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MV Becrux to the rescue

The world's largest purpose-built livestock carrier, the MV Becrux, has come to the rescue of three stranded Indonesian fishermen, after their fishing boat sank in the Java Sea.

The Becrux was sailing from Panjang, Indonesia, where it had successfully unloaded the last of a 16,000 head cattle consignment, to Singapore, for scheduled dry-dock and maintenance, when the shipwrecked sailors were spotted aboard a sinking life raft.

The crew was immediately readied as part of Siba Ships' standard response, and the MV Becrux manoeuvred to pick-up the fishermen, who were extremely thankful for the transportation, food and warm bedding the MV Becrux could provide.

They informed Captain Michele Paolino that their fishing vessel had sunk seven days earlier.

Wellard Rural Exports Managing Director Steve Meerwald said the captain, officers and crew of the MV Becrux acted in accordance with maritime law and respect for the lives of fellow sailors.

"It's not just the rule of the sea to help fellow sailors in distress, it was the right thing to do", he said.

"Our crewmen aren't just trained in animal welfare, they have various other maritime drills and procedures they regularly rehearse, such as man-overboard drills or piracy drills, to ensure the safe operation of the vessel and that they can respond efficiently to situations such as these when they arise".

Once on-board the survivors were administered first aid and provided with food and water. They have been placed in the ship's hospital under observation.

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