Loss Prevention Bulletin

Ship Type: Tanker Trade Area: Nigeria

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We would like to bring to owners attention a recent incident where a vessel belonging to a member has suffered serious structural damage to her hull whilst coming alongside at the Okrika tanker jetty, Nigeria.

The condition of the jetty as can be seen in the photographs leaves a lot to be desired. All of the fenders are missing, being either on the seabed or on the jetty (see photo). This has left metal stubs to which the fenders had been attached exposed. The extent to which the stubs protrude is such that contact with berthed/berthing ship's hulls is highly likely, the consequences of which can be seen.