



# MDAT – GoG

## Weekly Report 20-20

08<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> May.2020

### INCIDENT DISPOSITION

### IN THIS ISSUE

## OVERVIEW

### INFORMATION TO READ

MDAT – GoG reports are primarily based upon information sent by vessels using the Voluntary Reporting Scheme. Masters and CSOs are encouraged to report events or sightings as early as possible, with as much detail as possible to allow MDAT-GOG to initiate the appropriate response.

**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).**

It is requested the Masters contact MDAT-GoG as soon as possible to facilitate quick actions by the MDAT-GoG and their regional contacts.

Details can be found on SHOM Chart 8801CSD or UKHO Chart Q6114, 30 June 2016, to allow them 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)

Companies / Ships Exercises: MDAT-GOG would like to extend an invitation to Companies / CSOs to be included in Company led exercises/drills. Please do not hesitate to contact the MDAT-GOG in advance of the exercise. The Exercise telephone number is +33 298 221302. As this keeps the Live Emergency Line free.

**Six events have been reported to MDAT-GOG this week.**

### CONTACT

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Website: <https://gog-mdat.org>

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### ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)

[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

[Global Counter Maritime](#)

***Fair winds and following seas!***



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

Type	Date	Brg/Rge from nearest port	Summary of event
<b>BOARDING</b>	09/05/2020	297/2NM off Malabo EQUATORIAL GUINEA	On the 09 <sup>th</sup> May at approximately 0100UTC, in position 03°47'N - 008°46'E, an MV ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers. <b>MDAT-GOG comment:</b> This event refers to ADVISORY 002/MAY/20
<b>BOARDING</b>	09/05/2020	000/2NM off Luba EQUATORIAL GUINEA	On the 09 <sup>th</sup> May at approximately 0200UTC, in position 03°29'14N - 008°33'12E, an MV ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers. <b>MDAT-GOG comment:</b> This event refers to ADVISORY 003/MAY/20
<b>SUSPICIOUS APPROACH</b>	09/05/2020	325/23NM off Malabo EQUATORIAL GUINEA	On the 09 <sup>th</sup> May at approximately 0045UTC, an MT ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) has reported that she was pursued by a skiff (position : 04°05'N 008°33'E) . The Cameroonian Authorities have dispatched a patrol boat. Vessel and crew were reported safe. <b>MDAT-GOG comment:</b> Nil
<b>THEFT</b>	11/05/2020	000/0NM off Takoradi GHANA	On the 11 <sup>th</sup> May at approximately 0345UTC, in position 04°53'10N - 001°44'50W, an MV ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) was boarded at Takoradi port. Reports indicate the perpetrators stole one of the ships life raft whilst at berth. <b>MDAT-GOG comment:</b> Any action of the MDAT because information received too late after the end of event.
<b>ROBBERY</b>	14/05/2020	200/15NM Conakry GUINEA	On the 14 <sup>th</sup> May at approximately 0031UTC, in position 09°16'10N - 013°46'42W, an MV ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) was boarded at Conakry Anchorage. Reports indicate 4 thieves climbed on board the MV, stole money from the vessel and the crews mobile phones, watches and other valuables. crew are safe. <b>MDAT-GOG comment:</b> Any action of the MDAT because information received too late after the end of event.
<b>IRREGULAR ACTIVITY</b>	14/05/2020	180/120NM off Cotonou BENIN	On the 14 <sup>th</sup> May at approximately 0130UTC, in position 04°34'42N - 002°29'54E, an MV ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) has observed a vessel approximately 80m length and one skiff. After altering course and increasing speed, the closest point of approach was 2.5nm. <b>MDAT-GOG comment:</b> Any action of the MDAT because information received too late after the end of event.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

- (1) **Hijack:**  
Nil incidents reported.
- (2) **Attack:**  
Nil incidents reported.
- (3) **Boarding:**  
2 incidents reported.
- (4) **Suspicious approach:**  
1 incident reported.
- (5) **Robbery – Sea theft:**  
2 incidents reported.
- (6) **Sighting – Irregular activity:**  
1 incident reported.

## WARNINGS

Nil WARNING Notices issued this week

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## ADVISORIES

Three ADVISORY Notices issued this week

**Advisory 002/MAY/2020** : On the 09<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 0200Z, an MV was boarded in position 03°47'00"N; 008°45'00"E (305°/2nm off Malabo, EQUATORIAL GUINEA). Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

**Advisory 002/MAY/2020 AMEND 001** : On the 09<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 0100Z, an MV was boarded in position 03°47'00"N; 008°45'00"E (305°/2nm off Malabo, EQUATORIAL GUINEA). Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

**Advisory 003/MAY/2020** : On 09<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 0200Z, an MV was boarded in position 03°28'03"N; 008°33'12"E (Luba Anchorage, EQUATORIAL GUINEA). Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

## MARITIME CRIME

Two Maritime Crime Activities reported this week

**GHANA, Takoradi:** Theft.

**GUINEA, Conakry:** Robbery.

## 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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# GHANA PORTS AND HARBOURS AUTHORITY

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OUR REF. NO. DP/TKI/37/108

MAY 12, 2020

ALL SHIPPING AGENTS

Dear Sir:

### ENGAGEMENT IN BARTER TRADE BY VESSELS AT ANCHORAGE

Our attention has been drawn to the act of barter trade between vessels at our anchorage and fishing vessels/canoes. The vessels are said to trade their mooring ropes, paints and other items in exchange for fresh fish, fruits and other needed items. The vessels, after such acts, raise false alarms/reports that they have been attacked by thieves at the anchorage, creating erroneous impressions about our waters.

Such trade (exchange) at the anchorage is not permitted and attracts a fine of USD10,000.

In view of the above, please be informed that, with immediate effect, the engagement of any form of trade (exchange) on our waters should cease. We encourage vessels at the anchorage to ensure the proper disposal of their waste to avoid sanctions.

Be guided accordingly

Yours faithfully,  
GHANA PORTS AND HARBOURS AUTHORITY

**DIRECTOR**  
PORT OF TAKORADI  
CAPT EBENEZER AFADZI  
DIRECTOR OF PORT

