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Background

Contracting Parties have been invited to fill in the reporting template for compiling information on national developments regarding response at sea, on shore and for oiled wildlife response, as found in [document 3-1](#), and send it to the Secretariat prior to the meeting.

The attachment to this document contains national information on developments regarding response at sea, on shore and for oiled wildlife response in Germany.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.

Information on national developments response at sea, on shore and for oiled wildlife response

Country: Germany - CCME – Central Command for Maritime Emergencies ¹	
Legal and organizational	Past
	Ongoing The Central Command for Maritime Emergencies is responsible for managing maritime accidents. This involves response to oil and HNS spills at sea and at the shoreline, firefighting and medical assistance and emergency towing at sea, the assignment for a place of refuge and aerial surveillance. CCME is the national focal point for all maritime incidents, 24/7 on duty and contact point for the national single window. All international requests regarding maritime incidents are handled by CCME.
	Future No changes planned
Strategic/policy level	Past
	Ongoing CCME has governmental funding to cover the costs of the necessary preparedness to carry out its mandate, but has no budget for international operations. CCME is not prepared to send any shoreline pollution clean-up teams to a foreign country. This can only be organized on a single case decision by the German government in cooperation the Federal Agency for Technical Relief. Equipment can be sent via international request through Helcom, Bonn-

¹ Relevant information should also be updated in the HELCOM Response Manual.

	<p>Agreement or CECIS. The costs have to be covered by the requester. Transportation arrangements for assistance in a foreign country are not in place and have to be organized after the request.</p>
<p>Operational (plans and agreements, state and international)</p>	<p>Future A concept for international assistance is ongoing and will include shoreline response.</p>
<p>Exercises</p>	<p>Past</p> <p>Ongoing The Federal State and the five Coastal States in Germany set up an agreement to work together in case of all marine accidents. These agreements are the basis of the work and functions of CCME. This covers operational responsibilities and the preparation for it. The operational basis for all decisions in case of an emergency is the German IT based contingency plan "Vorsorgeplan Schadstoffunfallbekämpfung (VPS)". This plan contains all national concepts regarding the preparation for maritime accidents at sea and on shore. Germany is member in the Bonn Agreement, Helcom, DenGerNet plan, SweDenGer plan and PolGer plan</p> <p>Future</p>

	<p>Ongoing CCME sets up an annual exercise plan which covers around 128 exercises and 66 training courses (2021). The planning depends on the development of the corona pandemic. As in 2020 most probably only a few of the planned exercises can be conducted.</p>
	<p>Future</p>
Equipment and distribution of the equipment	<p>Past</p>
	<p>Ongoing 'For oil spill response Germany has 7 high sea going vessels and 13 vessels for near shore operations. For HNS response in toxic atmosphere 5 vessels are suitable. For shore line cleanup operations there are 11 main warehouses with various equipment for mechanical and manual shoreline cleanup (Norden, Nordenham, Bremerhaven, Cuxhaven, Hamburg, Husum, Meldorf, Kiel, Lübeck, Rostock, Stralsund). These warehouses are operated by the coastal administration and the Federal Agency for Technical Relief. Transportation of the equipment is ensured by suitable trucks with trailer.</p>
	<p>Future Replacement of 3 high sea going HNS vessels over the next years.</p>
Projects	<p>Past Revision of occupational health and safety handbook, finished in 2020.</p>

	Ongoing Revision of policy regarding use of dispersants
	Future Revision of waste management concept
Highlights/summary (for publishing on the HELCOM web page)	