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Today, the Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) published the Annual Report 2017. This report is available on <https://www.bsu-bund.de/EN/News> and can be downloaded. Upon request the report will be forwarded.

In 2017, a total of 516 (previous year: 469) accidents and incidents were reported to the BSU, 219 (221) of which were to be classified as marine casualties. 1 (previous year: 5) fell within the category “very serious marine casualty” with fatal consequence, total loss or serious environmental pollution. Moreover 6 (previous year: 7) serious marine casualties and 212 (previous year: 209) less serious casualties were reported.

With respect to merchant shipping, the development of the notifications in 2017 thereby remained at a similar level as last year. The number of serious and very serious marine casualties, in particular those resulting in fatalities, declined once again. This statistic gives cause for optimism.

In 2017, a very serious marine casualty, leading to 3 fatalities, occurred in merchant shipping. A fishing vessel collided with a pirogue west of Africa.

With 138 notifications, collisions between ships or ships with objects, locks, accounted again for the most frequent type of accident.

In 2017, the BSU published a total of 14 investigation reports. Two marine casualties of 2014, 8 of 2015 and 4 of 2016 could be concluded. On 31 December 2017, 4 Interim Investigation Reports and 15 investigations were still ongoing.

The investigations and the final investigation reports of the BSU do not serve to apportion blame or to clarify liability issues. They shall not sanction but instead give incentives for the prevention of future accidents and include all parties involved in a safety partnership.

All investigation reports, safety recommendations and other information published by the BSU are available on the website <https://www.bsu-bund.de/EN/Publications>.

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