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Mass Fish Mortality at Tema Shipyard

TEMA 2026 — The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), Fisheries Commission, Tema Metropolitan Assembly (TMA), and the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) of the Ghana Police Service jointly advise the public of a fish mortality occurrence at the Tema Shipyard. This was noticed on 6th April 2026. The four institutions listed above jointly responded immediately and secured the site. The cause of the incident is currently under urgent investigation.

Dead fishes were found concentrated within a 50-metre radius of the main unloading ramp. It was first observed by security personnel between 5:00 AM and 6:00 AM. A rapid-response team comprising FDA inspectors, police officers, and Tema Port officials have since been collaborating to establish what might have caused this. There is no evidence so far of deliberate sabotage or an immediate widespread health emergency. Between 60 and 80 fish samples, and some water samples have been collected under chain-of-custody protocols for priority laboratory testing.

PUBLIC ADVISORY

The public is advised as following:

- Do NOT harvest, purchase, or consume fish or seafood from the Tema Shipyard or adjacent areas until the FDA issues an “All-Clear” notice.
- Fish from certified cold-chain markets outside the affected zone remains safe when cooked to an **internal** temperature of 63°C or above.
- Report sightings of dead or distressed fish to the FDA Hotline: 0551 112 224/5 or the nearest FDA offices.
- Anyone who has consumed fish from the area and is experiencing nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, dizziness, or skin irritation should seek immediate medical attention and inform his or her healthcare provider of the potential exposure.

Further updates will be provided as they become available. The public is encouraged to rely only on official channels for information.

Signed

Food and Drugs Authority (FDA)

Fisheries Commission

Tema Metropolitan Assembly (TMA)

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the Police Service