



MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 10-20

28th February – 06th 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.

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

CONTACT

Contact the MDAT-GoG:

E-mail: watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org

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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
BOARDING	05/03/20	180/79NM off Lagos, NIGERIA	An MV (NAME WITHHELD) has launched an SSAS distress alert on the 05 th March at 1827UTC in position 05°02.16N – 003°27.56E regarding a piracy attack. Since, neither the vessels company nor MDAT-GOG have succeeded in contacting the crew or relocating the ship. A Nigerian Navy Ship was dispatched to investigate. INVESTIGATION IS STILL ONGOING. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 002/MAR.
BOARDING	05/03/20	188/45NM off Cotonou, BENIN	On the 05 th March 2020 at 1245UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by 6-8 attackers in position 05°36.13N - 002°20.38E). A Beninese Patrol boat (P110 OUEME) was dispatched by local authorities in order to assist and secure the MV (NAME WITHHELD). MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to WARNING 001/MAR.
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	05/03/20	162/48NM off Lome, TOGO	On the 05 th March 2020 at 0746UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) has reported being approached in position 05°21'45N - 001°31'48E by one skiff with 9-10 POB. After executing evasive manoeuvres, the approach was stopped. Ship and crew were reported safe. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 001/MAR.
THEFT	04/03/20	103/4NM off Takoradi, GHANA	On 04 th March 2020 at 0330UTC, two intruders tried to board an MV(NAME WITHHELD) while she was at anchore. They were spotted by the officer on watch who raised the alarm. The intruders fled away on a small wooden boat manned by two other men. Ship and crew were reported safe. Other wise, two other MVs (NAME WITHHELD) reported during the same night and time theft or attempt theft on board. MDAT-GoG comment: Nil

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

WARNINGS

Two WARNING Notices issued this week

WARNING 001/MAR/2020: MDAT GOG have received report that at 1300 UTC the 5th of March an MV is under attack in position 05°36,13 N – 002°20,38 E. The attackers are reported to have boarded the MV. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

WARNING 001/MAR/2020 UPDATE 1: The attack is now over. The MV has been secured by Beninese Navy. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

ADVISORIES

Two ADVISORY Notices issued this week

Advisory 001/MAR/2020: An MV has reported being approached in position 05°21'45N/001°31'48E (162/48NM off Lome, TOGO) at 0746UTC on the 05th March 2020 by one skiff with 9-10 POB. Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

Advisory 002/MAR/2020: MDAT GOG have received information of a possible boarding by an unknown number of attackers on an MV in position 05°02N – 003°28E the 05th of March, 2020 at 18:27 UTC. Status of the ship and the crew are unknown. Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

MARITIME CRIME

One Maritime Crime Activity reported this week

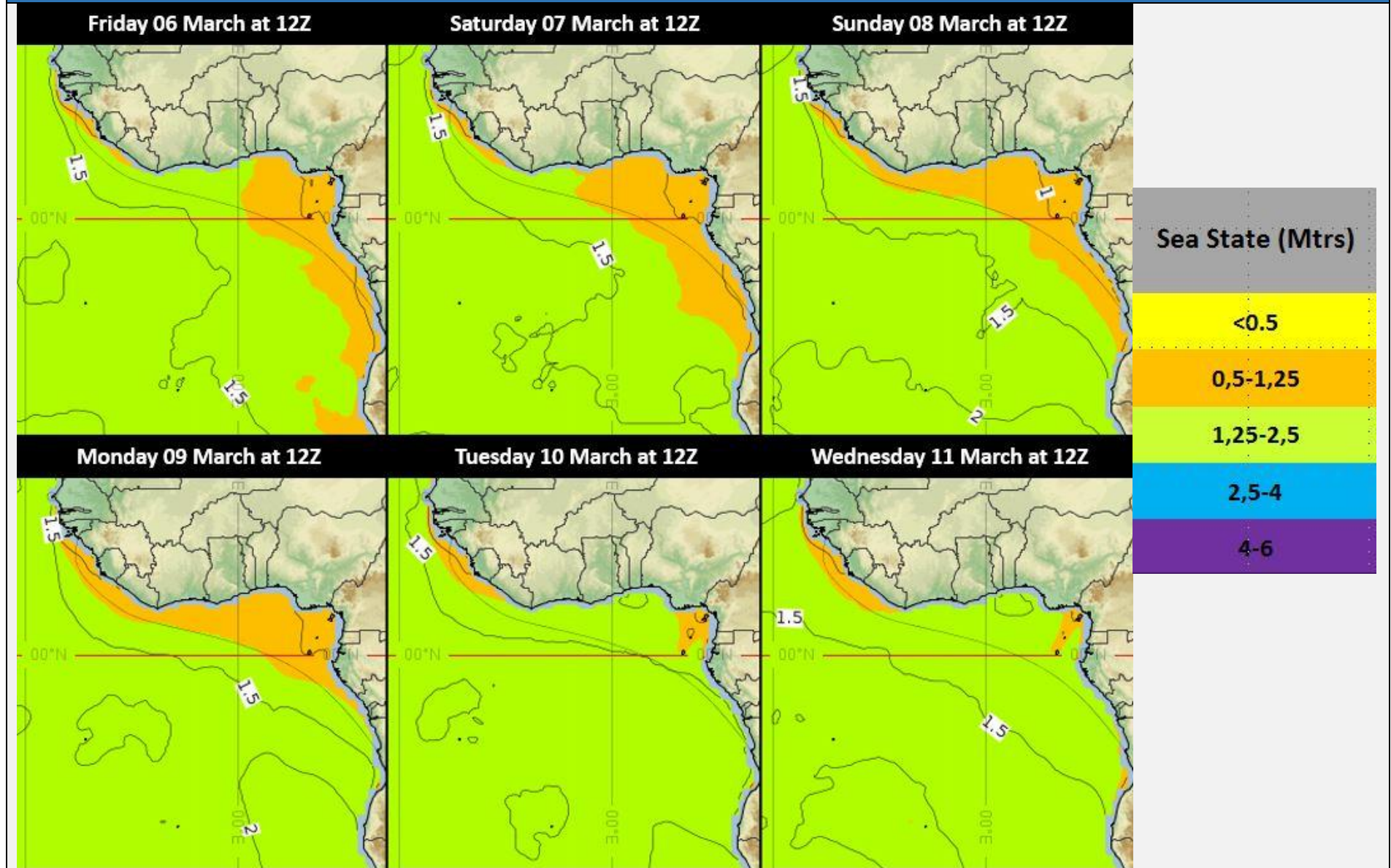
GHANA, Takoradi: Theft

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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