

PORT HANDBOOK

Manzanillo was built by an American banana exporting company in the 1950's, but was abandoned many years ago. The pier has undergone extensive repairs, completed 1994. This port has about 2 weekly sailings for export of fresh fruit, mainly bananas. Occasionally vessels discharge bulk cargoes, mainly coal and petcoke.

Anchorage: Excellent anchorage available in Manzanillo Bay to the East of dock in about 20 fathoms of water.

Pilotage: Pilot and Harbourmaster's office can be contacted on VHF Channel 16.

Restrictions: The entry of vessels with lengths over 550 feet without bow thrusters is only restricted from 2000hrs to 0500hrs, departures have no restrictions.

Density of water: Salt water.

Maximum size of vessel: LOA 700 ft.; BEAM 130 ft.

Tugs: None available.

Medical attention: Emergency first aid only. The town of Montecristi is 30 Kilometers away where further medical attention is available and full hospitalization in Santiago approx. 100 Kilometers away.

Consular offices: All consular affairs for this port are handled at Santo Domingo.

Repairs: None available.

Airport/Repatriation: La Union International Airport (POP) is about 130 Kilometers away near Puerto Plata with regularly scheduled flights to Puerto Rico and the United States.

Berths:

Manzanillo has only one steel and concrete finger pier about 230 m (750ft). long by 27 m (88ft). wide.

A Mooring buoy is located 90m linear of the ends (North) of the finger pier.

Both sides of the pier may under normal circumstances be used for docking. The pier was originally designed for a maximum unit load of 15 tons by m2, but now it is limited to a maximum of 45tons on transport.

Storage facilities: The banana company has its own facilities for packing and storing fruit ready for shipment, but there is no shed or warehouse at the port.

Equipment available: Forklifts and pallet jacks for loading palletized fruits.

Bunkers: Available by tank truck from Santo Domingo; contact Marítima Dominicana for further details.

Fresh water: Only by tank truck from a town nearby. Contact Marítima Dominicana.

Working hours: Straight time working hours are 0800-1200 and 1300-1700 Mondays through Fridays and 0800-1200 on Saturdays. Overtime may be worked at overtime rates at night, on weekends and on most Holidays.