



# Presentation on Sierra Leone's Report

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# The National Flag of Sierra Leone



**UNITY, FREEDOM AND JUSTICE**

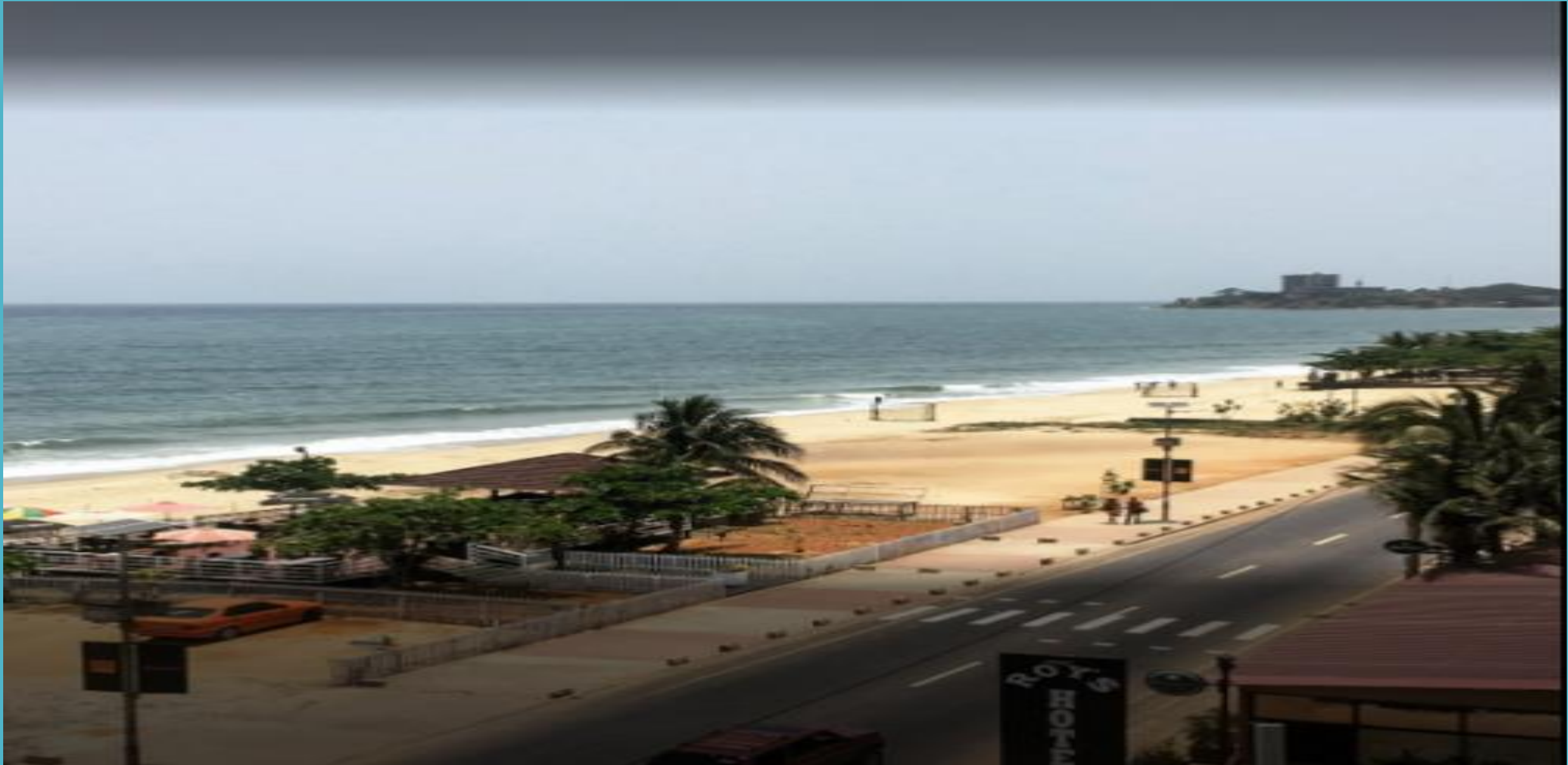
# The SL's Maritime Domain

SL bordered by:  
Guinea – North of SL;  
Liberia – South of SL;  
Atlantic Ocean - West

Total Area 71,740 Km<sup>2</sup>  
Land area 71,620 Km<sup>2</sup>  
Water Area – 120 Km<sup>2</sup>  
Coastline – 406 Km



## A Section of SL's 406 Km coastline – Lumley Beach

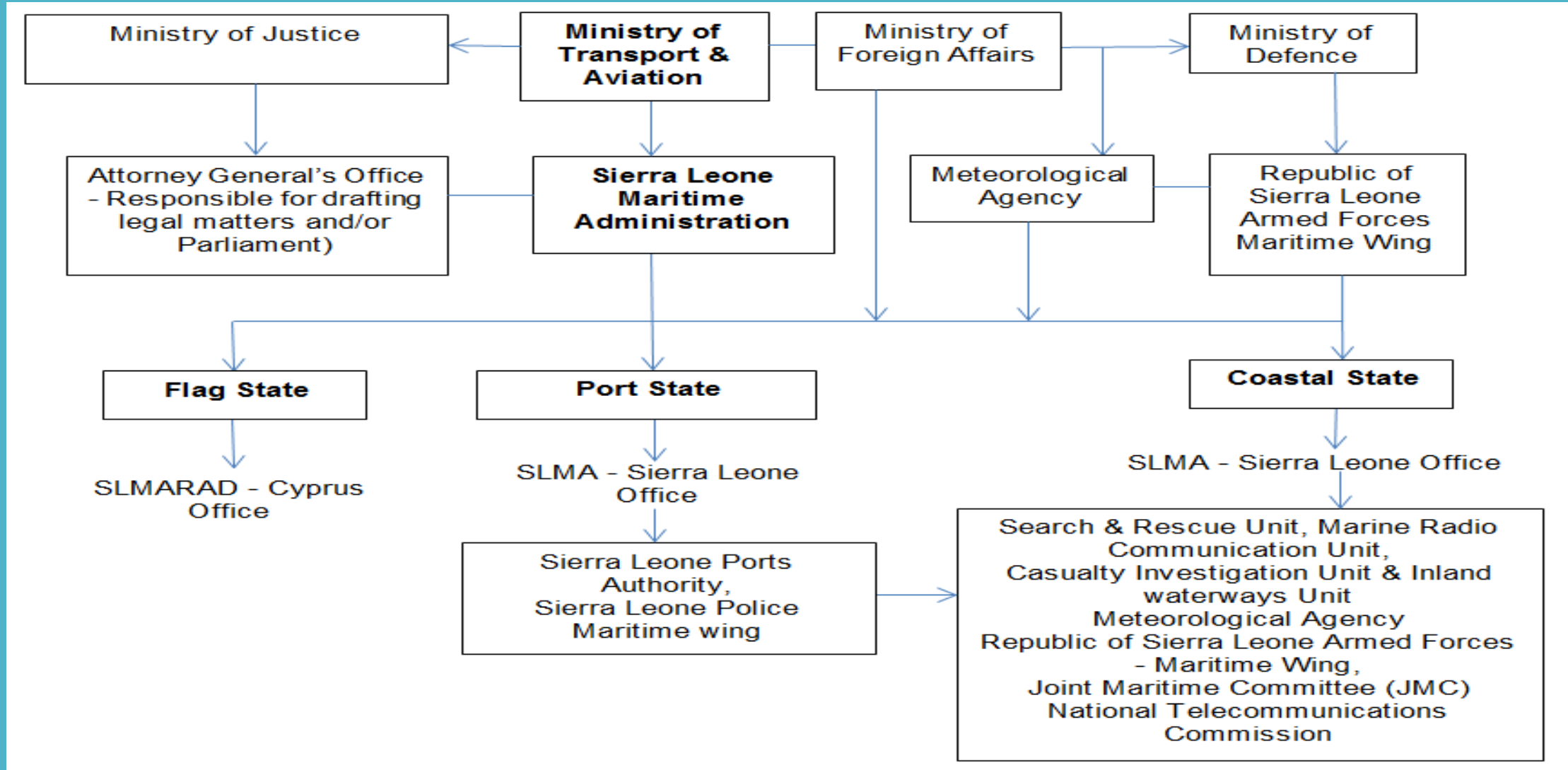




# Vessels at Anchorage – Freetown Port



# SIERRA LEONE'S MARITIME GOVERNANCE ARCHITECTURE



## The Core Mandates of the SLMA

- To ensure the safety of navigation; protect the marine environment and promote sustainable exploitation of SL's Blue Economy
- To regulate shipping activities and seafarers' matters by fulfilling Sierra Leone's Flag, Port and Coastal State Responsibilities
- To propose policies for the development and maintenance of maritime infrastructure
- To enhance maritime security



## The SLMA's DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

- Int'l Maritime Organization (IMO)
- Int'l Hydrographic Organization (IHO)
- United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO)
- Int'l Assoc of Marine Aids to Navigation & Lighthouse Authority (IALA)
- Maritime Organization of West and Central Africa (MOWCA)
- Foreign Governments and Agencies
- World Maritime University (WМУ)
- Regional Maritime University (RMU)

# Recent Development and Current Activities SLMA/ UKHO

- **Feb – 2023: a joint field technical mission to SL by the UKHO. Reps included, Mr. Nathanael KNAPP (Head of Delegation), Ms. Cathy TUNKS and Mr. David PARKER**
- **Nov – 2023: SL updated its submission of the IHO's Yearbook (P-5)**
- **Dec – 2023: Signing of Arrangement for Cooperation between UKHO and SLMA. (SLMA fulfilling SOLAS safety of navigation obligations)**
- **Planned UKHO in-country Hydrographic Governance Training and establishment of a National Hydrographic Action Plan – July 2024**

# Recent Development and Current Activities

## SLMA/IALA

- **February - 2023 a joint field technical mission to SL by IALA WWA. Reps included Mrs. Geradine DELANOYE – IALA's Head of Mission**
- **April 2023 - Country Report submitted by IALA with recommendations**
- **SLMA to benefit from capacity building opportunities – 2 staff already trained and certified in AtoN Management**
- **Financial Resources ringfenced for procurement of AtoN**

# **Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic Commission (EAtHC) – The way forward**

- **SLMA to follow up on EAtHC West Africa Action Team's 2002 and 2018 engagements**

## **Intentions of the GoSL**

- **To strengthen the strategic alliances with development partners to improve safety of navigation in SL waters**
- **SLMA to regularize its status with IALA, IHO, and other NGOs;**
- **SLMA to establish a fully equipped National Hydrographic Office; and**
- **SLMA's implementation of the UKHO and IALA Recommendations resulting from the Technical Assessment Visit (TAV) of Feb. 2023 - detailed Corrective Action Plan (CAP) with concrete timelines.**



# SLMA Team on Coastal Operations – Entrance to Freetown Port



**THANK YOU!!!**



**QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS???**