



# Nigeria's Maritime Security Experience

Nigeria's 853 km coastline along the Gulf of Guinea is vital for economic activities including trade, fisheries, and oil production, sustaining millions in coastal communities.

**853**

Kilometers of Coastline

**70%**

Reduction in Piracy

**Multi-  
Agency**

Coordination

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# Administrative & Policy Framework

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## SPOMO Act (2019)

Legal authority to prosecute piracy and maritime crimes, aligned with international standards

## National Security Adviser

Oversees maritime security policy coordination

## Nigerian Navy

Secures maritime borders and territorial waters

## NIMASA

Enforces safety, Cabotage, and search and rescue coordination

## Marine Police

Provides coastal law enforcement services

## Deep Blue Project

Integrates all efforts through unified command structure

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# Inter-agency Collaboration & Operations

## Deep Blue Project

- Integrated national maritime security infrastructure
- Joint operations with Navy, NIMASA, Marine Police
- Maritime Domain Awareness Centre for real-time monitoring
- Seamless data sharing between agencies

## Regional Partnerships

- Yaoundé Code of Conduct participation
- ECOWAS maritime strategy implementation
- Gulf of Guinea joint operations
- Cross-border coordination (2023 illegal bunkering operations)

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# Search and Rescue (SAR)

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MRCC Lagos leads SAR operations with regional coordination

## Regional Coordination

Linked with regional centres for joint SAR missions

## Training & Drills

National and regional SAR exercises ensure operational readiness

## Successful Rescues

Fishing vessels, merchant ships and crews in distress

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# Achievements & Challenges

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## Key Achievements

**70%+ Reduction**

in piracy incidents (2019-2023)

- Deep Blue Project operational
- Strengthened regional partnerships
- Enhanced maritime domain awareness

## Ongoing Challenges

- Cross-border criminal activities persist
- Limited technical assets in some areas
- Need for sustained investment in equipment
- Continuous technology and training requirements

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## Conclusion & Cooperation

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Nigeria is committed to COMHAFAT cooperation to strengthen maritime security and SAR capabilities

### Joint SAR Exercises

Expanding regional training and operational coordination

### Data Sharing Platform

Building integrated regional maritime intelligence

### Policy Alignment

Harmonizing national maritime security frameworks

Together, we can secure our maritime domain

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**Thank You**