

The eleven men were dressed in shorts and colourful jerseys.



The HMBS Trident, with a joint team of police forensic and Coast Guard officials took approximately 18 hours to tow the boat to land.



The 20-foot boat returned briefly to Puerto de Praia with engine trouble and 6 people took this opportunity to leave the craft.



The Canary Islands are off the coast of northwestern Africa.



An unnamed boat is reported to have left the Cape Verde Islands on Christmas Eve.



Early speculation is that the boat was heading for Brazil.



There have been reports of ships towing boats full of people with rope so that the rope can easily be cut if the authorities approach.



The Canary Islands are Spanish territory.



The dead men are believed to be in their 20s.



52 people are reported to have set sail on the 20-foot boat.



A 'voyage' from the Cape Verde Islands to the Canary Islands would cost approximately 1300 Euros.



People from Senegal, Gambia and Guinea Bissau were reported to have paid for a journey from Puerto de Praia.



Puerto de Praia is the capital of the Cape Verde Islands.



Senegal was ranked 157th out of 177 countries in the 2003 Human Development Index report.



Foul play has been ruled out.



A 20 foot motorised yacht, without name or ensign, was repaired in Puerto de Praia in early December.



Somewhere near the Mauritanian port of Nouadhibou the 20 foot yacht ran into trouble and another boat was seen to go to its aid and take it in tow.



Police investigators from Barbados have made contact with their counterparts in Senegal.



Economic immigrants to the Canary Islands are taken to Spain where they are detained, some repatriated, and others allowed to stay.



Barbados was ranked 30th out of 177 countries in the 2003 Human Development Index report.

