



MDAT – GOG

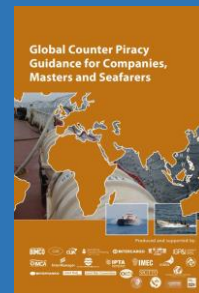
Weekly Report 02-21

08th – 15th January 21
Number of Events reported:

3



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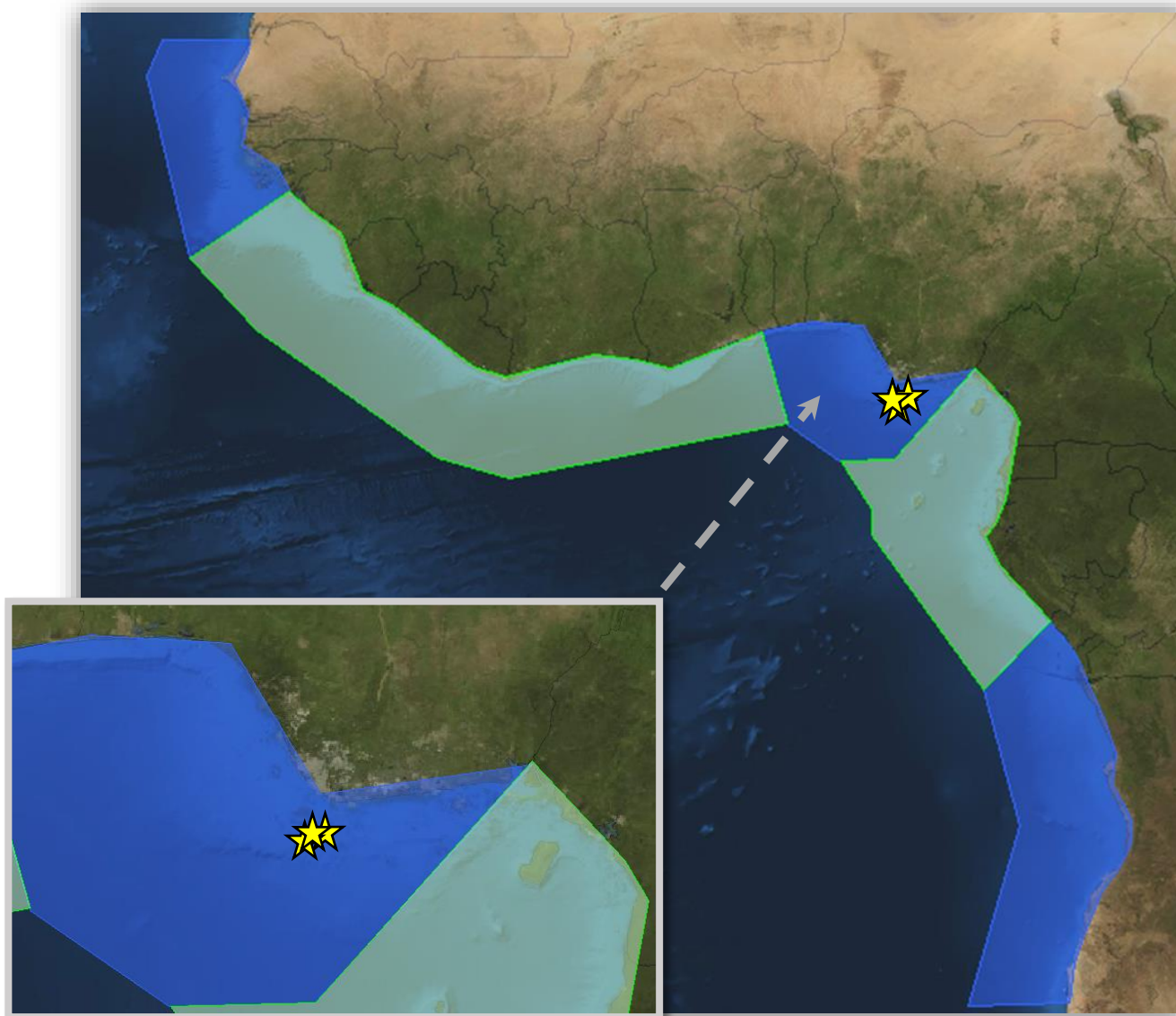


Global Counter
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OVERVIEW

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

Hijack: 0 Attack: 0 Boarding: 0 Suspicious Approach: 3 Robbery – Sea theft: 0 Sighting/Irregular Activity: 0



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

IMPORTANT

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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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TYPE	AREA	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT	Information reported to coastals authorities
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	E	03°38N – 006°17E	On the 08 th January at 1450UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) reported a suspicious approach. The skiff with 8 men on board, was first seen heading to the vessel's port side. They waited until they could reach the vessel beam and then increased their speed in order to come closer. The crew mustered in citadel and full speed was ordered. The skiff aborted its approach after 20 minutes. MDAT GOG Comment: Nil.	MMCC Area E + C4I
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	E	02°23N – 005°39E	On the 13 th January at 1950UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) reported a suspicious approach by at least one small craft, in position 0223N 00539E (150 NM southwest of Bonny). Small craft departed the area, MV and crew were reported safe. Incident is complete. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to WARNING 001/JAN/2021 and WARNING 001/JAN/2021 Update 01.	MMCC Area E + C4I
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	E	02°28N – 005°38E	On the 14 th January at 0000UTC, an MT (NAME WITHHELD) reported a suspicious approach by a small craft at 100 metres, in position 0228N 00538E (145 NM southwest of Bonny). Small craft has departed, MT and crew were reported safe. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to WARNING 002/JAN/2021.	MMCC Area E + C4I

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WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE

3 WARNING Notices issued this week

WARNING 001/JAN/2021**1. CATEGORY: SUSPICIOUS APPROACH****2. TIME:** 13 Jan 2021 1950UTC.**3. DESCRIPTION:** An MV has reported a SUSPICIOUS APPROACH by at least one small craft, in position 0223N 00539E. Incident is still on going, crew have proceeded into citadel.**4. POSITION:** In the vicinity of 0223N 00539E (150 NM southwest of Bonny)**Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution****5. SOURCE:** CSO**WARNING 001/JAN/2021 UPDATE 001****1. CATEGORY: SUSPICIOUS APPROACH****2. TIME:** 14 Jan 2021 0656UTC.**3. DESCRIPTION:** An MV reported a SUSPICIOUS APPROACH by at least one small craft, in position 0223N 00539E. Small craft departed the area, MV and crew safe. Incident is complete.**4. POSITION:** In the vicinity of 0223N 00539E (150 NM southwest of Bonny)**5. SOURCE:** MASTER**WARNING 002/JAN/2021****1. CATEGORY: SUSPICIOUS APPROACH****2. TIME:** 14 Jan 2021 0100UTC.**3. DESCRIPTION:** An MT has reported a SUSPICIOUS APPROACH by a small craft to within 100 metres, in position 0228N 00538E. Small craft has departed, MT and crew are safe.**4. POSITION:** In the vicinity of 0228N 00538E (145 NM southwest of Bonny)**5. SOURCE:** MASTER**ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE**

Nil ADVISORY Notices issued this week

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MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE

Nil MDAT-GOG Notices issued this week

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MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA

Nil Maritime Crime Activities reported this week

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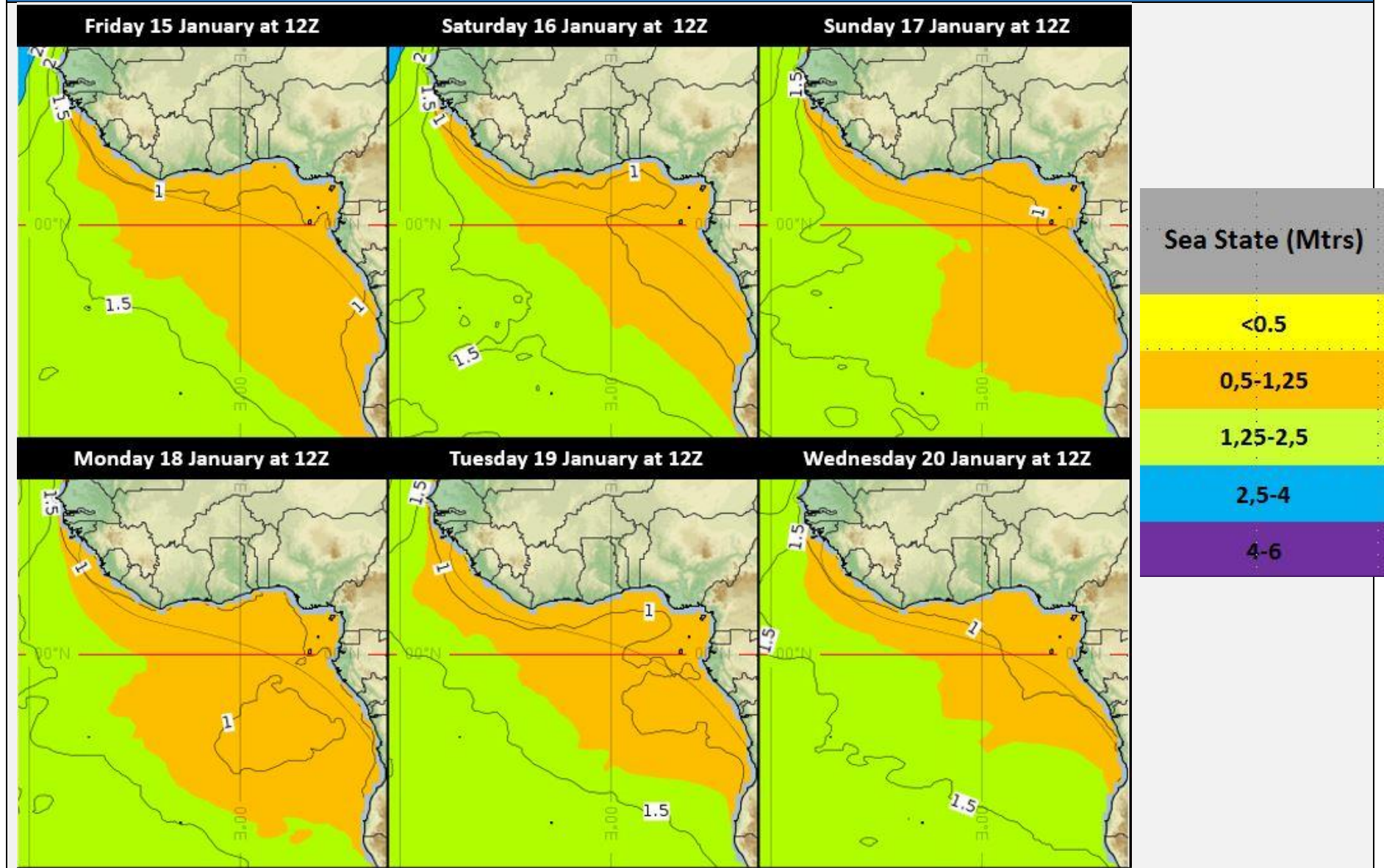
NOTES

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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Sea State Forecast w/c 15th January 2021

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. 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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