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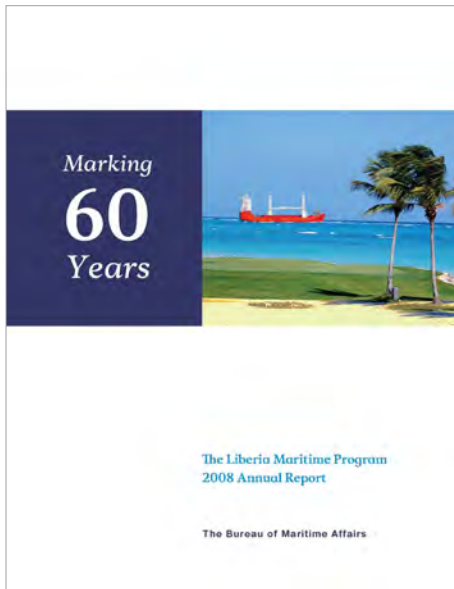
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Managing the Nation's Maritime Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, *continued*

| Vessel Type | Percentage |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Fishing Vessels | 69% |
| Cargo Vessels | 9% |
| Research Vessels | 3% |
| Supply and Support Vessels | 3% |
| Pleasure Crafts | 16% |

In 2008, there were approximately 66 certifications and inspections conducted on conventional vessels under the Port State Regime with a number of deficiencies recorded for which ratification was required. Safety inspections were carried out on all vessels (2) registered under the Small Watercraft. For the year, 46 Certificates of Number, and 16 Certificates of Registry were granted. Two Safe Manning Documents were issued. There was a total of 29 registered shipping and stevedoring companies.

Before the civil crisis, more vessels registered with the Small Watercraft Registry. As the Liberia

During 2008, the Domestic Small Watercraft Registry registered 70 vessels within the territorial limits of Liberia. The number of vessels, especially fishing vessels, registered with the Bureau has declined since last year due to a prolonged rainy season and the deteriorating state of the country's port facilities. The Bureau, as a member of the Board of the National Port Authority, is working to improve the condition of Liberia ports so they are the commercial gateway to the economy.

Maritime Program restructuring and become more stringent about the registration of domestic vessels, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in registered and compliant vessels.

Commodity Investigation

Proper inspection of vessels is crucially important to ensure that they are not overloaded, among other things. Reflective of its responsibilities to the international maritime world to respond to vessels in distress while playing the territorial waters of Liberia, the Bureau conducts investigations in case of

PIRACY

Based on the alarming rate of piracy and armed robbery off the coast of Somalia, Liberia, at the 85th Session of the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee Meeting, raised an intervention calling for tougher measures to suppress the piracy and protect vessels, cargo, innocent seafarers and passengers from attacks.

Liberia also co-sponsored UN Security Council Resolution 1816 concerning piracy with Belgium, France, Greece, Republic of Korea and the United States of America. The Resolution was passed and adopted by the UN on December 16, 2008. The creation of the draft resolution was a direct result of interagency collaboration between the Bureau of Maritime Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of National Defense.

Driving Revenue Growth, *continued*

2006 Vessel Tonnage Trend

2007 Vessel Tonnage Trend

2008 Vessel Tonnage Trend

Net Revenue Trends (9 Years)

Quarterly Revenue Trend (3 Years)

Fleet Size (3 Years)