

CHALLENGE NAME:

[Nautical Quest: Lost to Found]

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CATEGORY: [OSINT]

LEVEL: [Medium]

















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Challenge Description: In July's heart, a shadowed plight,

Armed men emerged in fading light.

With whispered threats, the brave were led, To paths unknown, where hope had fled.

Flagformat:vishwaCTF{IMOCode_CountryCode}

Solution: Step 1: Initial Analysis

The word "nautical" implies something related to the sea, ships, or sailing. Upon analyzing the poem, several critical clues emerge:

"July's heart": Indicates that the incident took place in July.

"A shadowed plight, armed men emerged": Points towards a maritime crisis involving armed personnel.

"To paths unknown": Suggests the ship was forcefully taken to an undisclosed location, hinting at a hijacking or theft.

Step 2: Event Identification

Searching through maritime records and news articles led to identifying a significant incident involving the hijacking of the MV Arctic Sea in July 2009. The vessel vanished mysteriously and was later found near Cape Verde, far from its intended route.

If the 50-point hint was taken, a Wikipedia article about this incident was provided:

MV Arctic Sea - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MV_Arctic_Sea Wikipedia

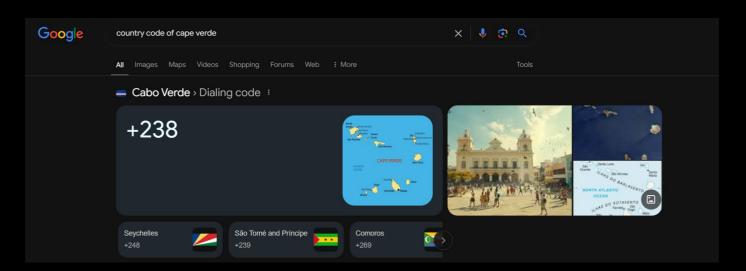
Step 3: Decoding the Flag Format

The required flag format is VishwaCTF{IMOCode_CountryCode}.

IMO Code: Ships are uniquely identified by their IMO number (International Maritime Organization). The IMO number for MV Arctic Sea is 8912792.

Country Code: The ship was eventually found near Cape Verde, whose telephone country code is 238.





	Builder Yard number	Sedef Shipyard, Istanbul, Turkey 84
	Launched	22 March 1991
	Christened	1997
clared to be carrying	Completed	1992 ^[2]
and, to Béjaïa,	Identification	IMO number: 8912792 ऄ ^[3]
by Rets Timber, a	Fate	Decommissioned
Oyj. ^[11] The ship was	Status	In Alang, India to be scrapped
raters of Sweden	General characteristics	

Step 4: Final Flag Submission

Putting everything together in the required format, the correct flag becomes:

VishwaCTF{8912792 238}

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