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The Republic of Guinea-Bissau is located in western Africa between Senegal (north), Guinea (east and south).

- It consists of a mainland and other islands, the Arquipelago of Bijagós with 88 islands and islet.
- It has a population of 1.7 million.
The national territory is divided into 8 administrative regions. Bissau is the capital.

The country has eight major rivers: Mansõa, Cacheu, Tombali, Cumbijã, Buba, Geba, Corubal and Cacine.
National Maritime Security Strategy

- Maritime Security on the international agenda;
- Maritime Security on the African Union and Regional Agenda;
- Guinea-Bissau Maritime Frontiers;
National Maritime Security/Safety

- National Maritime Security Strategy is to assist the country enhance its maritime security and maritime law enforcement capabilities within the wider context of maritime capacity building.
- It creates an institutional framework for encouraging and facilitating cooperation between the different organizations involves, as well as defines the best means of providing an adapted response in the context of the National Security System.
Illicit Acts against maritime security

- Illicit trafficking and drug trafficking;
- Illicit fishing and Illegal exploitation of marine resources;
- Piracy and armed robbery;
- Human trafficking and people smuggling
- Maritime terrorism;
- Cyber attack;
- Destruction and degradation of the marine environment;
- Coastal and Marine Biodiversity;
- Coastal erosion
5 objectives are established

* To **Promote** a comprehensive approach that fosters coordinated and cooperative action of the different national authorities in solving the problems that affect maritime security and includes shared knowledge of the maritime environment and operational cooperation between the different institutions and agencies;

* To **Develop** the maritime governance capacity and capabilities in area of strategic maritime importance;

* To **Protect** the resources and population from illegal and dangerous activity, including organism crime and terrorism;

* To **Foster** the international and regional cooperation and uphold maritime norms;

* To **Improve** the collaboration with the private sector and civil society.