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Five fishermen arrive in the Galapagos Islands after 55 days adrift at sea

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ahiti, May 11, 2025. Five fishermen, who had spent 55 days adrift at sea, arrived Saturday in a port in the Galapagos Islands after being rescued by a tuna boat, the Ecuadorian navy announced on X.

The three Peruvians and two Colombians had been missing since mid-March and were found on May 7 by an Ecuadorian boat, the Aldo. Vladimir González, 32, José Albines,

52, José Gabriel Albines, 31, and Jhonny García Jorge Ugarte, 40, arrived at the San Cristobal naval base in the morning and their condition was stable, the navy said. The

fishermen had reported damage to the boat's alternator two days after setting sail from Pucusana Bay, south of Lima, the Peruvian capital, the navy said in another message Friday. The navy said it was coordinating efforts with local and foreign authorities to ensure their safe return to their respective countries. The Ecuadorian navy transported the five fishermen who disappeared at sea for 55 days to its base in the Galapagos Islands.

Earlier this year, another Peruvian fisherman, 61-year-old Máximo Napa, spent 95 days alone at sea. He was also rescued by an Ecuadorian ship and returned to Lima in mid-March to be reunited with his family. Napa told local media he survived the ordeal by eating cockroaches, birds, and turtles, according to Agence France-Presse.

Several dramatic rescues have taken place at sea. In October, Russian Mikhail Pichugin was rescued after spending more than two months adrift in a small rubber dinghy, drinking rainwater in the Sea of Okhotsk, off the coast of Russia. His brother and nephew died at sea, and he tied their bodies to the boat to prevent them from being swept away.

In 2023, Australian sailor Tim Shaddock survived more than two months at sea with his dog, Bella. They were sailing from Mexico to French Polynesia, the 51-year-old said, when rough seas damaged their boat and its electronics, leaving them adrift and cut off from the world.



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