall advise the CG Squadron Commander in any change of events and effective solutions to overcome response complications.
- c. **Marine Pollution Response Team Leader** is the senior most technical expertise in the field of MOP response present in the area command. The MPRT leader shall provide his skill, expertise and knowledge to the OSC in evaluation the MOP response effort from the initial stage to the final recover stage.

### **USE OF DISPERSANTS (Policy):**

After due consideration dispersant would be used within the area covered by this MOPCP only in circumstances when its use would be essential to avoid genuine risk to human health or safety. It would not be the Coast Guard's policy to allow the use of dispersant unless a genuine risk requiring its use could be established. Approval from EPA, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Fisheries would be sought before applying dispersants unless urgent application was needed to avoid risk to public health or safety.

### **SENSITIVE AREAS:**

Not identified.