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Forcados tops Nigeria crude at 295,550 bpd

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Nigeria's Forcados terminal led the country's crude oil production streams in September, recording output of 295,550 barrels per day, according to data published by the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC). The figure positions Forcados as the single largest contributing export stream in the country's upstream production mix for the month.

The NUPRC production data offers a snapshot of operational performance across Nigeria's key export terminals at a time when the country has been working to recover output levels and stabilise production against a backdrop of theft, sabotage, and infrastructure degradation that has weighed on volumes in recent years. Forcados, operated in the western Niger Delta, aggregates crude from multiple onshore and swamp fields before export, making its performance a reliable indicator of broader upstream health in that corridor.

While the article does not provide a full terminal-by-terminal breakdown or a national aggregate figure for September, the prominence of Forcados at 295,550 bpd underscores the continued strategic weight of the western Niger Delta in Nigeria's production portfolio. Sustained throughput at this level requires functioning pipeline evacuation infrastructure, effective terminal operations, and ongoing well intervention and maintenance activity across the contributing fields.

For service companies, the Forcados corridor represents active operational terrain. High-volume export terminals of this nature depend on continuous subsurface work — well workovers, artificial lift optimisation, flow assurance management — as well

as topside and marine infrastructure maintenance. Any upward production trajectory from this level would likely require accelerated well intervention campaigns and, over a longer horizon, potential infill drilling or tieback activity to sustain and grow throughput.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a production data release — no contract, tender, or FID is attached — so Norwegian service companies should treat this as a monitoring signal rather than an immediate procurement opportunity. The sustained output from Forcados indicates active field operations across the western Niger Delta, making it worthwhile for well services, flow assurance, and pipeline integrity firms to map their existing client relationships with operators contributing to this stream. Relationship-building with NUPRC and terminal operators in the Forcados corridor is the appropriate near-term action.

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- **Drilling/Well Services:** Sustained high throughput at Forcados implies ongoing well intervention and artificial lift demand across contributing Niger Delta fields — map operator activity and position for workover campaigns.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Export terminal performance at this volume level depends on reliable marine loading and offloading infrastructure; monitor for maintenance or upgrade tenders tied to the Forcados terminal.
- **Pipeline:** Pipeline evacuation is the critical link between Niger Delta fields and the Forcados terminal — flow assurance and integrity management services are continuously required at this throughput level.
- **Service:** Production chemistry and flow assurance specialists should track operator activity in the Forcados corridor, where high-water-cut mature fields create persistent treatment and monitoring requirements.

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