

# MONDAY GULF REVIEW



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Weekly Update

The Gulf Review is a weekly newsletter, scheduled to reach you this and every Monday, containing relevant maritime and economic news in the past week in case you missed them.

## What happened?



### **9 Ghanaian fishermen arrested in Lagos for smuggling nearly \$500,000 worth of Indian Hemp.**

Nine Ghanaians are in the grips of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Lagos State Command, for allegedly smuggling about 201 bags of Indian hemp (cannabis sativa) valued at N200m into Nigeria.

Read more -

<https://mobile.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/9-Ghanaian-fishermen-arrested-in-Lagos-for-smuggling-nearly-500-000-worth-of-Indian-Hemp-1474910>



### **NAFAG supports government to deal with illegal fishing activities.**

NAFAG noted that it would make use of inter-association engagements, to engage members of all fisheries associations engaged in IUU fishing activities by discouraging them to engage in laid down anti-IUU fishing activities.

Read more -

<https://mobile.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/business/NAFAG-supports-government-to-deal-with-illegal-fishing-activities-1476134?gallery=1>

### **UK approves Ghana seafarers Certificate of Competency, scorns Nigeria's.**

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency of the United Kingdom has approved the Certificate of Competency (CoC) issued to seafarers by the Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA), even as the agency has continued to reject the CoC issued by Nigeria.

Read more -

<https://shipsandports.com.ng/exclusive-uk-approves-ghana-seafarers-certificate-of-competency-scorns-nigerias/>





## Russian invasion will trigger surge in food prices for the world's poorest, UN agency says.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine will hurt the world's poorest and hungriest people, triggering a sharp rise in food and shipping costs that will damage humanitarian operations globally, the United Nations food agency says.

Read more -

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/world/article-russian-invasion-will-trigger-surge-in-food-prices-for-the-worlds/>



## Strategies to salvage fisheries sector underway in Morocco.

The participants include academicians, fishery experts, representatives of civil society organisations (CSOs), fishers, as well as journalists. The three-day conference, which is on the theme: "Artisanal fisheries and aquaculture — Major components of inclusive socio-economic development", is in line with the declaration of 2022 as the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYafa).

Read more -

<https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/strategies-to-salvage-fisheries-sector-underway-in-morocco.html>



## C-IN-C commissions four new offshore security vessels for Navy.

The commissioning of the four 40-meter Offshore Security Vessels followed their recent acquisition through a lease agreement between the Ministry of Defence/Ghana Navy, Israel Shipyard Limited and the International Oil Companies with funding from GCB Bank PLC. This strategy forms part of Government's efforts to retool the Ghana Navy to enable them to provide dedicated security to offshore oil and gas infrastructure in Ghana's maritime domain as well as carry out any other security tasks in aid of national development.

Read more -

<https://gafonline.mil.gh/news/1050>



## GoGMI Volunteer Programme 2022.

We are currently expanding our reach and impact, with the help of innovative and driven young individuals. If you wish to support efforts towards the development of a thriving blue economy for Africa, we would love to have you as a volunteer.

Read more -

<https://www.gogmi.org.gh/volunteer-programme-2022>



The poster features logos for ECOP (Early Career Ocean Professionals), the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), and Norad. A central graphic shows a megaphone on a blue background and the text 'CALL FOR APPLICATIONS' on a red background.

**Virtual Training Programme:  
Exploring Pathways to a Vibrant Ocean Economy for Africa**

This March, the Gulf of Guinea Maritime Institute will be conducting a nine-day capacity-building programme, intended to address Challenge 4 of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (UN Ocean Decade): develop a sustainable and equitable ocean economy.

**Exploring Pathways to a Vibrant Ocean Economy for Africa** is intended to allow Early Career Ocean Professionals and other interested youth to gain an understanding of the blue economy, as well as viable approaches to building a resilient blue economy for Africa. It is absolutely free for all selected participants.

To apply, kindly send a CV and a letter of motivation to [ecoptraining@gogmi.org.gh](mailto:ecoptraining@gogmi.org.gh) by 4th March, 2022.

For more details about the programme  
Visit [www.gogmi.org.gh](http://www.gogmi.org.gh)

**Note: No late applications will be considered.**

This training is offered in partnership with the ECOP Programme, an endorsed Action of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, and is funded through the generous support of the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation and the IOC-UNESCO.

## ECOP Training Programme.

This programme is designed for ECOPs with varying backgrounds in the fields of ocean governance, maritime security, marine environmental protection, law of the sea and other maritime-related areas. Individuals with an undergraduate or master's degree in economics, international relations, marine conservation, maritime security or any other relevant field, with a general passion for the ocean or an interest in advancing Africa's blue economy are also encouraged to apply.

Read more -

<https://www.gogmi.org.gh/ecop-training-program>

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