

# Police kill four suspected sea robbers in A'Ibom

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**O**PERATIVES of marine unit of the Akwa Ibom State Police Command have killed four suspected pirates along the Atlantic shoreline in Oron Local Council of the state.

Three others were also said to have been arrested in a sting operation by the police

following several cases of piracy on the Oron coastline in recent times.

According to the state command's spokesman, Odiko MacDon, made available to newsmen in Uyo.

According to him, the successful arrest followed an intelligence on the operations of pirates in the Oron waterways.

"Acting on a very credible intelligence, on April 13, 2021, operatives of the Akwa Ibom State marine police, Oron, embarked on a sting operation, along Ikang Creek, Oron where they were confronted by pirates numbering about 32 on board four speed boats, and armed with sophisticated weapons.

"The suspects, on sighting

the operatives, opened fire on them, and during the ensuing gun battle, four suspects met their waterloo, while others escaped with three speed boats," he said.

Items recovered from them, according to the police, were one W23 boat mounted with 115HP Yamaha engine and two rifles and six ammunitions.