

## MDAT – Weekly Report

21<sup>st</sup> August – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
Number of Events reported:

**3**

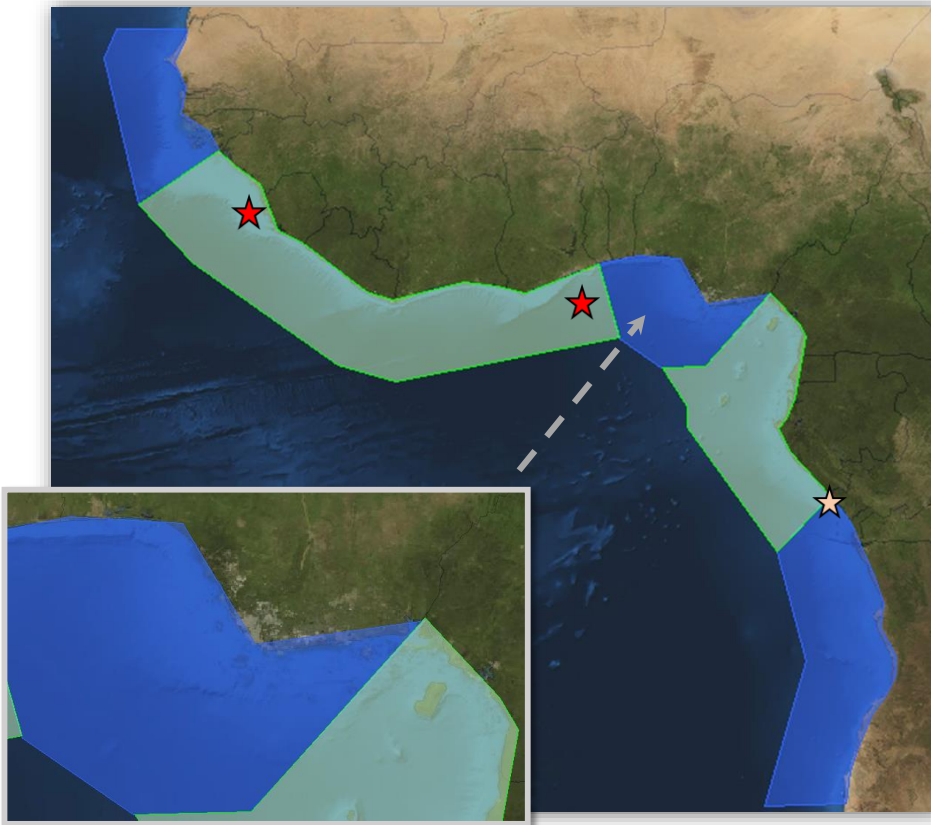
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## OVERVIEW

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

Hijack: 0   Attack: 2   Boarding: 0   Suspicious Approach: 0   Robbery – Sea theft: 1   Sighting/Irregular Activity: 0



★ Hijack   ★ Attack - Boarding   ★ Robbery - Theft   ★ Suspicious approach - Irregular activity   ★ Miscellaneous

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**IMPORTANT**

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 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 (24/7/365).**

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	AREA	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT	Information reported to coastal authorities
ATTACK	F	8 NM OFF FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE	<p>An incoming report from MMCC zone F ECOWAS, indicates that at 0030 UTC, 21 August 2020, a fishing vessel (NAME WITHHELD) was attacked and boarded by seven armed men with machetes whilst at anchorage at position 08° 25'N, 013° 07'W about 8 NM Off Freetown Port. First incoming information reports gunshots.</p> <p>The perpetrators boarded the fishing vessel as the crew onboard was trying to resist and therefore sustained severe injuries. It was not stated if the injuries result of the gunshots or other weapons.</p> <p>The Sierra Leone Navy dispatched a Search And Rescue Team but the robbers had left before they arrived at the scene.</p> <p>However, JOC informed authorities about the incident and an investigation is ongoing by the Sierra Leone Marine Police.</p>	-
THEFT	D	POINTE NOIRE ANCHORAGE	Duty watch reported sighting 2 persons on the forecastle deck on a tanker (NAME WITHHELD). Alarms raised, crew mustered, fire pumps started. Search conducted and nobody found onboard. Robbers tried to steal mooring lines. One rope has been cut, however, no part appears missing from the vessel - Both ends still onboard, securing wires and padlocks in place. Another rope was tampered with, but not cut. Small wooden boat was seen rowing away from the vessel.	

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ATTACK	F	114 NM SOUTH EAST OFF TEMA GHANA	On 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 0431 UTC in position 04°02N-001°04E a MV(NAME WITHHELD) reported a small craft (12-14 meters) with 6-8 people on board. Metallic ladder sighted. There was an attempt made to board, vessel manoeuvred and the attempt was aborted. Vessel and crew are safe.	
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**WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE**

Nil WARNING Notices issued this week

**ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE**

One ADVISORY Notices issued this week

**ADVISORY NOTICE 001/AUG/2020**

1. **Category:** ATTACK
2. **Time:** 28 AUG 20 0430UTC
3. **Description:** MT reported a small craft (12-14 meters) with 6-8 persons on board. Metallic ladder sighted. There was an attempt made to board, vessel manoeuvred and the attempt was aborted. Vessel and crew are safe.
4. **Position:** 040242N 0010424E (approximately 114NM South East of TEMA, GHANA)
5. **Source:** Reported by email from vessel: 28 Aug 20 0531UTC

**Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area**

All queries regarding this Advisory Notice ring **+33(0) 298 22 88 88** for further information.

**THIS ADVISORY** is not classified as a Maritime Security Event and has 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.

**MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE**

Nil MDAT-GOG Notices issued this week

**MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA**

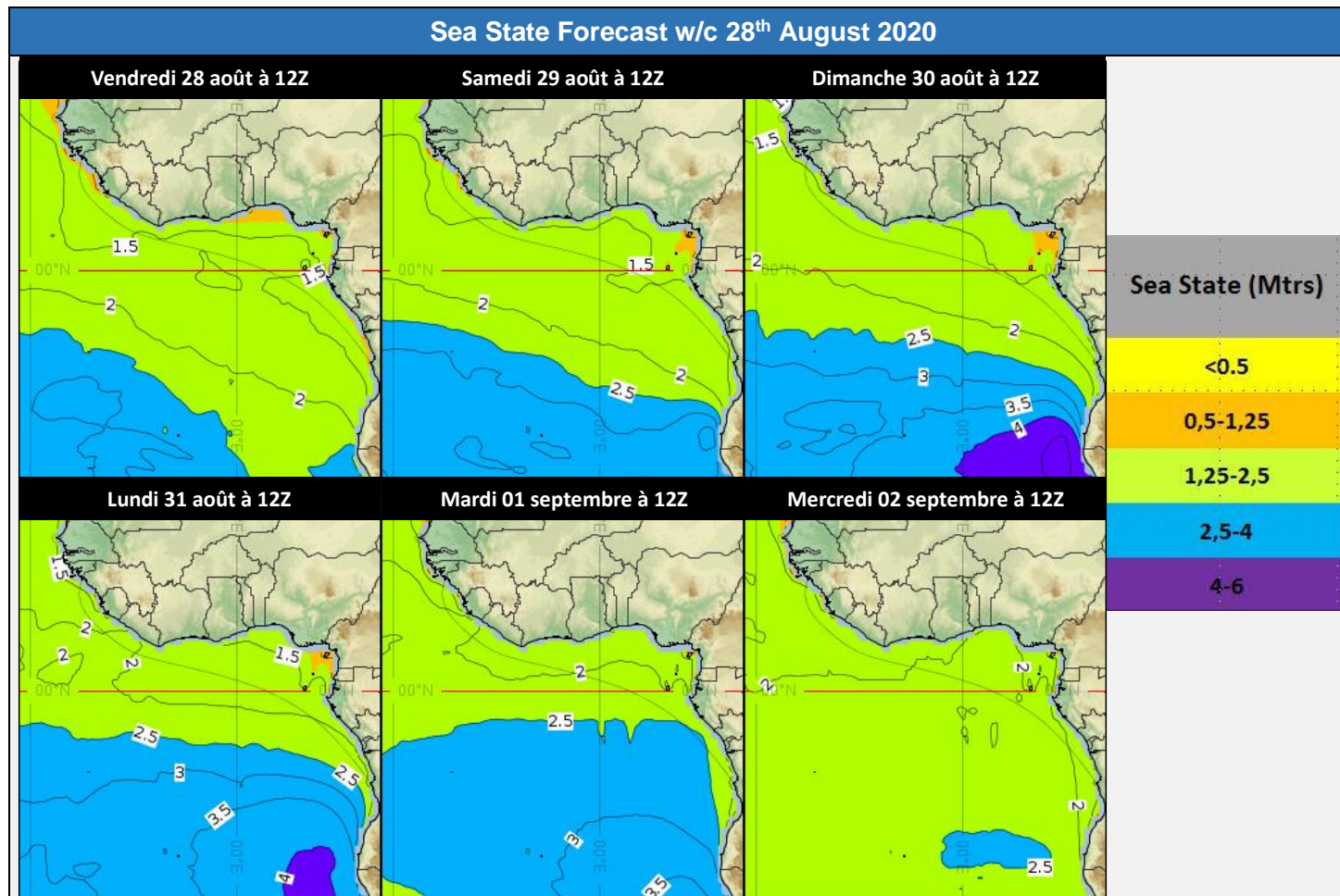
Nil Maritime Crime Activities reported this week

**NOTES**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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](mailto:watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org). Phone number is monitored permanently (+33 (0)298 22 88 88).

Masters are encouraged to comply with [Best Management Practices West Africa \(BMP WA\)](#) and [Global Counter Piracy Guidance](#) during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

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## Definitions

**Hijack:** Unauthorised persons have illegally boarded the ship and taken control of the vessel against the will of the Master and crew.

**Boarding:** An illegal boarding is where the attackers have boarded the ship but have not taken control of the vessel.

**Attempted Boarding:** Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat, but are thwarted by BMP measures, PAST, weather conditions, lack of appropriate equipment, etc.

**Attack:** The ship has been subjected to an aggressive approach by unidentified craft and weapons have been discharged.

**Suspicious approach:** Definite alteration towards the ship, rapid increase in speed which cannot be accounted for in the prevailing conditions. Sudden changes in course towards ship and aggressive behaviour.

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

**Theft:** Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.

**Sightings and Irregular Activity:** Suspicious activity not associated with the locality or prevailing conditions.

## ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)  
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)  
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)  
[Global Counter Maritime](#)

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