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PRESS STATEMENT

SEVEN FISHERS RESCUED THROUGH JOINT NAVAL OPERATION

The Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture welcomes the successful rescue of seven fishers through a coordinated operation involving the navies of Ghana, Togo and Benin.

Following a distress alert issued by the Ghana Navy and the Multinational Maritime Coordination Centre (MMCC-E) on 21 October 2026, the Togolese Navy deployed patrol vessel OTI, which located the distressed fishing boat approximately three nautical miles off Grand-Popo in Beninese waters.

All seven persons were rescued and provided with assistance. The vessel is being towed towards the Ghana-Togo maritime boundary for handover to the Ghana Navy.

The Ministry commends the three navies for their swift response and effective regional cooperation.

Safety at sea is non-negotiable. The Ministry urges all fishers to check weather conditions before departure, wear life jackets, carry reliable communication equipment, and strictly observe maritime safety advisories.

No fishing expedition is worth a human life. Every fisher must take responsibility for safety at sea, and every effort must be made to ensure their safe return home.

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