



MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 01-20

27th December 2019 – 03rd January 2020

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

IN THIS ISSUE

OVERVIEW

INFORMATION TO READ

MDAT – GoG reports are primarily based upon information sent by vessels using the Voluntary Reporting Scheme. Masters and CSOs are encouraged to report as early as possible events or sightings with as much detail as available, to allow MDAT-GOG to initiate the appropriate response.

Sometimes incomplete reports cause delay to the issue of Warnings or Advisories, and our ability to contact Local Law Enforcement assets for assistance. Masters are requested to call MDAT-GoG (+33 298 228888) at the time of any incident occurring. This phone number is monitored permanently (24/7).

It is requested the Masters contact MDAT-GoG as soon as possible, to enable quick actions by the MDAT-GoG and their regional contacts.

Details can be found on SHOM Chart 8801CSD or UKHO Chart Q6114, 30 June 2016, to allow them to report their vessels when transiting the revised Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA), also described on both security charts with the MDAT-GOG, using the email address watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org

Companies / Ship's Exercises: MDAT-GOG would like to extend an invitation to Companies / CSOs to be included in company led exercises/drills. Please do not hesitate to contact the MDAT-GOG in advance of the exercise. The exercise telephone number is +33 298 221302, using this number leaves the Live Emergency Line free.

6 events have been reported to MDAT-GOG this week.

CONTACT

Contact the MDAT-GoG:

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Website: <https://gog-mdat.org>

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ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

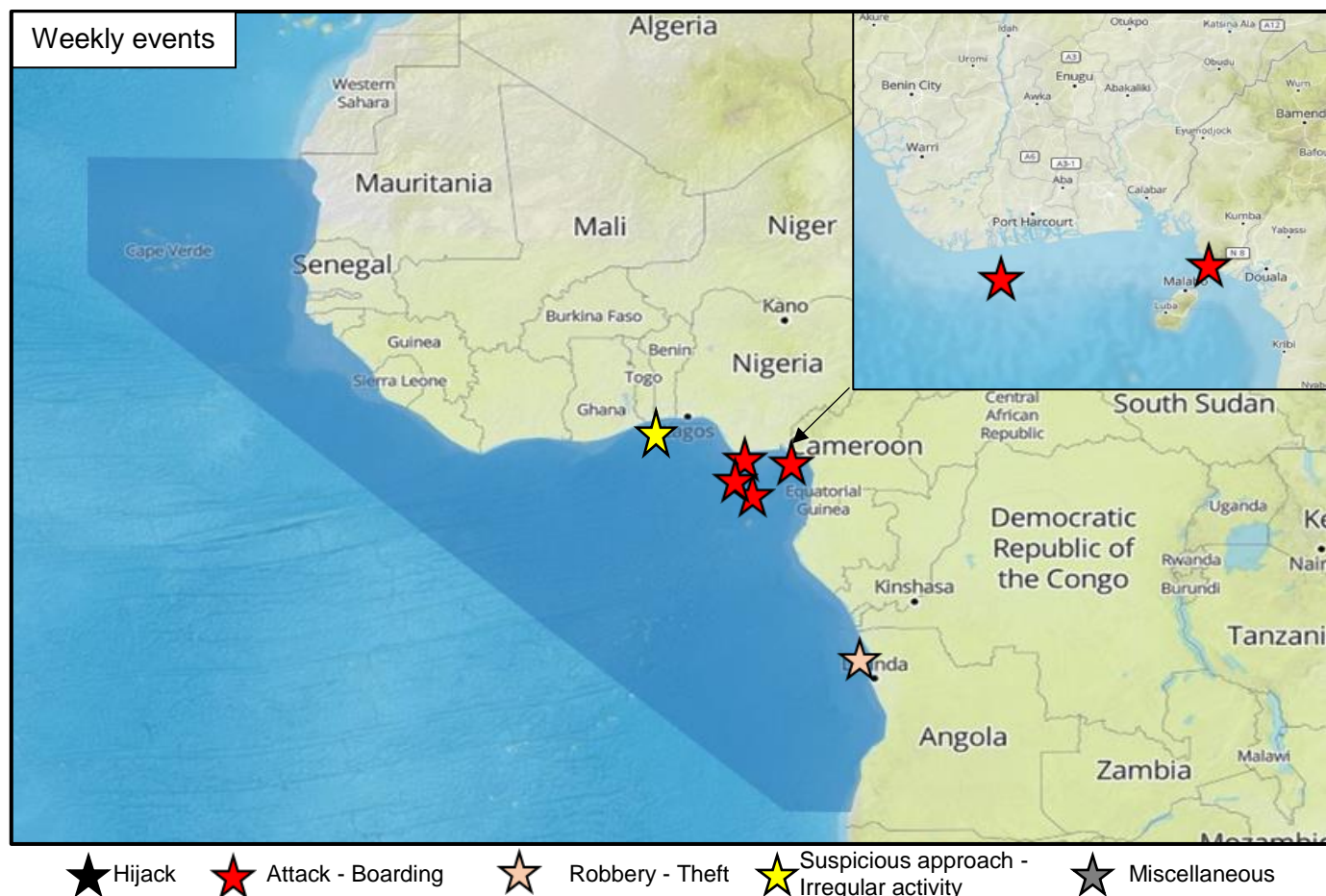
[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)

[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

[Global Counter Maritime](#)

Fair winds and following seas!



Type	Date	Brg/Rge from nearest port	Summary of event
ATTACK	28/12/2019	330°/65 nm off Sao Tome	On 28 Dec 2019 at 0905 UTC, in position 01°19N 006°02E, a MT (NAME WITHHELD) was attacked. The MT performed evasive manoeuvres and the pirates gave up the attack. Vessel and crew were reported safe. MDAT GOG comment: This event refers to Advisory 006/DEC/2019 .
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	29/12/2019	190° / 24 nm off Cotonou (Benin)	On 29 Dec 2019 at 1948 UTC, a vessel in position 05°56'37N 002°15'54E reported 2 speed boats with no lights drifting in the area. When within 2 nm, they pursued the vessel. The vessel altered course and increased speed in order to open bearing and distance.
ATTACK	30/12/2019	192° / 35 nm off Bonny (Nigeria)	On 30 Dec 19 at 0114 UTC, a vessel was approached by a skiff in position 03°46N 006°43'43E. There was an exchange of gunfire between the security guards and pirates. The crew retreated to the citadel during the attack, with the exception of the Chief Engineer. After the exchange of gunfire the skiff moved away. Vessel and crew were reported safe.
BOARDING	30/12/2019	217° / 185 nm off Bonny (Nigeria)	On 30 Dec 2019 at 2310 UTC, a vessel was boarded in position 01°56'30N 004°53'37E. The crew mustered and locked themselves in their cabins. A subsequent search showed no stowaways or intruders onboard. Vessel and crew were reported safe. MDAT-GOG comment: This event refers to WARNING 002/DEC/19

BOARDING	31/12/2019	235° / 2.5 nm off Limbe (Cameroon)	On 31 Dec 19 at 0107 UTC, a vessel was boarded in position 03°58N 009°05E. MDAT-GOG comment: This event refers to WARNING 003/DEC/19
ROBBERY	31/12/2019	Luanda Anchorage	On 31 Dec 19 at 0630 UTC, a vessel was boarded by 3 thieves in position 08°42'30S 013°16'50E. The thieves broke the store padlock and stole a quantity of paint.

WEEKLY EVENTS

- (1) **Hijack:**
Nil incidents reported.
- (2) **Attack:**
02 incidents reported.
- (3) **Boarding:**
02 incident reported.
- (4) **Suspicious approach:**
01 incidents reported.
- (5) **Robbery – Sea theft:**
01 incident reported.
- (6) **Sighting – Irregular activity:**
Nil incidents reported.

WARNINGS

03 WARNING Notices issued this week

Warning 002/DEC/2019

- 1. **Category:** ATTACK
- 2. **Description:** On 30th DEC 2019 at 0050 UTC, in position 0841.12N - 00220.45E.
MV is under attack.
Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

Warning 002/DEC/2019 Amend 01

- 1. **Category:** ATTACK
- 2. **Description:** On 30th DEC 2019 at 0050 UTC, in position 01°56 30N - 004°53 37E
MV is under attack.
Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

Warning 003/DEC/2019

- 1. **Category:** ATTACK IN PROGRESS
- 2. **Description:** On 30th DEC 2019 at 2310 UTC, in position 03°58'N - 009°05'E
MV is under attack.
Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

ADVISORIES

02 ADVISORY Notice issued this week

Advisory 006/DEC/2019

- 1. **Category:** ATTACK
- 2. **Description:** On 28th DEC 2019 at 0905 UTC, in position 0119N 00602E (approximately 195NM off Libreville, Gabon) a vessel was attacked. Vessel performed evasive manoeuvres and the both vessel and crew are now safe.
Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

Advisory 006/DEC/2019 UPDATE

1. **Category: ATTACK**
2. **Description:** On 28th DEC 2019 at 0905 UTC, in position 0119N 00602E (approximately 195NM WNW of Libreville, Gabon) a vessel was attacked. Vessel performed evasive manoeuvres and the both vessel and crew are now safe.
Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

MARITIME CRIME**One Maritime Crime Activity reported this week**

On 31 DEC 19 at 0630 UTC, a vessel was boarded by 3 thieves in position 08°42'18S 013°16'30E. The thieves broke the store padlock and stole a quantity of paint.

NOTES

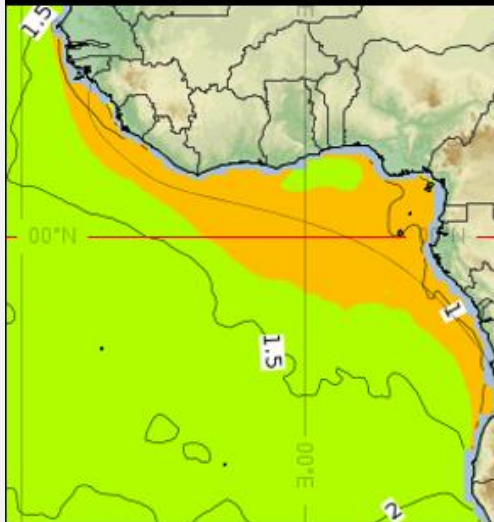
Any queries regarding Advisory Notices ring: 0033 298 22 88 88 only, for further information. ADVISORIES are not classified as Maritime Security Events and have not been verified by MDAT-GoG. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. MDAT-GoG is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

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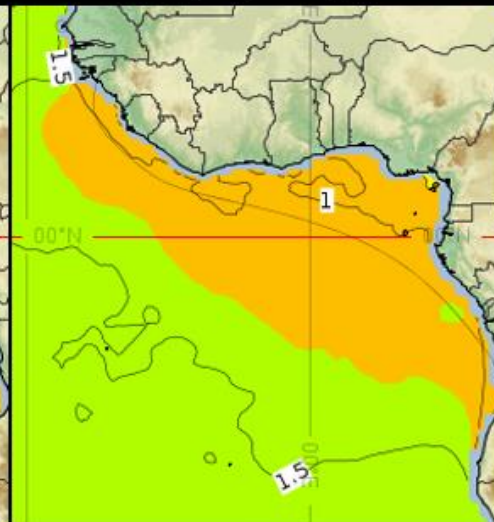
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Sea State Forecast w/c 03rd January 2020

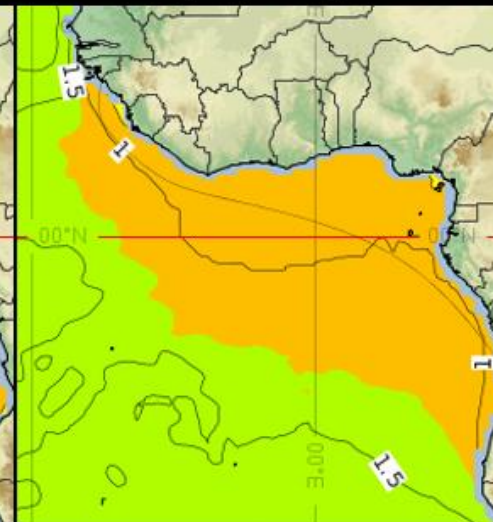
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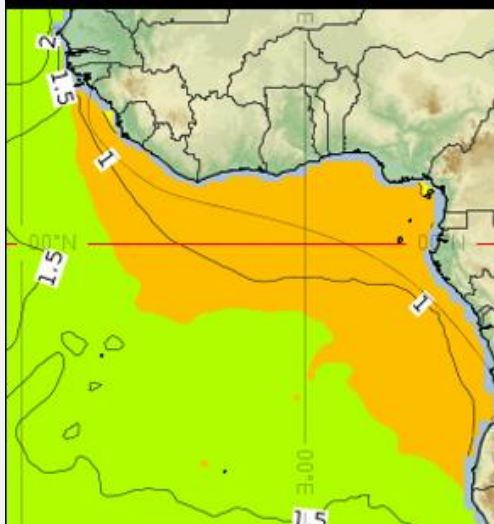
Saturday 04 January at 12Z



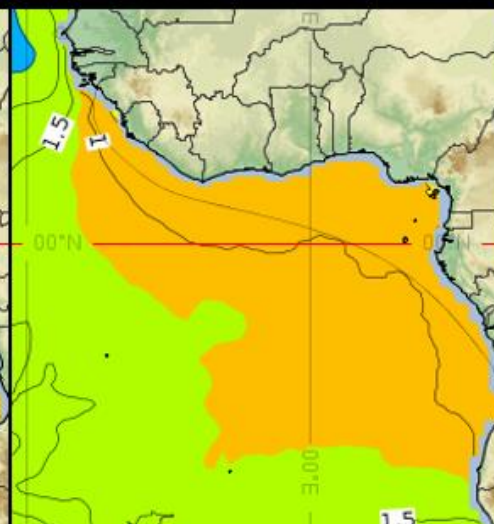
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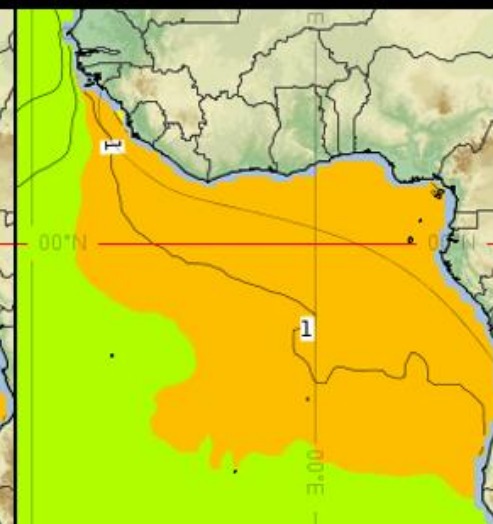
Monday 06 January at 12Z



Tuesday 07 January at 12Z



Wednesday 08 January at 12Z



Sea State (Mtrs)

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1,25-2,5

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4-6