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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) published the Interim investigation Report No. 71/17 on 29 March 2018. The report deals with the collision involving the German fishing vessel JAN MARIA and a Mauritanian fishing boat resulting in the death of three Mauritanian fishermen on 21 March 2017. The Interim Investigation Report provides information on the subject and the current state of the investigation. This report – as well as all previous reports – is available on the website [www.bsu-bund.de](http://www.bsu-bund.de) for download.

Very serious marine casualty – collision of a stern trawler with a fishing boat

At about 0113 on 21 March 2017, the German fishing vessel JAN MARIA ran over the anchor lines of an unlit, simple Mauritanian fishing boat, which was undetectable by radar, in the Mauritanian EEZ while searching for fish. The anchor line of the fishing boat got entangled in the underwater hull of the JAN MARIA. As a consequence, the fishing boat was caught

by the JAN MARIA and pulled to her hull level with a cooling water opening. The strong cooling water jet burst into the open boat and flooded it rapidly. The crew of JAN MARIA was only able to save three of the six crewmembers of the fishing boat from drowning.

The BSU investigation is largely concluded. The

investigation report will soon be published.

First of all, the public is to be informed about the state of the investigation by the publication of an Interim Investigation Report.

The Interim Investigation Report can be downloaded at [www.bsu-bund.de](http://www.bsu-bund.de).