



MDAT-GOG Monthly Report August - 08/2020

Number of events reported:
09



**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.

Nine events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for August 2020, Serials 074/20 to 082/20.

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.

CONTACT US

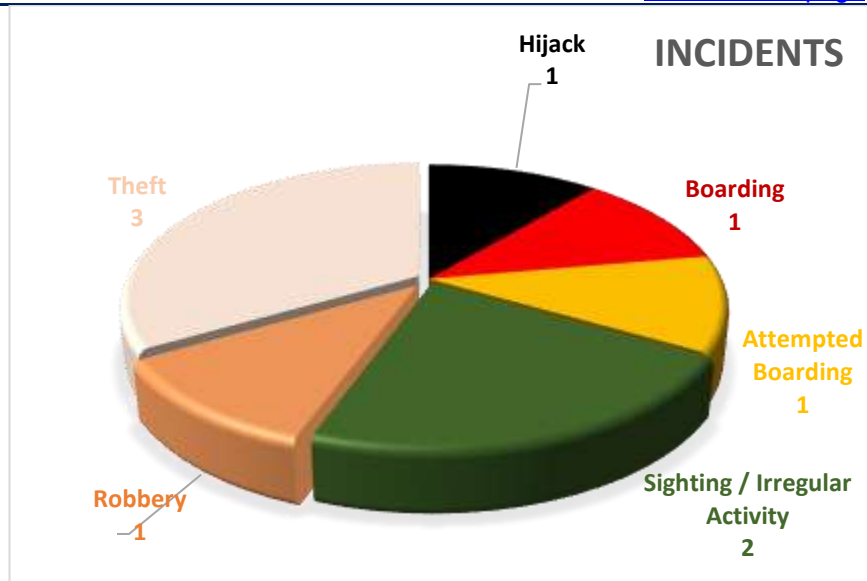
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Phones and mail are monitored 24/7. Both French and English are spoken.

MONTHLY STATISTICS: AUGUST 2020

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

NOTICES

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ADVISORIES:

1 issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

001

28/08/2020

SUSPICIOUS APPROACH

WARNINGS

2 issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

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HIJACK

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HIJACK

DRILL EXERCISE

6 issued

Date

Company

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12/08/2020

COSCO Shipping Bulk CO LTD

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15/08/2020

Harren & Partner Ship MGMT-GEU

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Fleet Management LTD - HKG

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COSCO Shipping Bulk CO LTD

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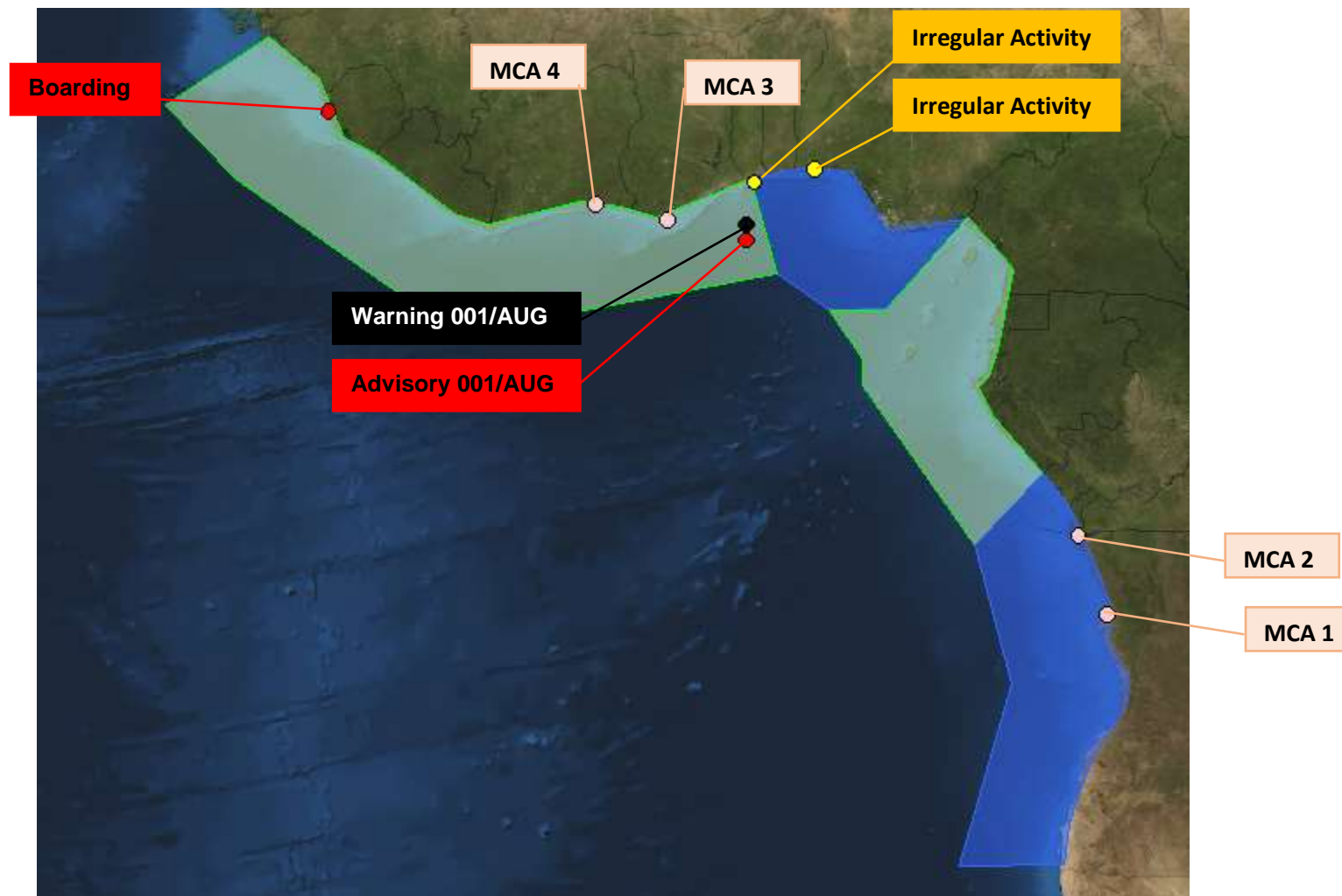
Pacific International Lines

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Tamar Ship Management LTD

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 074/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Sighting 01 Aug. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Undefined 02:00
<u>Position</u>	06°27'3N – 003°22'3E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	Lagos Port, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	Berthed	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated.

Description: On the 1st August, an irregular activity was reported by an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). The tanker reported an attempted boarding on the outboard side of the vessel. The crew alerted the Nigerian Navy on board causing the intruders to flee.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: By sea side.

Type of Vessel used: One small boat with 5 persons estimated on board.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 32-20.](#)

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Incident 076/20

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	21 Aug. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	00:30
<u>Position</u>	08°25N – 013°07W	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	270/8NM Freetown, Sierra Leone
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated.

Description: MMCC Area F reported a boarding on a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Freetown anchorage on the 21st August at 0030UTC. Seven armed men with machetes boarded the FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and the crew on board tried to resist during the attack. Some members were reported injured. The Sierra Leone Navy dispatched a team to assist and secure the FV (**NAME WITHHELD**). Investigation is ongoing by the Sierra Leone Marine Police.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Crew injured, crew's belonging and stores stolen.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, MMCC AREA F.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 35-20.](#)

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Incident 079/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Attempted Boarding 28 Aug. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 04:31
<u>Position</u>	04°02N – 001°04E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	146/112NM off Tema, GHANA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	CLEAR WIND- 15 kn SW Sea- Slight Swell Height- 1.0-1.5

Description: On 28th August 2020 at 0431 UTC in position 04°02N-001°04E, an MT (**(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.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 10 minutes.

Method Of Approach: From starboard quarter.

Type of Vessel used: Open speed boat (12-14 meters).

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

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

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 001/AUG, Weekly 35-20.](#)

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Incident 080/20

<u>Category</u>	Hijack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	28 Aug. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	07:31
<u>Position</u>	04°34N – 001°31E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	125/109NM off Tema, GHANA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	CLEAR WIND- 15 kn SW Sea- Slight Swell Height- 1.0-1.5

Description: On the 28th August 2020 at 0731UTC, local authorities reported a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) hijacked in position 04°34'15N - 001°31'07E by 9 attackers (seven armed). The situation was updated at 1517 UTC by local authorities, they confirmed the end of the hijack and the hijackers had left the FV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been reported safe and took a course to Tema escorted by a Ghana Navy patrol boat.

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, MMCC AREA E/F.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/AUG, Weekly 36-20.](#)

INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS

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Incident 081/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Sighting 28 Aug. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Undefined 02:30
<u>Position</u>	06°01N – 001°19E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	160/8NM off Lome, TOGO
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Cloudy SW / 4BF MODERATE / 1.0M

Description: On the 28th August 2020 at 0230UTC, whilst at Lome anchorage, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) spotted a suspicious craft closing on her position. Once informed by VHF, TOGO Navy immediately dispatched a patrol vessel to clear and investigate the area. The investigation led by Togolese authorities highlighted that this suspicious event was due to the activity of a small fishing craft working too close to the merchant vessel.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: One small craft with 8 POB.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, MMCC AREA E, Togo.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 36-20.](#)

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Robbery

Event 075/20

ANGOLA, Luanda

Description: MDAT received a time late report regarding a robbery on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) occurred on 10th August at 0206UTC whilst at Luanda anchorage. Three robbers boarded the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**), tied up the crew member on watch and managed to flee with ship's properties before the alarm was raised. The local authorities were informed about this incident.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Crew member bound, ship's store and stores/crew's belongings stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 33-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft

Event 077/20

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, Banana

Description: On the 23rd August at 0000UTC, a theft occurred on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**), whilst at Banana Anchorage (06°01S – 012°20E). Two intruders were seen by the duty watch who raised the alarm. The crew mustered and the intruders fled.

Method Of Approach: Use of a wooden boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: One rope reported stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 35-20.

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Maritime Crime Activity 03: Theft

Event 078/20

GHANA, Takoradi

Description: MDAT received a time late report regarding a theft occurring on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) on the 18th August at 0350UTC whilst at Takoradi anchorage. The intruders boarded the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and the alarm was raised causing the intruders' flee.

Method Of Approach: Use of a canoe and ropes to board the MV.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's equipment stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: -

Maritime Crime Activity 04: Theft

Event 082/20

COTE D'IVOIRE, Abidjan

Description: During the night of 28th August at Abidjan anchorage, a theft was reported on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The incident was reported to the coastal authority.

Method Of Approach:

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: One outboard motor and SOLAS equipment.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 35-20.