



Workshop

**“Towards greater awareness of the importance of maritime safety,
of the search and rescue of human lives at sea
In the ATLAFCO region”**

COUNTRY PRESENTATION: LIBERIA

25th - 27th June 2025



Maritime Security Arrangements in Liberia

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□ Brief overview of Liberia's maritime domain

- The coastline is about 450 miles
- Liberia is a Flag, Coastal, and Port State
- The registry is over 4,000 vessels
- About 60% of the population depends on the ocean for their livelihood
- 90% of the country's imports are transported by Sea





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□ Legal and Policy Framework

i. National Laws

- Liberia Maritime Authority Act of 2010
- National Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Management Law 2019
- Revised Fisheries Regulations of 2020
- The 2024 Regulations on the Safety of Navigation and Shipping in the Waters of Liberia
- The New National Defense Act of 2008
- The Act Creating the National Port Authority of Liberia

iii. International Agreements/Treaties

- United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), 1982
- International Convention For The Safety of Life at Sea, 1974
- The IMO ISPS CODE
- The Yaoundé Code of Conduct
- The International Plan of Action on IUU Fishing
- The FAO Port State Measures Agreement
- The Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance
- Minimum terms and conditions (MTCs) for fisheries access for the FCWC region
- FCWC Regional Plan Of Action Against IUU Fishing (RPOA-IUU).

ii. National Policies

- The National Security Strategy 2014.
- The National Maritime Strategy 2024 - 2028
- Republic of Liberia National Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fisheries of 2018
- The Revised Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Strategy (2021)

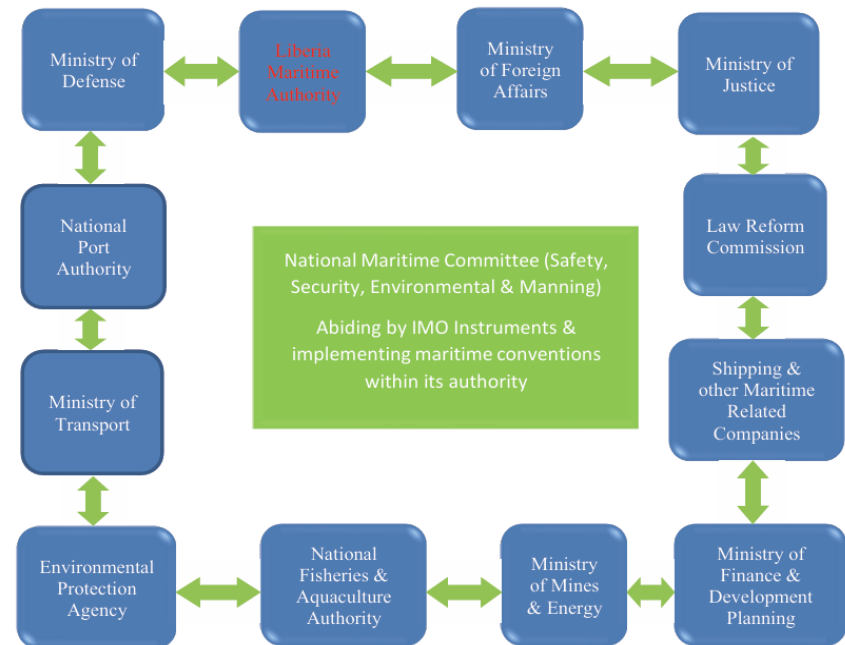




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□ Institutional Framework

- Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA)
- National Maritime Committee
- Inter-agency collaboration



Collaborating Agencies of the Maritime Administration



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□ Operational Arrangements

- Monitoring and Surveillance
 - The Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC)
 - The Regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (RMRCC)
 - The Liberia Coast Guard Monitoring Center (LCG-MoC)
- Port and Coastal Security
 - Enforcement of the ISPS Code
 - Vessel Inspection and Cargo Screening
 - Joint Sea Patrols
- Law Enforcement and Response Capabilities
 - Liberia Coast Guard Response Team
 - Joint Security Response Team
 - Prosecution of perpetrators/violators



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□ Operational Arrangements



Fisheries Monitoring Center (NaFAA)



Patrol Boat (LCG)



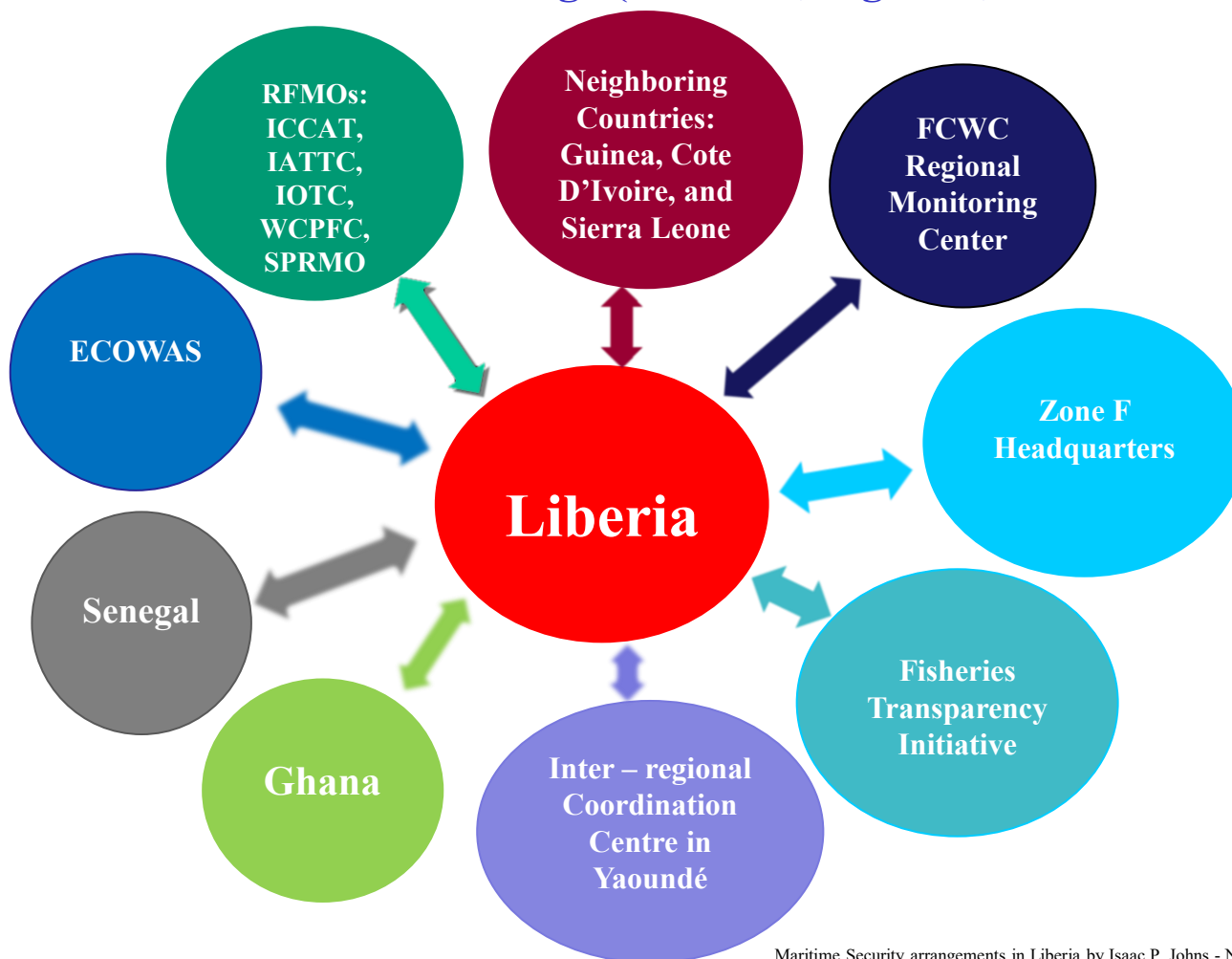
Monrovia Regional Maritime Rescue Center (LiMA)





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Coordination and information exchange (Bilateral, regional, and International)





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□ Recent Intervention

- Liberia has joined the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI) through the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA)
- The Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA) along with major Stakeholders has updated the National Maritime Security Strategy
- NaFAA through the Liberia Sustainable Fisheries Management Project (LSFMP) has installed AIS Class B transponders on artisanal canoes
- NaFAA through the LSFMP is constructing Fiberglass boats for the artisanal fishery sector to increase efficiency, durability, and safety.

Liberia joins FiTI!

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LIBERIA VALIDATES NATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY STRATEGY





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□ Capacity Building and Resources

- **There has been training for Monitoring Staff in various SAR procedures:**
 - AIS and VMS data analysis
 - Vessel and Port Inspections
 - Receiving and Responding to distress calls
 - Plotting and Mapping of geographical positions on charts
- **Some resources that are available include:**
 - Networked computer work stations
 - Sea vision and LRIT (Web based satellite AIS)
 - Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)
 - VHF and HF Marine Radios
 - Liberia Coast Guard Patrol boats





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❑ Challenges and Gaps

- Limited assets for surveillance
- Combating Piracy
- Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing
- Limited enforcement of current laws and regulations





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□ Recommendation

- Invest in Surveillance assets
- Strengthen inter-agencies coordination
- Increase bilateral, regional, and International Partnership for intelligence sharing
- Strengthen the justice system
- Crisis readiness training



Thank you
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