



MDAT-GoG Monthly Report 01/2020 January

OVERVIEW

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 when their vessel will be 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 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 [Global Counter Piracy Guidance](#) during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

10 events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for January 2020, Serials 01/20 to 10/20.

Fair winds and following seas!

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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-control of the vessel.

Boarding: Assailants board a vessel with intention to take control of the vessel.

Suspicious approach: Close approach with unknown-

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

Theft: Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.

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

CONTACT US

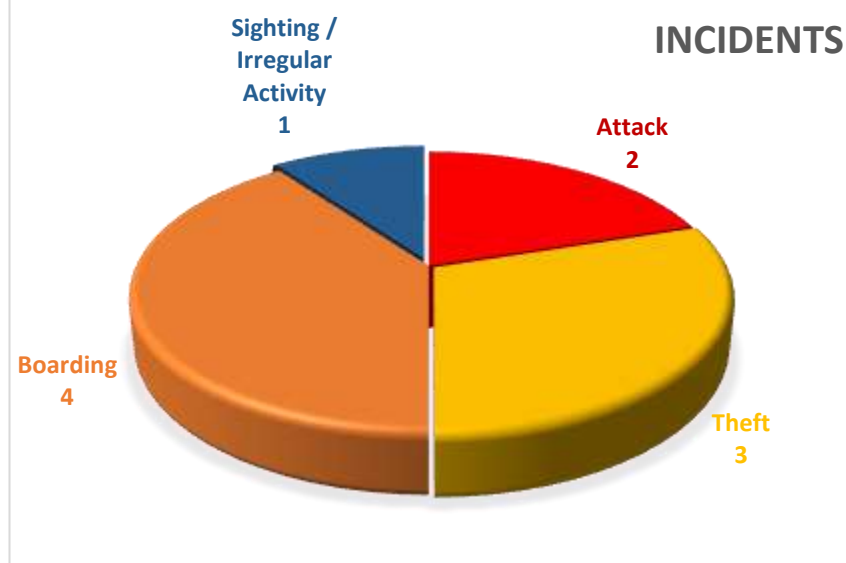
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MONTHLY STATISTICS: JANUARY 2020

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- Hijack: 0
- Attack: 2
- Boarding: 4
- Susp. approach: 0
- Robbery: 0
- Theft: 3
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 1
- False alarm: 0

NOTICES

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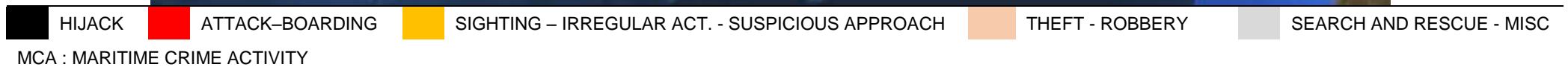
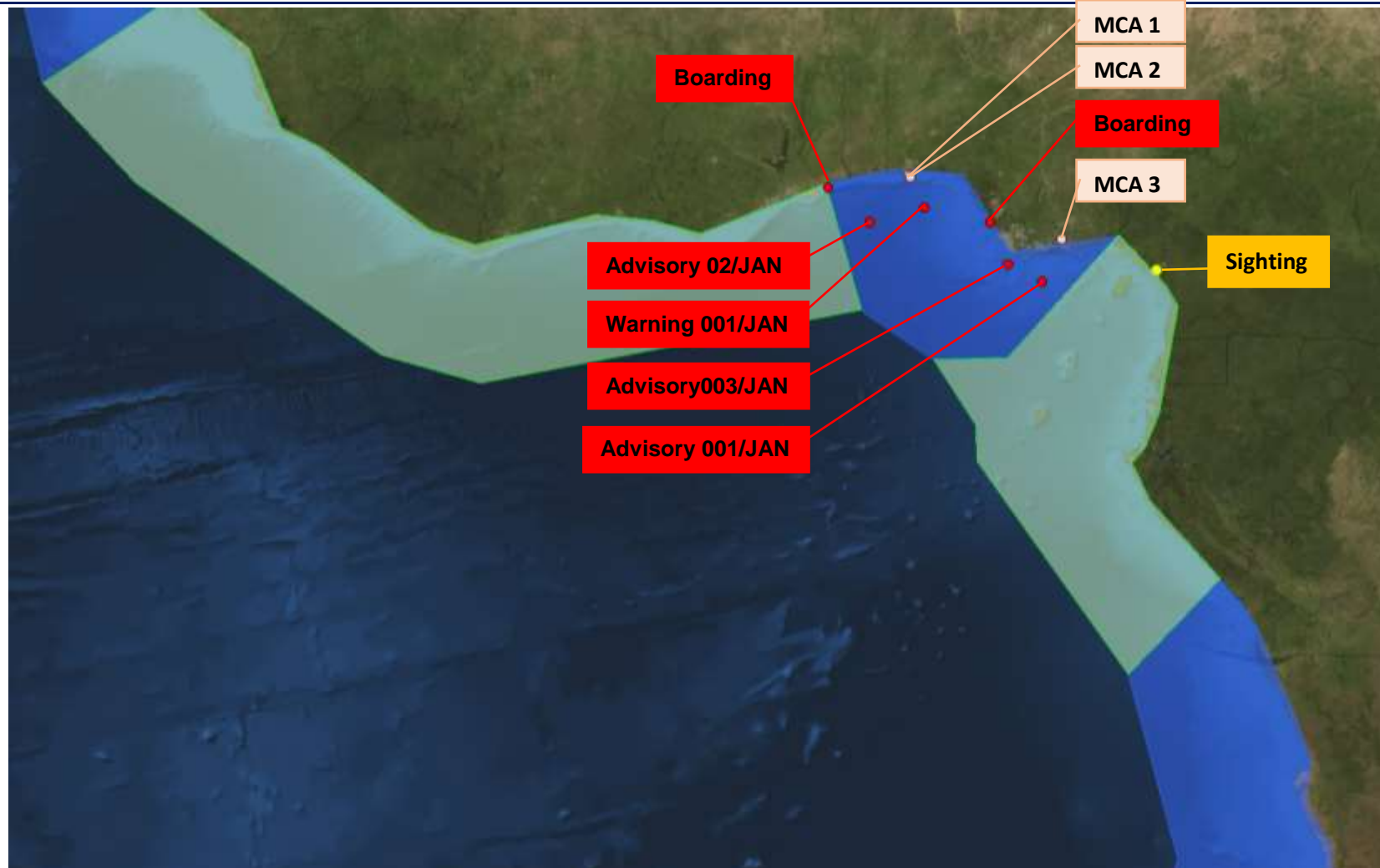
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ADVISORIES:	Date of issue	Classification and comments
4 issued		
001	16/01/20	Attack
002	19/01/20	Boarding
002 Amend 1	20/01/20	Boarding
003	21/01/20	Attack

WARNINGS	Date of issue	Classification and comments
1 issued		
001	20/01/20	Attempted boarding

DRILL EXERCISE	Date	Company
6 issued		
001	13/01/20	Cosco Shipping Lines LTD
002	13/01/20	Crowley
003	14/01/20	Crowley
004	16/01/20	Cosco Shipping Lines LTD
005	17/01/20	Cosco Shipping Lines LTD
006	24/01/20	Unibros Shipping Corp

MAP OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 01/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 02 Jan. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 22:00
<u>Position</u>	05°08'12N – 005°20'48E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	220/16NM off Burutu, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 02nd January 2020 at 2200UTC, a trailing suction hopper dredger (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by pirates in position 05°08'12N - 005°20'48E. An exchange of gunfire resulted in the death of military personnel from the security team. The Nigerian authorities sent two vessels to provide support to the attacked ship (**NAME WITHHELD**). This event was a Time Late Report.

Duration of Attack: Unknown.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Type of Vessel used: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Four security team guards deceased.

Incident reported to:
MDAT.

MDAT Reference: [This event was a Time Late Report.](#)

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Incident 02/20

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	13 Jan. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	02:45
<u>Position</u>	06°01N – 001°15E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	195/7NM off Lome, TOGO
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On 13th January 2020 at approximately 0245UTC, while at Lome Anchorage, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been approached by a boat manned by 8 men. Some of them tried to use hooked ropes in order to board the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). A distress call was issued while the crew mustered in the citadel. A Togolese Navy was dispatched to secure and assist the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). Ship and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Unknown.

Method Of Approach: One skiff.

Type of Vessel used: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, MOC LOME.

MDAT Reference: Nil.

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Incident 03/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Sighting 15 Jan. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Not concerned 04:24
<u>Position</u>	03°54'19N - 009°33'15E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	Douala Anchorage, CAMEROON
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On 15th January at 0424UTC, while at Douala anchorage, a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a red hull boat manned by 4 persons. The security guard present on board made a number of attempts to signal to the boat to stop approach without success. The security guard then fired a warning shot resulting in the boat aborting its approach. Cameroon navy guard was informed of the incident. MCC Area D, has reported to MDAT that this event was located in an area frequented by fishermen. The vessel and the crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Unknown.

Method Of Approach: Approach at small speed.

Type of Vessel used: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 20-03.](#)

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Incident 04/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 16 Jan. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 20:57
<u>Position</u>	03°38N – 009°23'42E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	200/50NM off Bonny NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Wind Direction: W Wind/Sea: 4/3 Sky/Visibility: O/5

Description: On 16th January 2020 at 2057UTC in position 03 38.0N 006 40.2E a small craft attacked a MT (NAME WITHHELD). Five pirates tried to board the MV (NAME WITHHELD). As the pirate boat came alongside the vessel, the armed guards on board opened warning fire and so the pirates fled away. The crew and the security team were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 7-8 Minutes.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Small Boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: [ADVISORY 001/JAN/20, Weekly 20-03.](#)

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Incident 06/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 19 Jan. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 20:10
<u>Position</u>	05°08'18N – 002°17'54E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	187/76 off Cotonou, BENIN
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	Adrift	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear, Wind - SSW 4; Sea – SSW 1.0; Swell- SSW 1.5

Description: An MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been boarded on the 19th January 2020 at 2010UTC in position 05°08.3N – 002°17.9E by armed men. The alarm was raised and all the crew mustered inside locked accommodation. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reached TEMA where an Armed Naval search team has conducted a physical searching and nobody unauthorized has been found. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 10 Minutes.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Brown wooden skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E – Area F.

MDAT Reference: [ADVISORY 002/JAN/20, Weekly 20-04.](#)

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Incident 07/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 20 Jan. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 23:00
<u>Position</u>	05°30N – 003°41E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	163/57 off Lagos, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Fog(poor visibility), Wind: 7-10KNTS/SSW Sea/swell: SSW/0.6 M

Description: On the 20th January at 2300UTC in position 05°30N - 003°41E, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a skiff with 5-6 pirates on board. They attempted to board the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) but failed as the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) had performed evasive manoeuvres. Ship and crew were reported safe

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Fiberglass boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E – Area F.

MDAT Reference: [WARNING 001/JAN/20, Weekly 20-04.](#)

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Incident 08/20

<u>Category</u>	Attack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	21 Jan. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	08:36
<u>Position</u>	04°04'02N-005°48'00E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	076/84 off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not Stated

Description: At 0836UTC on 21st January, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 04°04'02N - 005°48'00E by 1 skiff with approximately 15 persons on board. Gunshots were exchanged between pirates and the Nigerian armed guards. Attackers fled after the vessel carried out evasive manoeuvres. Crew and Vessel were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: [ADVISORY 003/JAN/20, Weekly 20-04.](#)

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft

Event 05/20

NIGERIA, Lagos

Description: On the 17th January after midnight, while at Lagos Anchorage (06°18'45N-003°16'29E) and during a cargo operation, a small boat was observed close to the anchor chain with two people trying to climb it by the deck patrol. The alarm was raised on the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and the patrol boat advised. The attempted intruders fled away the scene. Ship (**NAME WITHHELD**) and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Silent approach with a small boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-04.

Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft

Event 09/20

NIGERIA, Lagos

Description: On the 25th January at 0050UTC, while at Lagos anchorage (06°16'55N - 003°19'32E), a duty patrolling crew noticed an intruder on main deck of an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). Once discovered, the intruder jumped over board and escaped with a small boat. A Navy patrol boat was dispatched to investigate the scene. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Use of a small boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-05

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Maritime Crime Activity 03: Theft

Event 10/20

NIGERIA, Onne Port

Description: On the 29th January at 0300UTC, while berthed at Onne Port (04°41'30N – 007°09'50E), an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been boarded by one man who collected some items on the deck. Once spotted by the watchman, the alarm was raised and the intruder managed to escape with a canoe manned by another man. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Use of a canoe.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-05.