Overview

- **Cap-Haïtien** is located at the north coast of Haiti and has approximately 190,000 inhabitants.
- **Road access** from Gonaïves and from the Dominican Republic is good all year round.
- Trucks leaving Port-au-Prince need approx 24 hrs to reach the city.
- **WFP, IOM, Oxfam** and MINUSTAH have permanent offices there. Other organisations like UNDP, UNICEF and WHO are being hosted on the MINUSTAH compound.
- **Coordination meetings** held by MINUSTAH take place every week. WFP chairs humanitarian coordination meetings on an ad-hoc basis on behalf of OCHA. Logistics Cluster meetings are chaired by WFP.

Seaport

The **APN (Autorité Portuaire Nationale)** International port of Cap-Haïtien is located at 19°45′31.16″N, 72°11′50.02″W, near the centre of the city. Trucks carrying cargo from the port area to the warehouses outside the city need to go through traffic in the city.

- The port serves as a container port with one terminal for 10% of the national import (10,000 TEUs).
- There is one terminal and a few global shipping lines (e.g. PRESTIGE SHIPPING) serving the port.
- 3 vessels can arrive at a time.
- Commercial cargo arrives containerised; humanitarian cargo in break-bulk or containerised.
- The terminal owns container handling equipment. Other types of equipment, e.g. mobile cranes and forklifts, are scarcely available. There are two mobile cranes (private, not owned by the APN) to serve all in the port. It is expensive to rent.

Transport capacity

- The inter-agency fleet consists of 10x M6 trucks and is managed by the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) on behalf of WFP. These trucks serve the Nord-Est Département, especially those areas difficult to access and not served by commercial companies.
- 3x fuel tanks (photo 5) with a total capacity of 13,000 gallons have been installed and are available for the fleet of trucks.
- There are no major commercial companies in the city. WFP has contracts with individuals, who have a truck or two that can be contracted.
- A workshop (photo 6) which services the inter-agency fleet is located on the WFP compound and was fully re-equipped in 2011 after the looting end 2010.

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Storage facility at the port

- **WFP** has a concrete warehouse at the port (60x10m), which is currently used by UNICEF (NFIs), IOM (NFIs) and WFP (food for work).
- The warehouse was given to WFP by the APN, who is being paid by WFP every six months for maintenance and staff.
- All contracting is being done in Port-au-Prince.
- Also customs clearance is centralized in the capital.

Storage capacity on the WFP compound

- The WFP compound is located in the eastern part of the city on Route Nationale 6.
- **2 concrete warehouses** (54.4x18.3 and 96x24) with a capacity of 6,500mt for WFP food.
- **2 Mobile Storage Units**, with a total capacity of 1,000 mt for inter-agency use.
- **IOM, UNICEF, WHO, Oxfam, MSF** and local NGO Konbit Santé are currently using the site. In addition, the International Federation of the Red Cross prepositioned 4x 20’ containers with various relief items for use by the Haitian Red Cross.
- WFP also prepositioned 2x 20’containers with various equipment (prefabs, MSUs, wheel barrows, pickaxes, etc.) on its compound.
- WFP is taking care of the loading of trucks, also on behalf of other organisations, upon request.

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Photo 1: Aerial view of Cap-Haïtien, Feb 2011

Photo 2: Pier at the port in Cap-Haïtien, Feb 2011

Photo 3,4,5,6: WFP warehouse compound in Cap-Haïtien, Feb-Nov 2011