

Libya continues to be a transit point for departure from North Africa towards Europe. UNHCR's interventions at disembarkation points in Libya focus on the provision of life-saving assistance and protection monitoring, to identify persons in need of international protection, as well as vulnerable individuals, such as unaccompanied and separated children, elderly, medical cases, women at risk or victims of trafficking. **UNHCR through its partner International Rescue Committee provides medical services and core relief items.**

As of 31 March 2021, the Libyan Coast Guard and General Administration for Coastal Security rescued/intercepted a total of **4,840 people** in different locations along the Libyan coast. Over the same period last year, they rescued/intercepted a total of 2,677 refugees and migrants at sea. So far in 2021, Libyan local authorities have reported **missing** of **91 people** while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe.

Monthly trends - people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2020-2021

From Jan - Mar 2021, **4,840 people** were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, an increase of **81%** compared to the same period in 2020.



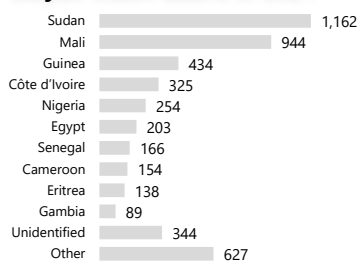
Monthly trends - recorded loss of life in Libyan waters in 2020-2021

From Jan - Mar 2021, **11 dead bodies** were recovered in Libyan waters, compared to **0** over the same period in 2020. In addition, **91 people** were reported **missing**, compared to 2 in the same months in 2020.

Reported missing

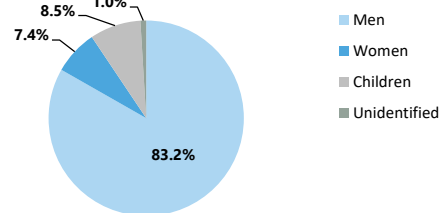


Nationalities rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2021

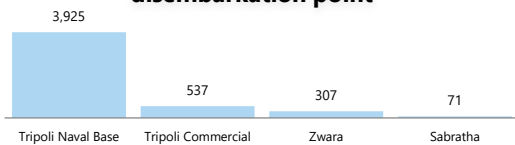


People rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2021 by group

Of the total of 4,840 people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, **4,029** were **men**, **356 women**, **409 children**, **46 unidentified**.



People rescued/intercepted in 2021 by disembarkation point



UNHCR health posts at disembarkation points

As of 31 March 2021, UNHCR, through its partner **International Rescue Committee**, provided **medical assistance** to **353 people** and distributed **798 hygiene kits** at disembarkation points.

