



The Gulf of Guinea Declaration on Suppression of Piracy

Every person deserves to be safe while carrying out their work, and to be able to return to their homes without being victims of violent crime. Seafarers deserve no less.

The piracy problem in the Gulf of Guinea has developed into a curse for seafarers over the past decade. In 2021, the threat that looms for all seafarers going to the region is being kidnapped at gunpoint for ransom. While overall numbers of pirate attacks are largely unchanged, the violence, scope, and sophistication of the attacks on shipping has continued to increase and today take place across an area of more than 200 nautical miles from the pirate bases that are principally located within the Niger Delta.

The situation is unacceptable for five reasons:

1 The human toll is unacceptably high for seafarer victims either directly affected by attacks, e.g., through kidnapping, psychological trauma, or death, as well as indirectly affected by periods of stress because of the constant threat.

2 The attacks are preventable taking place in a relatively small area (less than one fifth the size of the area affected by Somali piracy in 2010). An active naval force with very few assets conducting effective law enforcement could deter and suppress piracy in the Gulf of Guinea.

3 Stakeholders in the region – including individual consumers, governments, and businesses – pay increased costs for shipments due to the increased cost of security for visiting merchant ships.

4 Continued reliance on locally sourced commercial protection services that are under the control of the coastal States undermines incentives to carry out effective law enforcement and therefore is not a model that will genuinely repress the actions of the pirates in the region.

5 The poor security situation impedes regional economic growth because it puts off investments in the ocean-based economy whereby a significant contribution to the regional economies is forfeited.



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Declaration:

We, the signatories to the Gulf of Guinea Declaration on Suppression of Piracy, demand that no seafarer should face the grave risks of kidnapping and violence when transporting cargo, supporting the offshore sector, or fishing in the Gulf of Guinea.

We recognise the important steps taken and positive initiatives underway by coastal States in the region. We call on all stakeholders e.g., coastal and flag States, shipowners, charterers, maritime organisations, importers and exporters, oil, and mining companies, offshore operators, fishers, supranational organisations, labour unions and NGOs, to sign this pledge and join together in a coalition to end the threat of piracy in the Gulf of Guinea through:

- Tangibly supporting antipiracy law enforcement (as mandated by international law including international treaties, e.g. the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea) by non-regional naval forces providing a capable incident response capability to complement regional coastal States' antipiracy law enforcement operations;
- Enhancing regional capacity building with priority given to those coastal States which demonstrate the will to participate actively in law enforcement at sea;
- Encouraging non-regional navies to work actively together with each other and the Gulf of Guinea coastal States' antipiracy law enforcement forces and agencies to suppress the pirate threat;
- Supporting the deployment of law enforcement staff from regional coastal States on non-regional navy ships for capacity building purposes and to assist in the arrest and prosecution of pirates;
- Facilitating the implementation of effective shipboard defensive measures within the region, including via the BMP West Africa guidance and through other onboard active and passive protective measures;
- Improving domain awareness (e.g., via radars on offshore platforms) and sharing of relevant information between antipiracy law enforcement forces and agencies;
- Increasing effective law enforcement activity ashore to disrupt the underlying criminal enterprises where they are based;
- Providing prison facilities for arrested pirates (ideally in the region), and encouraging coastal States in the Gulf of Guinea to actively prosecute;
- Working towards improving the transparency between law enforcement agencies, military forces, and protection services; and
- Actively conveying the messages above to relevant stakeholders.

We firmly believe that piracy and attempts at kidnapping are preventable; as a minimum we need to see, by the end of 2023, that:

- The number of attacks by pirates should be reduced from current levels by at least 80%; and
- No seafarers should have been kidnapped from a ship in the preceding 12-month period.



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94. *Dryad Global, United Kingdom*
95. *Eagle Bulk, USA*
96. *Eastern Mediterranean Maritime Ltd, Greece*
97. *Efemay Shipping Co, Turkey*
98. *Ekmen Denizcilik Ve Tic Ltd STI, Turkey*
99. *Emarat Maritime LLC, Dubai UAE*
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101. *Enesel Ltd, Cyprus*
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122. *German Nautical Association founded 1868, Germany*
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159. *Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd, Japan*
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162. *K-Ships Srl, Italy*
163. *Kuwait Oil Tanker Company SAK, Kuwait*
164. *Kyklades Maritime Corporation, Greece*
165. *Landbridge Ship Management (HK) Ltd, Hong Kong China*
166. *Lauritzen Bulkers A/S, Denmark*
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207. *Navarone SA*
208. *Navigazione Montanari, Italy*
209. *Navios Shipmanagement Inc, Greece*
210. *Neverland Shipping Srl, Italy*
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230. *Orient Overseas Container Line, Hong Kong China*
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242. *Petrochem General Management S.A, Greece*
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245. *Posidonia Shipping & Trading Ltda., Brazil*
246. *Protection Vessels International Ltd, United Kingdom*
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268. *Seagull Maritime, United Kingdom*
269. *Seamar Management SA, Greece*
270. *Seaspan Ship Management Ltd, Canada*
271. *Seastar Chartering Ltd, Greece*
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275. *Shamrock Maritime SARL, Monaco*
276. *Shi.E.L.D Services srl, Italy*
277. *Silver Lake Shipping Company S.A, Greece*
278. *Simatech Shipping LLC, Dubai UAE*
279. *Società Armatoriale Italiana Srl, Italy*
280. *Spanish Association of Ship Agents, ASECOB, Spain*
281. *Spanish Shipowners association (ANAVA), Spain*
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291. *Sude Denizcilik, Turkey*
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299. *The Bahamas Shipowners Association, Bahamas*
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308. *The Swedish Club, Sweden*
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