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## Ivory Coast lands 'Calao' offshore hydrocarbon discovery

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A hydrocarbon discovery named 'Calao' has been made approximately 45 kilometres off the coast of Côte d'Ivoire, according to reporting by RFI, marking what sources describe as a major new find in the country's offshore acreage. No further details on the operator, block designation, well name, or estimated resource volumes were available in the source material at time of writing.

Côte d'Ivoire has been building momentum as a West African hydrocarbon frontier following earlier offshore successes, and a named discovery with a reported scale of significance will draw attention from regional operators and international service companies alike. The Calao find sits within the country's offshore zone, though whether it lies in shallow or deepwater acreage, and which licence block it occupies, has not been confirmed in available reporting.

At this stage the discovery represents an exploration result, not a development decision. No appraisal programme, field development plan, or commercial agreements have been reported. The path from announced discovery to sanctioned development in West Africa typically involves appraisal drilling, resource certification, partner alignment, and host-government approval — a process that can span several years. Norwegian service companies should treat this as an early-stage signal requiring continued monitoring rather than an active procurement opportunity.

Nonetheless, a named discovery described as major off Côte d'Ivoire is a material data point for companies tracking West African deepwater and shelf opportunities. If appraisal confirms commercially recoverable volumes, the subsequent development

cycle could generate demand across subsea infrastructure, drilling services, floating production systems, and well services — segments where Norwegian contractors hold strong competitive positions in comparable West African projects. Saga Advisory will update partners as operator identity, block data, and appraisal plans become public.

### Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is an early-stage exploration announcement with no operator, block, or development detail confirmed in available reporting — partners should monitor closely but no procurement or supplier outreach is warranted at this time. Saga Advisory recommends tracking RFI, PETROCI, and Ivorian Ministry of Mines communications for appraisal well announcements and operator disclosure. Once the licence holder is confirmed, relationship-building with that operator's subsea and drilling procurement teams would be the appropriate next step.

#### PARTNER ANGLES

- **Subsea/FPSO:** A named offshore discovery 45 km from the Ivorian coast is an early flag for future subsea tie-back or FPSO demand — monitor for appraisal results and operator identity before any outreach.
- **Drilling:** Appraisal drilling will be the next technical milestone if Calao volumes are material; drilling contractors should track licence and operator disclosure to position early.
- **Well Services:** Completions and well-testing services will follow any appraisal programme — watch for rig contract awards as a lead indicator of procurement activity.
- **Pipeline:** Depending on proximity to existing infrastructure and resource scale, an export pipeline or tie-back to shore could feature in development planning — too early to assess routing or scope.

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