



MDAT-GoG Monthly Report 06/2020 June

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

Six events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for June 2020, Serials 063/20 to 068/20.

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.

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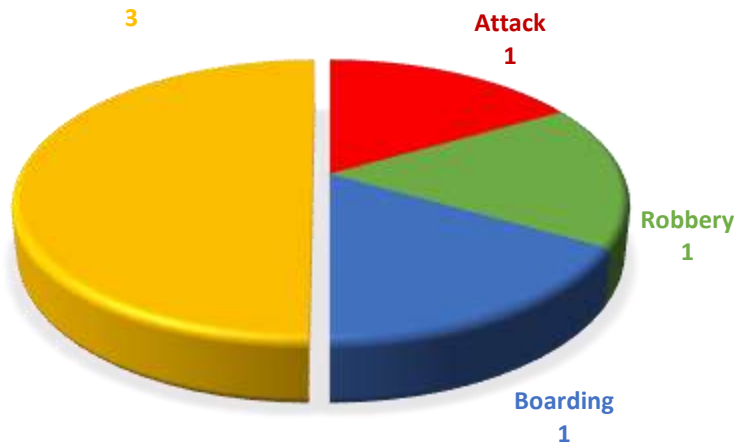
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MONTHLY STATISTICS: JUNE 2020

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INCIDENTS



ADVISORIES:

3 issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

001

09/06/2020

Attempted Boarding

002

14/06/2020

Suspicious activity

003

24/06/2020

Boarding

WARNINGS

Nil issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

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DRILL EXERCISE

7 issued

Date

Company

001

12/06/2020

COSCO Shipping

002

18/06/2020

Thome Ship Management PTE LTD

003

19/06/2020

Stellar Shipmanagement Service

004

22/06/2020

Synergy Maritime PVT LTD

005

22/06/2020

COSCO Shipping

006

26/03/2020

Thome Ship Management PTE LTD

007

29/06/2020

COSCO Shipping

INCIDENTS reported

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

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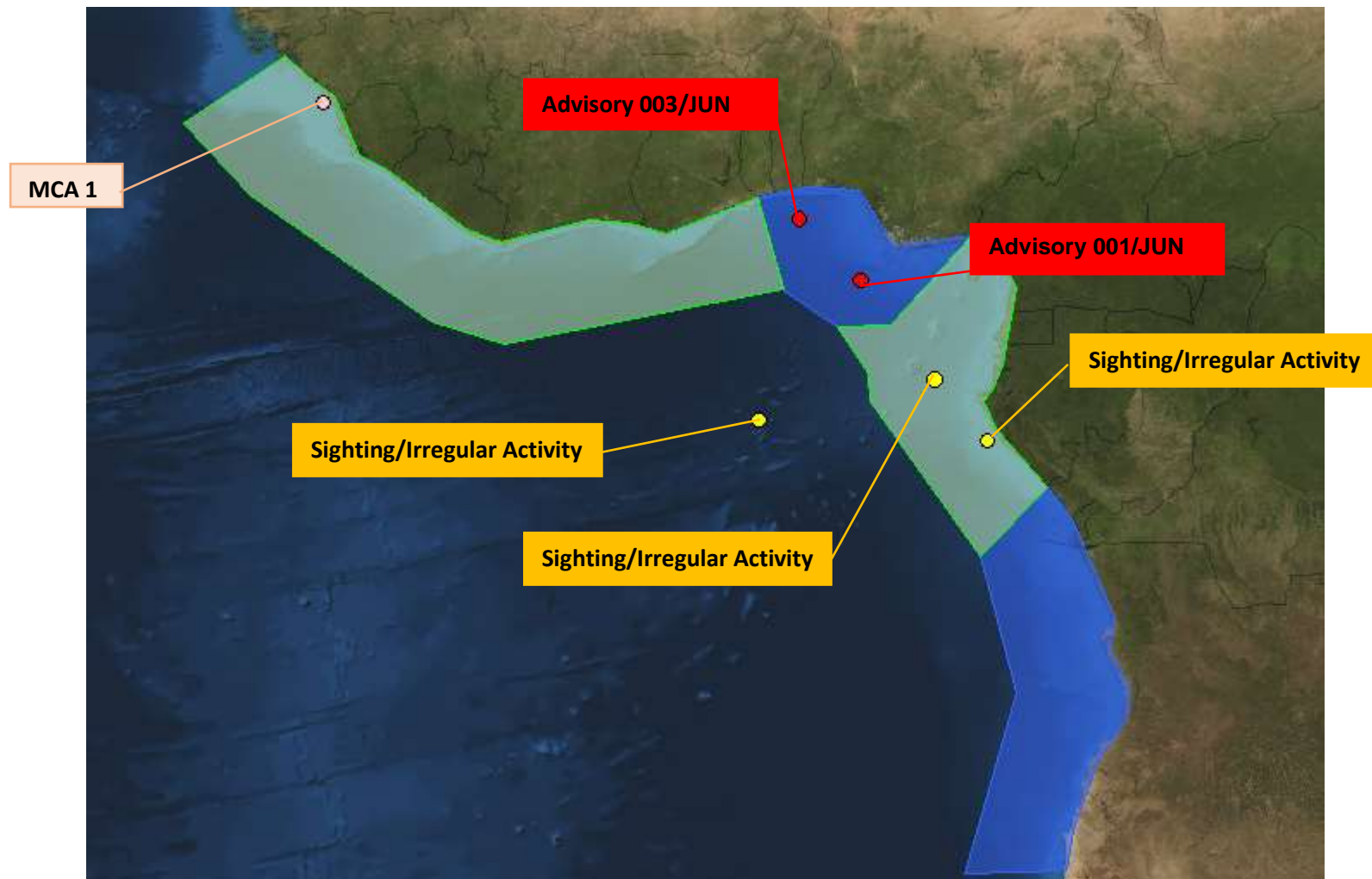
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MAP OF INCIDENTS

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

DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 063/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Attempted Boarding 09 Jun. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 19:00
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<u>Position</u>	03°14'18N – 004°43E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	244/160NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
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<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Good visibility, Wind: South/8 knots , Sea: South 0.5 MTRS, Swell: 0.8 MTR
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Description: On the 09th June, at approximately 1900UTC, in position 03°14'18N -004°43E, a skiff with 5 POB tried to board an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The vessel has applied the BMP5 procedure and the assailants have aborted the attempted boarding. A security vessel was dispatched in order to secure and assist the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**).

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: One skiff with 5 POB.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D / E.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 001/JUN and Weekly 24-20.](#)

INCIDENT CLOSED

DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 065/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Sighting 16 Jun. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Not concerned 11:09
<u>Position</u>	00°13S – 007°16E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	138/45NM off Ana Chaves, STP
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 16th June at 1109UTC, a MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported to COVAM that she was followed by three small vessels with a CPA of 3 NM. MDAT relayed the information to the relevant authorities. One hour later, the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported that it was not being followed any more. Vessel and crew reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Three small ships.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 25-20.](#)

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Incident 066/20

<u>Category</u>	Sighting	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Not concerned
<u>Date</u>	16 Jun. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	19:20
<u>Position</u>	02°21S – 009°05E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	170/100NM off Port Gentil, GABON
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 16th June at 1920UTC, a MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported to relevant authorities, that she was followed for two hours by a vessel with no AIS transmitting and no navigation lights visible. When the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) arrived at an oil platform, the suspicious vessel abandoned the pursuit. Vessel and crew reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: One vessel without AIS transmitting and no navigation lights.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 25-20.](#)

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Incident 067/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Sighting 18 Jun. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Not concerned 05:40
<u>Position</u>	01°38S – 001°13E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	263/460NM off Port Gentil, GABON (OUT OF AREA)

<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated
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Description: On the 18th June at 0540UTC, a MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported two vessels with an erratic course and strange information being displayed on AIS (spoofing). After applying BMP5 measures (altering course and increasing speed), the distance between the vessel and the suspicious vessels was relevant to confirm a safe situation.

MDAT-GOG comment: *This incident took place well offshore in International waters.*

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Two detected ship but presence at least of 3-4 more unidentified ships.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D/E.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 25-20.](#)

INCIDENT CLOSED

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Incident 068/20

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	24 Jun. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	13:00
<u>Position</u>	05°21N – 002°37E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	175/60 off Cotonou, BENIN
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 24th June at approximately 1430UTC, a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded in position 05°21N - 002°37E by an unknown number of attackers and two skiffs were seen in the vicinity. Earlier the same day, this FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) had a suspicious approach perpetrated by two skiffs but succeed to escape them. It seemed that the two events were done by the same group of attackers. The Beninese and Ghanaian authorities dispatched a patrol boat in order to assist and secure the FV (**NAME WITHHELD**).

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Two skiffs.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E/F.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 003/Jun, Weekly 26-20.](#)

INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS

MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY REPORT

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Robbery

Event 064/20

GUINEA, Conakry

Description: On the 09th June at approximately 0030UTC, a tanker (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Conakry anchorage (09°21N – 013°47W) has reported a robbery on board. The perpetrators were 6 armed men (knife and hand weapons). The local authorities were informed and an investigation are ongoing.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Crew's belonging and cash stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-20.