



MDAT-GoG Quarterly Report 2018-3 July – September

OVERVIEW

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The MDAT-GOG has been in operation since 20 June 16. It is a virtual reporting mechanism supporting the interregional architecture defined by the Yaounde Code of Conduct. The primary output from the MDAT-GoG is to contribute by maintaining coherent maritime situational awareness in the central and western African Maritime Space, with the ability to inform and support industry, contributing to the safety and security of the Mariner in the regional maritime domain. All vessels are encouraged to report to the MDAT-GoG using the existing reporting formats. The information supplied by vessels will be treated as commercially confidential.

All details can be found on [SHOM Chart 8801CSD](#) or [UKHO Chart Q6114](#), 30 June 2016, to allow vessels 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. Phone number is monitored permanently (+33 (0)298 22 88 88).

Any queries regarding ADVISORY NOTICES ring: +33 (0)298 22 88 88, for further information. ADVISORIES are not classified as a 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.

Masters are encouraged to comply with [BMP5 measures](#) during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

14 events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for Q03-2018; Serials 050/18 to 063/18.

Fair winds and following seas!

CLASSIFICATIONS

Hijack: Vessel taken by attacker, no longer under the control of the Master.

Attack: Use of weapons by assailants at vessel or boarding with intent to take off crew or vessel by force.

Robbery: Theft realized in territorial waters with threat/violence to crew.

Theft: Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.

Boarding: Assailants board a vessel with no intention to take off crew or vessel by force.

Suspicious approach: Close approach with intent to board the vessel.

Sighting and Irregular activity: All suspicious information with no proof of intent to board the vessel.

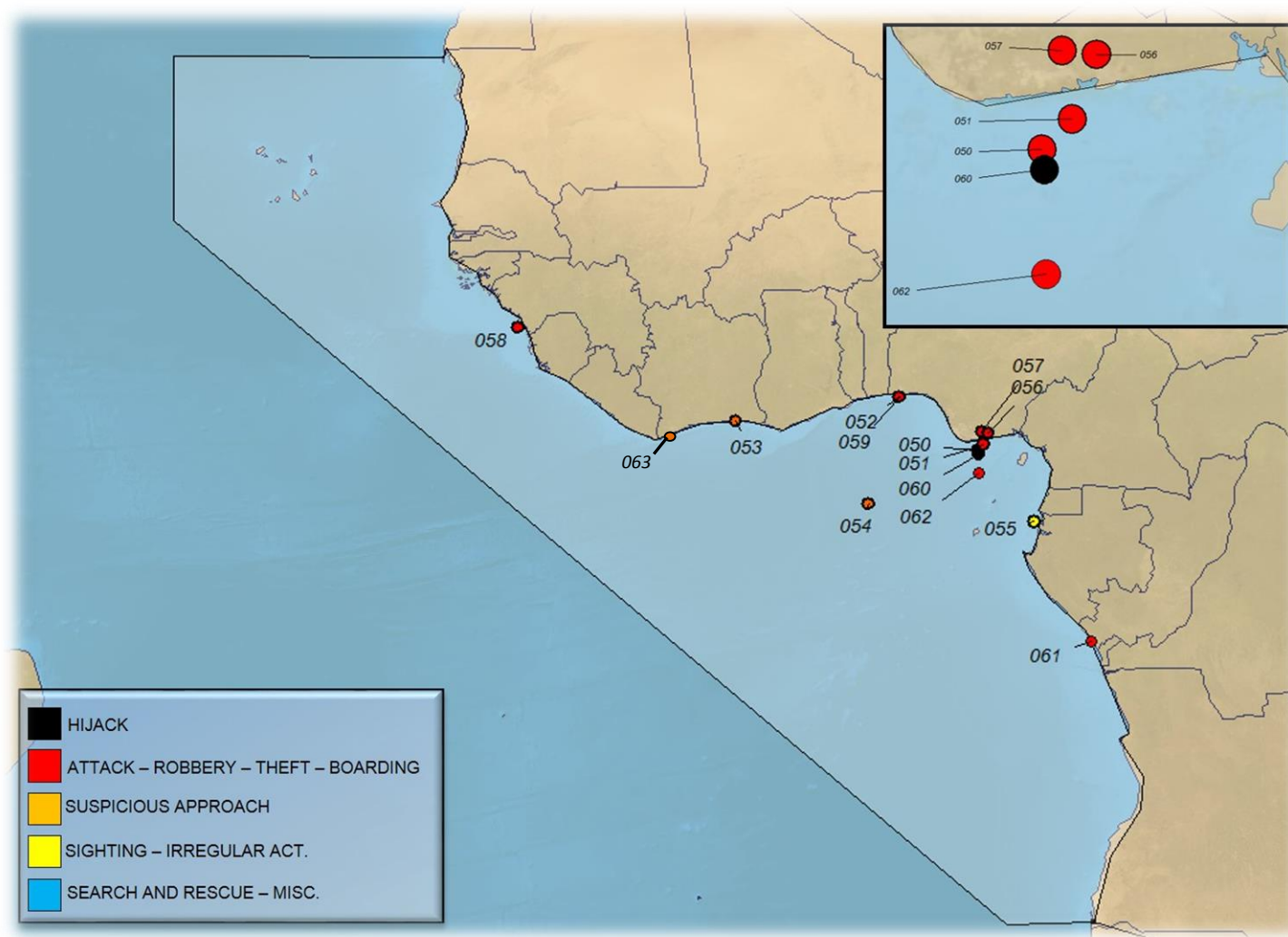
GLOSSARY

Attempt: Actual attempt to execute an illegal action (boarding, theft...).

Failed: Attempt or action that was finally foiled.

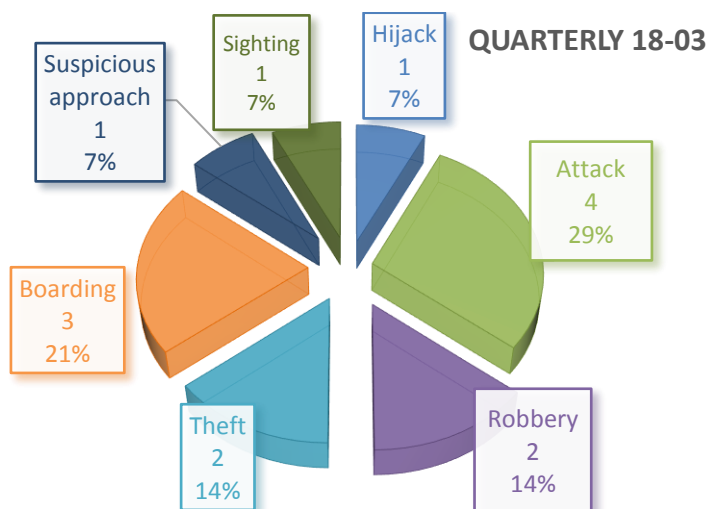
Successful: Attempt or action that has been well conducted by assailants.

MAP OF INCIDENTS

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All incidents are detailed at the end of this report.

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

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8 issued

	Date of issue	Classification and comments
001/JUL/18	03 Jul. 18	Boarding
002/JUL/18	22 Jul. 18	Suspicious approach
001/AUG/18	14 Aug. 18	Irr. Activity/ Sighting
002/AUG/18	21 Aug. 18	Robbery
001/SEP/18	17 Sep. 18	Boarding
002/SEP/18	20 Sep. 18	Boarding
003/SEP/18		NOT ISSUED
004/SEP/18	25 Sep. 18	Robbery
005/SEP/18	25 Sep. 18	Attack
006/SEP/18	30 Sep 18	Theft

WARNINGS:
2 issued

	Date of issue	Classification and comments
001/JUL/18	01 Jul. 18	Attack
001/SEP/18 UPDATE 01	22 Sep. 18	Hijack

INCIDENTS reported

- Hijack: 1
- Attack: 4
- Robbery: 2
- Theft: 2
- Boarding: 3
- Susp. approach: 1
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 1

NOTICES

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Phones and mail are monitored 24/7. Both French and English are spoken.

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 possible to allow MDAT-GOG to initiate the appropriate response.

Sometimes incomplete reports cause delay to the issue of warnings and our ability to contact Local Navy 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 facilitate quick actions by the MDAT-GoG and their regional contacts.

DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Hijack



Attack



Boarding



Robbery



Theft

Suspicious
approach

Sighting

Search and
Rescue

False alarm

**Serial:** 063/18**Status of vessel:** At anchorage**Category:** Sea theft**Status of incident:** Failed**Date:** Sunday, 30 September 2018**Time :** 04 :02 (UTC Time)**Position:** 04°54N – 001°41W**Bearing/Rge:** 087°/03NM from Takoradi, GHANA**Description:**

On Sunday the 30th September 2018 at 0402 UTC, in position 04°54'10N 001°41'17W (Takoradi anchorage) a MV was boarded by 2 people via the anchor chain. The crew raised the alarm and the 2 intruders left the vessel. Nothing was stolen. Crew and vessel are safe

[Reference: Weekly report 40/18 and Advisory 006/SEP/18](#)

**Serial:** 062/18**Status of vessel:** En route**Category:** Attack**Status of incident:** Failed**Date:** Tuesday, 25 September 2018**Time :** 13 :30 (UTC Time)**Position:** 02°51N – 006°44E**Bearing/Rge:** 200°/106NM from Bonny, NIGERIA**Description:**

On Tuesday the 25th September. at 1151 UTC, a MV was approached by one speed boat with 7 people on board. Shots were fired in the vessel's direction. Attacked was thwarted by the arrival of a local security vessel. Crew & vessel are SAFE.

[Reference: Weekly report 38/18 and Advisory 005/SEP/18](#)

**Serial:** 061/18**Status of vessel:** At anchorage**Category:** Robbery**Status of incident:** Successful**Date:** Tuesday, 25 September 2018**Time :** 01 :00 (UTC Time)**Position:** 04°41S – 011°45E**Bearing/Rge:** 313°/6NM from Pointe Noire, REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**Description:**

On Tuesday 25th September at 01:00 UTC, during a routine deck walk, two persons in orange coveralls and armed with knives were reported. Alarm was raised and robbers escaped with ships properties. All crew are in good health condition and onboard.

[Reference: Weekly report 39/18 and Advisory 004/SEP/18](#)

**Serial:** 060/18**Status of vessel:** En route**Category:** Hijack**Status of incident:** Successful**Date:** Saturday, 22 September 2018**Time :** 05 :05 (UTC Time)**Position:** 03°43N – 006°43E**Bearing/Rge:** 215°/30NM from Bonny, NIGERIA**Description:**

On Saturday 22nd September at 05:05 UTC, a vessel was attacked in position 03°45'32N – 006°43'01E (215°/ 30nm of Bonny, NIGERIA). 12 persons have been kidnapped and 7 were still on-board. The ship was released and heading into port.

[Reference: Weekly report 39/18 and Warning 001/SEP/18](#)



Serial: 059/18 **Status of vessel:** At anchorage
Category: Boarding **Status of incident:** Failed
Date: Thursday, 20 September 2018 **Time :** 23 :45 (UTC Time)
Position: 06°16N – 003°13E **Bearing/Rge:** 235°/13NM from Lagos, NIGERIA

Description:

On Thursday 20th September 2018 at 2350 UTC, a MV was approached by 2 boats at Lagos anchorage at 06°16'51N 003°13'16E.

At 2358 UTC, 2 unauthorised personnel were spotted on the Main deck. Once challenged, they escaped with a rope tied on board. Nothing was reported as stolen.

[Reference: Weekly report 38/18 and Advisory 002/SEP/18](#)



Serial: 058/18 **Status of vessel:** At anchorage
Category: Boarding **Status of incident:** Successful
Date: Monday, 17 September 2018 **Time :** 03 :00 (UTC Time)
Position: 09°20N – 013°43W **Bearing/Rge:** 175°/7NM from Conakry, GUINEA

Description:

A vessel was boarded at Conakry Anchorage, in position 092048N/0134318W. Four intruders boarded the vessel with vessel via the anchor chain. They stayed 30 min before leaving the vessel.. Vessel and Crew are Safe. Port Control informed and Navy Patrol was send to assist.

[Reference: Weekly report 38/18 and Advisory 001/SEP/18 Amendment](#)



Serial: 057/18 **Status of vessel:** En route
Category: Attack **Status of incident:** Failed
Date: Saturday, 08 September 2018 **Time :** Unk
Position: 04°42N – 006°52E **Bearing/Rge:** 158°/14NM from Port Harcourt, NIGERIA

Description:

On 08 th September 2018 (time undetermined), State Marine Police patrol on routine patrol, along Isaka/Okrika waterways, (Bonny River), intercepted and exchanged gunshot with unknown armed men (4), onboard one speed boat. According to State Marine Police, 2 sea pirates killed and 2 others arrested. Weapons and Amunitions, speed boat collected by Marine Police

[Reference: Weekly report 36/18](#)



Serial: 056/18 **Status of vessel:** At anchorage
Category: Robbery **Status of incident:** Successful
Date: Tuesday, 21 August 2018 **Time :** 01:40 (UTC Time)
Position: 04°40N – 007°09E **Bearing/Rge:** 000°/00NM from Onne, NIGERIA

Description:

A vessel was boarded at ONNE Port Anchorage, in position 04°40N / 007°09E. Four intruders boarded the vessel with weapons. Cans of Oil were stolen and the intruders left without entering the ship. Vessel and crew are SAFE

[Reference: Weekly report 33/18 and Advisory 002/AUG/18](#)



Serial: 055/18 **Status of vessel:** En route
Category: Irregular activity **Status of incident:** Not concerned
Date: Tuesday, 14 August 2018 **Time :** 02:00 (UTC Time)
Position: 00°41.15N – 009°12.11E **Bearing/Rge:** 287°/15NM from Libreville, GABON

Description:

Since 140200ZAUG18 any communication or positioning information have been lost with a Tanker which had just arrived in vicinity of Libreville anchorage.

[Reference: Weekly report 33/18 and Advisory 001/AUG/18](#)



Serial: 054/18 **Status of vessel:** En route
Category: Suspicious approach **Status of incident:** Not concerned
Date: Sunday, 22 July 2018 **Time :** 13:50 (UTC Time)
Position: 01°30N – 001°15E **Bearing/Rge:** 40°/270NM from Takoradi, GHANA

Description:

A merchant vessel was approached by a blue and white fishing vessel. Fishing vessel launched 2 skiffs which approached MV and attempted to board. MV conducted evasive maneuvers preventing skiffs getting within 0.5nm.

[Reference: Weekly report 30/18 and Advisory 002/JUL/18](#)



Serial: 053/18 **Status of vessel:** At anchorage
Category: Sea theft **Status of incident:** Successful
Date: Sunday, 22 July 2018 **Time :** 00:05 (UTC Time)
Position: 05°11N – 004°04W **Bearing/Rge:** 240°/7NM from Abidjan, COTE D'IVOIRE

Description:

An anchored merchant tanker reported the theft of 3 mooring ropes by 3 men, one in the water, and 2 onboard a boat pulling them floating on the water. At 00:20UTC, attempts to retrieve ropes stopped as the boat has sped away pulling ropes away from tanker and into the darkness towards shore.

[Reference: Weekly report 30/18](#)



Serial: 052/18 **Status of vessel:** At anchorage
Category: Boarding **Status of incident:** Successful
Date: Tuesday, 03 July 2018 **Time :** 00:29 (UTC Time)
Position: 06°16N – 003°11E **Bearing/Rge:** 240°/13NM from Lagos, NIGERIA

Description:

An anchored merchant tanker was boarded by one man. Once spotted and authorities advised, the intruder left the tanker on board a boat tied up to the anchor chain. Vessel and crew are safe.

[Reference: Weekly report 27/18 and Advisory 001/JUL/18](#)



Serial: 051/18 **Status of vessel:** En route
Category: Attack **Status of incident:** Failed
Date: Sunday, 01 July 2018 **Time :** 10:30 (UTC Time)
Position: 04°08N – 006°57E **Bearing/Rge:** 214°/20NM from Bonny, NIGERIA

Description:

A merchant vessel was attacked by a fast boat with 7 men on board. Shots were fired towards the bridge. Boarding failed due to evasive manoeuvres and presence of security team. Vessel had already been attacked few minutes earlier by another fastboat.

[Reference: Weekly report 27/18 and Warning 001/JUL/18](#)



Serial: 050/18 **Status of vessel:** En route
Category: Attack **Status of incident:** Failed
Date: Sunday, 01 July 2018 **Time :** 09:00 (UTC Time)
Position: 03°53N – 006°42E **Bearing/Rge:** 220°/40NM from Bonny, NIGERIA

Description:

A merchant vessel was attacked by a fast boat with 9 men on board. Shots were fired towards the bridge. Boarding failed due to evasive manoeuvres and presence of security team. Vessel has been attacked again few minutes later by another fastboat.

[Reference: Weekly report 27/18](#)