

West Africa Task Force

COUNTRY to COUNTRY LESSON LEARNING

Liberia: At sea patrols in cooperation with Sea Shepherd
Liberia Experiences and Lessons Learned




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Working together to stop illegal fishing
Ensemble pour la lutte contre la pêche illégale



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THE MONSTER!



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BACKGROUND

- Sea Shepherd commenced operations in Liberia Waters on February 13, 2017
- Operation Code Named –

“Operation Sola Stella”

- Two patrol vessels were used –
 - MY Bob Barker
 - MY Sam Simon
- Approximately **14** arrests were made from 2017 to date





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FRAMEWORK

- Sea Shepherd signed a **Defense Pact** with the Ministry of Defense
- Operations is **strictly military** oriented
- Aim is to curb Liberia Waters of **illegal/criminal** activities





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MODUS OPERANDI

- **Non involvement of members of MCSCC including NaFAA (then BNF) except MOJ during arrest, investigation and fines**
- **Conduct arrests of fishing vessel for:**
 - Fisheries violations
 - Fiscal/Custom violations
 - Health/Quarantine violations
 - Environmental violations
 - Maritime violations

TF 5 COUNTRY PRESENTATION (ADD
COUNTRY NAME HERE)



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ARREST – M/V LIAN RUN





ARREST – F/V STAR SHRIMPER XXV





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ARREST - F/V GUOJI 809



WAY FORWARD

- **Review of MCSCC MoU**
- **Crafting of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that will involve Fisheries Authority in future engagements**
- **Continuous dialogue with Defense Authorities**



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