



MDAT-GOG Monthly Report September - 09/2020

Number of events reported:
04



BMP
West Africa



Global Counter
Piracy Guidance

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

Four events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for September 2020.

Fair winds and following seas!

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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.

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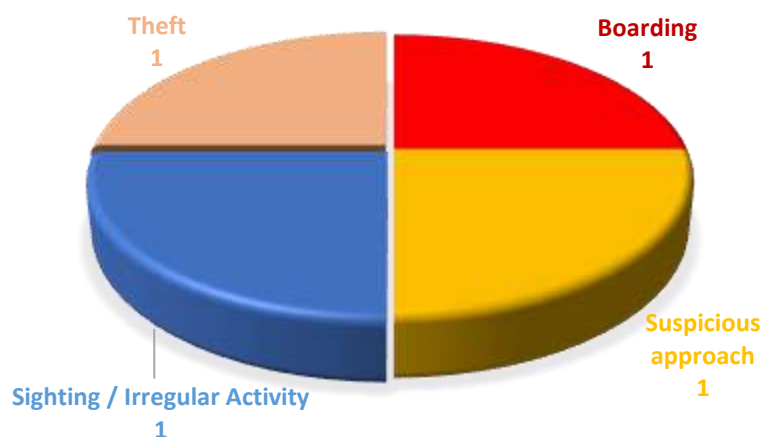
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Phones and mail are monitored 24/7. Both French and English are spoken.

MONTHLY STATISTICS : SEPTEMBER 2020

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

NOTICES

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ADVISORIES:

Nil issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

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WARNINGS

4 issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

001

08/09/20

BOARDING

001 – Update 1

22/09/20

BOARDING

002

22/09/20

SUSPICIOUS APPROACH

002 – Update 1

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SUSPICIOUS APPROACH

NOTICES

1 issued

Date of issue

Source

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DRILL EXERCISE

7 issued

Date

Company

001

02/09/20

Pacific Basin Shipping HK Ltd

002

03/09/20

Misuga Kaiun Co Ltd

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03/09/20

Wilhelmsen Ship Mgmt Singapore

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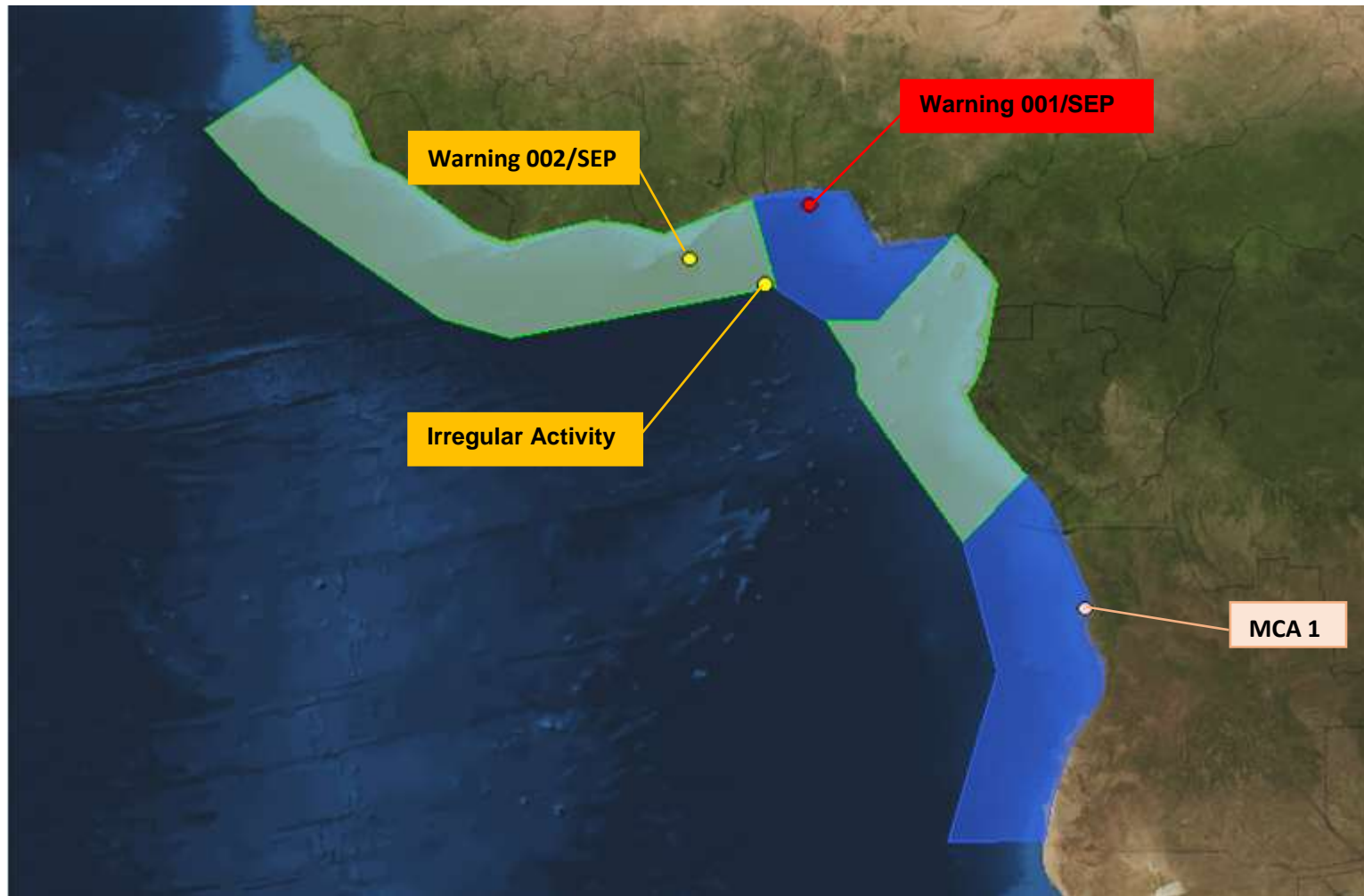
COSCO Shipping Bulk Co Ltd

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Norstar Ship Management Pte

MAP OF INCIDENTS

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HIJACK	ATTACK-BOARDING	SIGHTING – IRREGULAR ACT. - SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	THEFT - ROBBERY	SEARCH AND RESCUE - MISC
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MCA : MARITIME CRIME ACTIVITY

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Incident 083/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 08 Sep. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 05:50
<u>Position</u>	05°53N – 003°17E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	195/30NM off Lagos, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated.

Description: On the 8th September at 0550UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached and boarded by an unknown number of perpetrators. The local authorities were alerted and Nigerian Navy dispatched patrol boat to escort the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) at anchorage for further investigations.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, MOC Lagos, MMCC Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/SEP](#), [Warning 001/SEP Update 1](#) and [Weekly 37-20](#).

INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS

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Incident 085/20

<u>Category</u>	Suspicious Approach	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	22 Sep. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	08:50
<u>Position</u>	03°55N – 001°03W	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	212/120NM off Accra, GHANA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear visibility.

Description: On the 22nd September 2020 at 0851UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by one skiff with 8 POB at 0.5NM. The captain and crew proceeded with evasive manoeuvres and the skiff stopped its approach. Crew and ship were reported safe.
MMCC AREA F with the assistance of GHANA Navy has dispatched an aircraft in order to locate the suspicious skiff and Ghana Navy patrol ships have investigated the area involved.

Duration of Attack: Approximately one hour.

Method Of Approach: Followed.

Type of Vessel used: One vessel looking like a fishing boat with one small boat along his board and one ladder seen.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, MMCC AREA F, MMCC Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 002/SEP](#), [Warning 002/SEP Update 1](#) and [Weekly 39-20](#).

INCIDENT CLOSED

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Incident 087/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Sighting 26 Sep. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Not concerned 11:30
<u>Position</u>	03°00N – 001°41E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	147/186NM off Accra, GHANA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated.

Description: On the 26th September 2020 at 1130UTC, MMCC Area F has reported an irregular activity on a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a skiff with 8 – 10 POB. The skiff chased the FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) but later abandoned its pursuit.

MMCC AREA F, with the assistance of GHANA Navy, has dispatched an aircraft in order to locate the suspicious skiff and Ghana Navy patrol ships have investigated the area involved.

MDAT-GOG Comment: *This event is classified as an Irregular Activity / Sighting as MDAT-GOG didn't receive evidence-based information allowing to increase the classification.*

Duration of Attack: Approximately 10 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Followed.

Type of Vessel used: One skiff without navigational light.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 40-20.](#)

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft

Event 084/20

ANGOLA, Luanda

Description: On the 09th September at 2154UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported an attempted theft by 4 intruders whilst at Luanda anchorage (08°45'35S – 013°16'38E). The four intruders were quickly noticed by the crew patrol and then fled away empty-handed.

Method Of Approach: Boarding the MV by the anchor chain.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 37-20.