



MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 13-20

20th – 27th March 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 events or sightings as early as possible, 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 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 facilitate 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 / Ships 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. As this keeps the Live Emergency Line free.

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

CONTACT

Contact the MDAT-GoG:

E-mail: watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org

Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 88 88 (emergency)

Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 13 02 (exercise)

Phones and mail are monitored 24/7.

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 |
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| HIJACKING | 21/03/20 | 22NM off Port Gentil, GABON | On the 21 st March, at approximately 0500UTC, at 22NM off Port Gentil inside Ganonese TTW, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was attacked by an unknown number of attackers while enroute from Bata to Annobon. The MV (NAME WITHHELD) was subsequently hijacked and tracked heading to Nigeria. The MV (NAME WITHHELD) was released on 23 rd March in position 03°53'7N - 006°50'56E. MDAT-GoG comment: This event was a Time Late Report. |
| BOARDING | 22/03/20 | 280/62NM off Libreville, GABON | On 22 nd March at 0730UTC, in position 00°33N – 008°25E, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was attacked and boarded by unknown attacker. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to WARNING 003/MAR/20.and WARNING 003/MAR/20/UPDATE 01 |
| ATTACK | 25/03/20 | 209°/79Nm off Brass, NIGERIA | On the 25 th March, at 1022UTC, in position 03°08N – 005°35E an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was attacked by one skiff with 7 persons on board. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to WARNING 004/MAR/20 and WARNING 004/MAR/20/UPDATE 01 |
| SUSPICIOUS APPROACH | 26/03/20 | 193/22 NM off Cotonou, BENIN | On 26 th March, at 0820UTC, in position 05°59'8N - 002°21'2E, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was approached to within 2 cables, by a skiff with 4 to 5 POB. Vessel and crew were reported safe. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 004/MAR/20 |
| THEFT | 20/03/20 | 316/6NM off Pointe Noire, CONGO | On 20 th March at 0830UTC in position 04°43N – 11°46E an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was robbed while at anchorage. Vessel and crew were reported safe. MDAT-GoG comment: This event was a Time Late Report. |

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| ROBBERY | 27/03/20 | 176/9NM off Conakry, GUINEA | On the 27 th March at 0230UTC, while at anchorage, a theft occurred on an MV (NAME WITHHELD). Vessel and crew were reported safe. MDAT-GoG comment: Nil |
| SIGHTING | 25/03/20 | 232/180NM off Brass, NIGERIA | On the 25 th March at 1630UTC, in position 02°27N – 004°01E an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was followed by an unidentified craft with unknown intentions. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 003/MAR/20 |

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

WARNINGS

Four Warning Notices issued this week

WARNING 03/MAR/2020: An MV is under attack in position 00°33N – 008°25E (62nm West of Libreville).

WARNING 03/MAR/2020/UPDATE 1: On 22nd March 2020 at 0730 UTC, an MV was attacked in position 00°33N – 008°25E (62nm West of Libreville), attack over at 1210 UTC.

WARNING 004/MAR/2020: An MV is under attack in position 03°08N – 005°35E (209°/79Nm off Brass, NIGERIA). 1 speedboat with unknown number of attackers.

WARNING 004/MAR/2020 UPDATE 1: An MV has been attacked in position 03°08N – 005°35E (209°/79Nm off Brass, NIGERIA). 1 speedboat with 7 attackers. The attack is now finished.

ADVISORIES

Two ADVISORY Notices issued this week

Advisory 003/MAR/20: An MV was followed by an unidentified craft with unknown intentions on 25th of March at 1630Z in position 02°27N – 004°01E (232°/Brass, NIGERIA/180Nm).

Advisory 004/MAR/2020: On 26 Mar 20 at 0820 UTC, an MV was approached to within 2 cables, by a skiff with 4 to 5 POB in position 05°59'8N - 002°21'2E (193° / Cotonou, BENIN / 22 Nm)

MARITIME CRIME

Two Crime Activities reported this week

CONGO, Pointe Noire: Theft

GUINEA, Conakry: Theft

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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