Expedition begins on 'holy grail' of shipwrecks filled with millions of gold coins, emeralds worth \$20B

A long-awaited expedition into an 18th-century shipwreck in the Caribbean Sea has reportedly begun.

The government of Colombia launched the deep-water expedition of the San José shipwreck, which is rumored to contain cargo worth billions of dollars, last week.

The galleon sank in 1708 en route to Cartagena, Colombia, after it was ambushed by an English squadron.

Historians believe that roughly 600 people on the ship died, with very few survivors.

The shipwreck is believed to contain 11 million gold and silver coins, along with emeralds and other valuable cargo.

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