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## **BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT – COUNTRY PROFILES**

1. In 1998 MEPC/Circ.342 requested Member Governments to complete and return a questionnaire on ballast water management, so as to provide Country Profiles on existing ballast water management arrangements and requirements in IMO Member States.
2. This initiative was undertaken in response to regular, frequent and ongoing requests received by the Secretariat from IMO Members and other parties for information on this issue. Such requests are increasing and there have been many developments since 1998. As a follow-up to MEPC/Circ.342, it is now timely to update this information with another questionnaire.
3. The updated Country Profiles will be placed as an information service on the GloBallast web site (<http://globallast.imo.org>), as a simple, user-friendly map-based point and click system.
4. This will allow governments, the shipping industry and other stakeholders to rapidly obtain information on existing ballast water management requirements around the world, and will prove invaluable in assisting all parties to make progress in addressing the ballast water issue.
5. Attached is a Country Profile Template, both in hard copy and on diskette.
6. Your Administration is kindly requested to complete the questionnaire. It should be completed in as much detail as possible, so as to maximize the usefulness of the Country Profile information service.
7. Please forward completed questionnaires, either in hard copy or via email, to the address below, preferably by 1 October 2002, so as to allow the results to be made available at MEPC 48.

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## Country Profile Template

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### 1. Institutional Arrangements

1.1 Name of Country: \_\_\_\_\_

1.2 Lead Agency for ballast water management matters (name of Ministry, Department, Authority etc):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1.3 Country Focal Point for ballast water management matters:

Person's Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (*please add international code*): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Web site: \_\_\_\_\_

1.4 Is there a national policy, strategy and/or action plan covering ballast water management?  
Yes  No

1.5 Is there legislation/regulations governing ballast water management?  
Yes  No  *If yes, please provide details as per Annex I.*

### 2. Ballast Water Management Measures

2.1 Is there a national database or information system for ballast water matters?  
Yes  No  *If yes, please list contact details (e.g. web site):*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2.2 Have ballast water risk assessments been carried out for the main ports in the country?:  
Yes  No

2.3 Is there a ballast water sampling programme for the main ports in the country?: Yes  No   
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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2.4 Are the IMO 1997 ballast water management guidelines (A.868(20)) implemented in the country?  
Yes  No   
*If yes, in what way?*  
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2.5 Are ships entering the country's ports required to complete and submit the IMO Ballast Water Reporting Form? Yes  No   
  
*If yes, to what authority?*  
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2.6 Are there any other ballast water management requirements in your country? Please describe.  
Yes  No   
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*(Add additional pages if necessary)*

### **3. Research and Development**

3.1 Are there research and development projects relating to ballast water management and invasive aquatic species in the country?: Yes  No   
*If yes, please describe main areas of R&D and contact details for further information.*  
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### **4. Status of Aquatic Invasions**

4.1 Is there a national database or information system for the occurrence and status of aquatic invasions in the country? Yes  No   
*if yes, list contact details (e.g. web site):*  
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4.2 Are biological surveys and monitoring for Aquatic Invasive Species carried out in ports in the country? Yes  No

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4.3 Please provide the contact details for the government agency or institution responsible for the central coordination of data and information on aquatic invasions in the country

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**ANNEX 1: Details of National Ballast Water Legislation:**

1. Title of Legislation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Year Enacted: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Administering Authority: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Ports Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Ships Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Mode of Implementation (voluntary/mandatory): \_\_\_\_\_
7. Date Commenced: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Main requirements/provisions of the legislation:
  - a. Acceptable methods of BW Management:  
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  - b. Target species specified:  
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  - c. Uptake controls:  
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  - d. BW sampling:  
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  - e. Records required:  
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  - f. Alternatives management/treatment procedures:  
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