



# MDAT-GoG Monthly Report 08/2019 August

## 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 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).

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](#) during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

Nine events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for August 2019, Serials 64/19 to 72/19.

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.

## CONTACT US

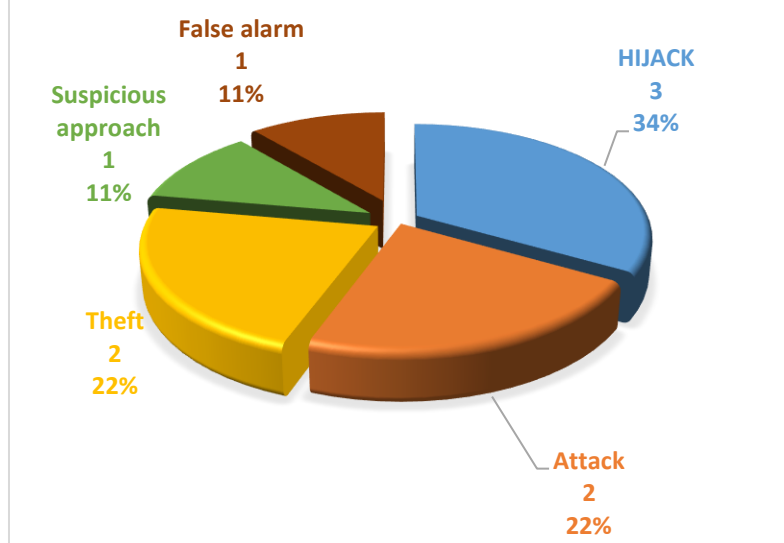
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## MONTHLY STATISTICS: AUGUST 2019

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

**NOTICES**

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**ADVISORIES:**

Four issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

001/AUG/19

13/08/2019

HIJACK

002/AUG/19

14/08/2019

ATTACK

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Update 1

**WARNINGS:**

Two issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

001/AUG/19

15/08/2019

ATTACK

001/AUG/19

15/08/2019

ATTACK

UPDATE 1

**DRILL EXERCISE**

Date

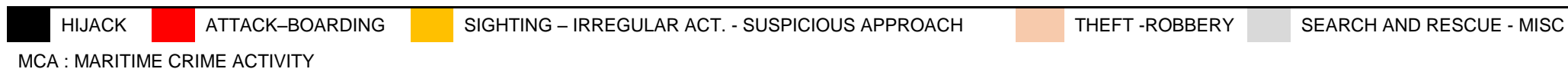
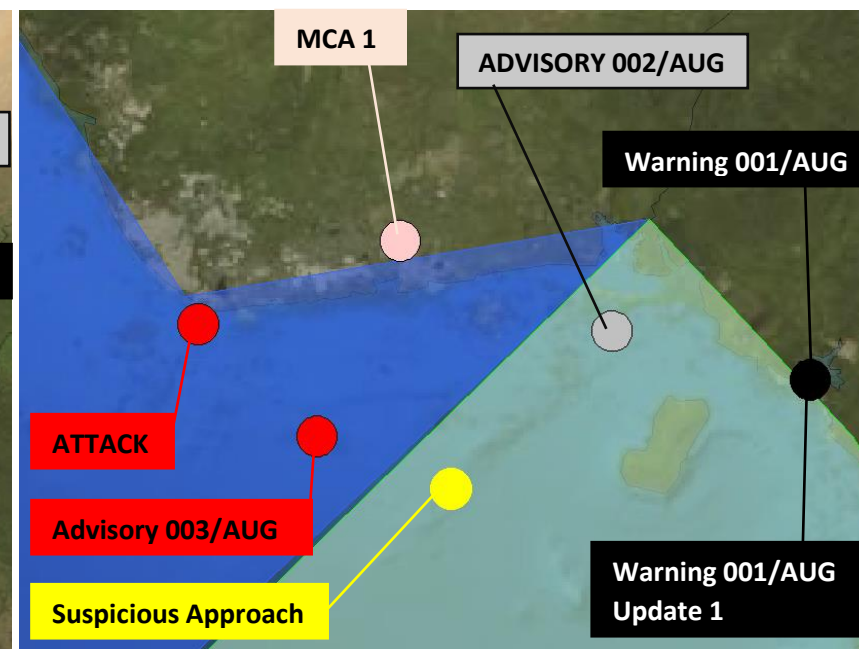
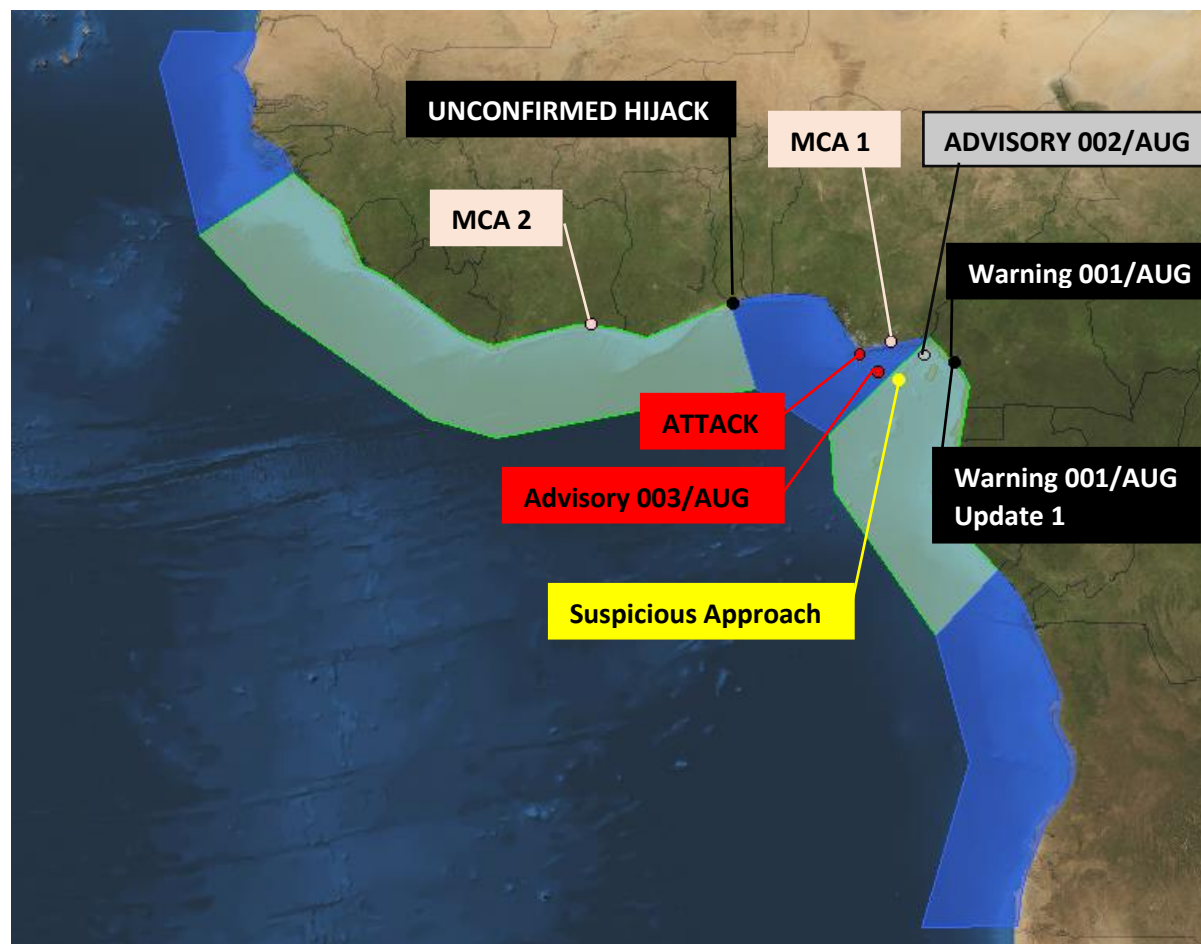
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## MAP OF INCIDENTS

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## DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 064/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Suspicious Approach	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	07 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	15:00
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°14'42N – 007°26'40E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	171/85NM off Onne, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Undetermined

**Description:** At 1500UTC, in position 03°14'42N-007°26'40E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a speed boat. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**), immediately, raised the alarm and the armed guards closed up. Warning shot from armed guards. The speed boat came to stern and kept following for a while then stopped at range of 1NM before moving away from the MV. Ship and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Approach by the port quarter.

**Type of Vessel used:** Speed boat.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT.

**MDAT Reference:** Nil.

**INCIDENT CLOSED**

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Incident 065/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Hijack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Undefined
<b><u>Date</u></b>	12 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	01:30
<b><u>Position</u></b>	NOT DEFINED	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	NOT DEFINED
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Undetermined

**Description:** On the 13th August at 0835UTC, MDAT-GOG received a report from official source of a possible HIJACK of the **MV DANMAN**. This HIJACK was initially reported to have taken place in Togolese waters close to the Ghanaian borders but after investigation was located close Côte d'Ivoire border. However after further investigation, and despite the lack of information such as a coherent position and an IMO number, this incident is classified as UNCONFIRMED by local authorities.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Unknown.

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, MMCC AREA F, MOC LOME, MMCC AREA E, CRESMAO, MOC COTE D'IVOIRE.

**MDAT Reference:** [Advisory 001/AUG/19, Weekly 33/19.](#)

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Incident 067/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	False Alarm	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Not concerned
<b><u>Date</u></b>	14 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	10:50
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°09'36N – 008°22'30E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	175/50NM off Calabar, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear, Wind: SW-09KN, Sea: SW 5MT

**Description:** On the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 1050UTC, as she was sailing 50NM to the south of CALABAR, NIGERIA, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported to have sighted a suspicious craft approaching which opened fire on the vessel. The alarm was raised and all crew mustered in citadel. The tanker immediately increased to maximum speed. The craft finally aborted the approach. All crew and vessel was reported safe.

**MDAT-GoG comment:** After further investigation, the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was sailing in a restricted area for the navigation. The vessel may have been victim of friendly fire due to communication problems encountered by MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). A patrol vessel may have been considered as pirate boat as it was trying to get the merchant vessel to clear the area. This incident is declassified as FALSE ALARM.

**Duration of Attack:** 30 minutes.

**Method Of Approach:** Aggressive with gunshots fired.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Unknown.

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, CMC AREA D, MOC DOUALA, ERCC CALABAR, CRESMAO, MOC CALABAR.

**MDAT Reference:** [Advisory 002/AUG/19, Weekly 33/19.](#)

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Incident 068/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Hijack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	15 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	01:18
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°52'40N – 009°31'12E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	Douala Anchorage, CAMEROON
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Undetermined

**Description:** On 15<sup>th</sup> August at 0118UTC, at anchorage in position 03°52'40N-009°31'12E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by an unknown number of armed men (with AK47). The Cameroon Navy launched an operation to provide assistance to the MV.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Laptops stolen and gunshots impact found on the structure.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, MOC DOUALA, CMC AREA D.

**MDAT Reference:** [Warning 001/AUG](#) and [Weekly 33/19](#).

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UPDATE 1**

Incident 069/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Hijack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	15 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	02:32
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°52'40N – 009°31'12E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	Douala Anchorage, CAMEROON
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Undetermined

**Description:** On 15<sup>th</sup> August at 0232UTC, at anchorage in position 03° 52'40N-009°31'12E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was reported sending distress call on VHF 16. This distress call was relayed to MDAT-GOG. Shortly after the distress call, the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) didn't respond any more on VHF. The Cameroon Navy launched an operation to provide assistance to the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**).

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Unknown.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, MOC DOUALA, CMC AREA D.

**MDAT Reference:** [Warning 001/AUG Update 1 and Weekly 33/19.](#)

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Incident 070/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	17 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	04:45
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°33N – 006°40E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	210/60NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Undetermined

**Description:** On the 17<sup>th</sup> August at 0415UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 03°33N-006°40E. Crew mustered in citadel. At 1848UTC, a Nigerian Navy ship arrived on scene, boarded the vessel and freed the crew.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Damage on the bridge window, cabin door breached, communication equipment stolen.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, Nigerian Authorities.

**MDAT Reference:** [Advisory 003/AUG](#), [Advisory 003/AUG Update 1](#) and [Weekly 34/19](#).

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Incident 071/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	22 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	Unknown
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°12N – 005°59E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	032/07NM off Akassa, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	Unknown	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Undetermined

**Description:** On the 22<sup>nd</sup> August, the AUNTY JULIE OIL PLATFORM was attacked by four speed boats with armed men and ladders on board. An exchange of gunfire was reported between the assailants and the military personnel on board the platform. The pirates fled away. No damage or casualties were reported.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Aggressive with 4 boats.

**Type of Vessel used:** 4 speed boats.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, Nigerian Authorities.

**MDAT Reference:** Nil.

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## MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

## Maritime Crime Activity 01

Event 066/19

**NIGERIA, ONNE**

**Description:** On the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 0200UTC as she was in port in ONNE, NIGERIA, a supply vessel (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by two men on board a canoe. One of them managed to climb on board but was immediately spotted by the duty officer who raised the alarm. The Port security authorities were immediately informed. The first man ran away with the canoe and left the second alone on board the vessel which lead to his arrest by the local authorities.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 33/19.

## Maritime Crime Activity 02

Event 72/19

**COTE D'IVOIRE, Abidjan**

**Description:** On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019, at about 0400UTC, unauthorised men were able to board an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) anchored at ABIDJAN port, Ebrie Lagune. The men collected one rope then escaped. Alarm raised by AB on ISPS and Port authorities were informed. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

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

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Nil