

CURREN SITUATION OF THE MARITIME PIRACY OF THE EQUATORIAL GUINEA



ACTUALY SITUATION

In May 2019, the Equatorial Guinean frigate Wele Nzas, in coordination with the Spanish patrol boat "Serviola", rescued, in coastal waters of Bata, a Maltese-flagged vessel that was hijacked by pirates.

The Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea is aware that because of its geographical location, it will suffer continuous possible attacks by so-called pirates. That is why security measures under the Ministry of National Defense have been strengthened in the country through the provision of naval patrol boats, helicopters and coastal radio communication devices.


Similarly, Equatorial Guinea is a member of several Regional and International Agencies and collaborates in the development of agreements through which intergovernmental procedures to be followed to combat piracy are provided.

CSUASES OF THE PIRACY

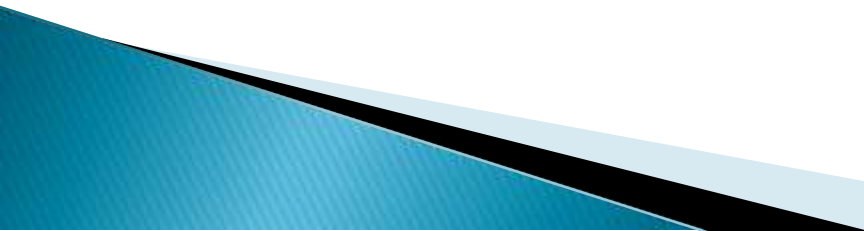
The root cause of Piracy is poverty, corruption, and conflict zones, with pirates being the targets:

Oil tankers transporting crude oil extracted from Nigeria and other West African producing countries.

Boats sailing to northern countries loaded with coconut, cocoa, coffee and other products.
merchant ships etc



NATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING THE MARITIME SECURITY

- ▶ Establishment of Maritime Security patrols and surveillance.
 - ▶ Installation of radars in coastal strategic points.
 - ▶ Aerial surveillance.
 - ▶ Participation with international bodies: CEMAC, IMO, Gulf of Guinea Commission, ICACS.
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COMMITMENT OF THE COUNTRY AT THE INTERNATIONAL /REGIONAL LEVEL

- ▶ Equatorial Guinea is a member of numerous bodies that enlist maritime security:
 - ▶ OMI: Code(ISPS).
 - ▶ Gulf of Guinea Commission: Inter-Regional Coordination Centre (ICC).
 - ▶ Economy within the African Integrated Maritime Strategy (EAMIA 2050).
 - ▶ Equatorial Guinea is a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council
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EFFORTS MADE TO FIGHT MARITIME PIRACY

- ▶ Efforts to combat piracy are:
 - ▶ Human Resources Training: ITAKA Naval School.
 - ▶ Equatorial Guinea as a member of several Regional and International Agencies, e.g. Central African Monetary Economic Community (ECCAS).
 - ▶ Intergovernmental coordination with affected countries.
 - ▶ The creation of an organization of central African monetary economic community member states (ECCAS).
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