



MDAT-GoG Monthly Report 09/2019 September

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. 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.

Eight events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for September 2019, Serials 73/19 to 80/19.

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

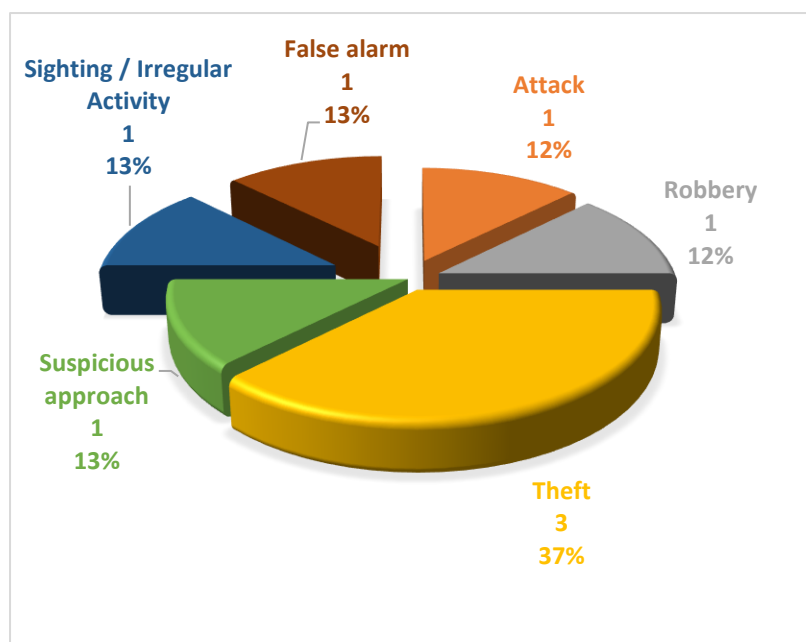
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MONTHLY STATISTICS : SEPTEMBER 2019

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

NOTICES

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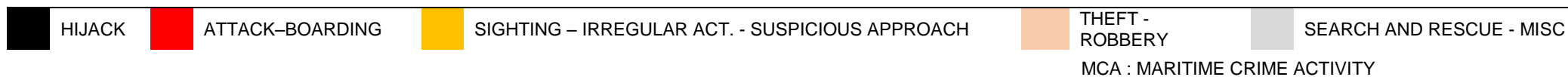
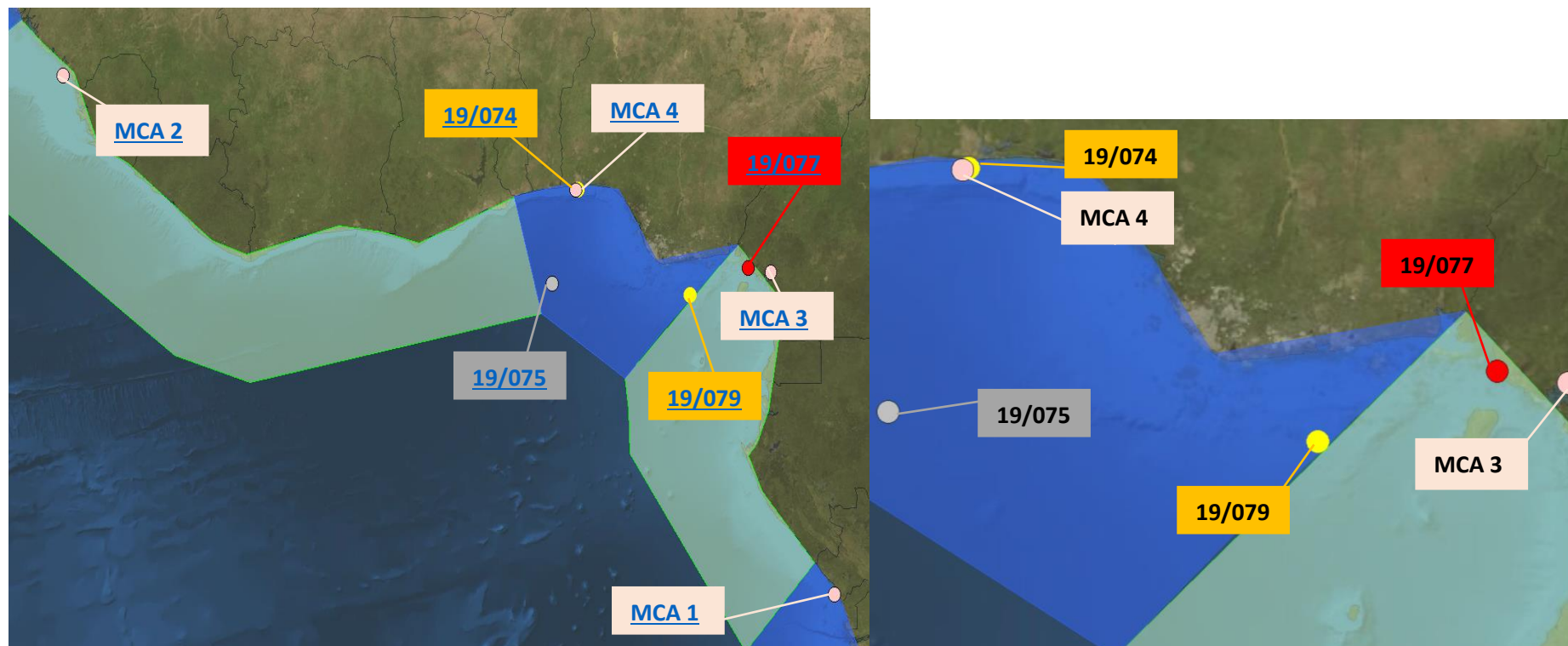
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ADVISORIES:	Date of issue	Classification and comments
Nil issued	-	-

WARNINGS:	Date of issue	Classification and comments
Nil issued	-	-

DRILL EXERCISE	Date	Company
GRACE VICTORIA	19 SEP 2019	UNIBROS SHIPPING CORP
MV SILVER LADY	26 SEP 2019	AIMS SHIPPING CORP

MAP OF INCIDENTS

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DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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ACTIVITY**

Incident 19/074

<u>Category</u>	Sighting	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	07 Sep. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	17:20
<u>Position</u>	06°19N – 003°17E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	180/5nm off Lagos Nigeria
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	

Description: On the 07th September at 1720UTC the MV received instructions to await cargo surveyors to board (06°19'06"N 003° 17'49E). Later after a small vessel arrived at the MV vicinity with a small group of persons claiming to be the surveyors. The crew checked the ID, discovered that the documents were false. Their access was denied. Soon afterwards, the legitimate surveyor arrived. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Unknown

Method Of Approach: Try to board with false documents

Type of Vessel used: Small vessel

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil

Incident reported to:

.MDAT (on 12th September), RMRCC NIGERIA, RMRCC LAGOS, MMCC AREA E

MDAT Reference: Nil

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ATTACK

Incident 19/077

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Attack 13 Sep. 19	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 22:00
<u>Position</u>	04°10N – 008°55E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	298/21nm off Limboh Cameroon
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	

Description: On the 13th September at about 2200UTC, in position 04°10'30N / 008°55'30E, while in fishing operation, a trawler has been attacked by a skiff with 8 armed persons on board. Investigation by Cameroon authorities ongoing.

Duration of Attack: Unknown

Method Of Approach :Unknown

Type of Vessel used :Skiff

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil

Incident reported to:
.MDAT, ICC, MMCC AREA D

MDAT Reference: Nil

INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS

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Incident 19/075

<u>Category</u>	False Alarm	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	08 Sep. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	20:08
<u>Position</u>	03°44N – 002°27E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	180/160nm off Cotonou Benin

<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	
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Description: On the 08th September at 2008UTC a supply vessel was approached by a small boat in position 03°44'48N / 002°26'25E. The Captain established VHF contact with the suspicious boat, which informed him about their engine failure. The supply vessel continued her course without issue. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Unknown

Method Of Approach: Unknown

Type of Vessel used : Small boat not further specified

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil

Incident reported to:
MDAT, ICC, MMCC AREA D

MDAT Reference: Nil

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Incident 19/079

**SUSPICIOUS
APPROACH**

<u>Category</u>	Suspicious Approach	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	21 Sep. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	08:55
<u>Position</u>	03°26N – 003°26E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	1860/65nm off Bonny Nigeria

<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	
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Description: On the 21st September at 0855 UTC, in position 03°25'39"N - 007°01'03"E, a tanker spotted a skiff with 5 to 6 armed persons on board and bringing a ladder. While skiff failed to approach successfully, she left area.

Duration of Attack: Unknown

Method Of Approach: Unknown

Type of Vessel used: Skiff

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil

Incident reported to:

MDAT, MOC Calabar, MOC Bonny, Port Harcourt

MDAT Reference: Nil

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01

Event 73/19

Description: On the 04th September at 0400UTC at Pointe Noire anchorage (04°47'28S - 011°47'40E) unauthorised men were observe on board an MV by the security team. The alarm was raised and a search investigation was set by the crew without finding any intruder. Crew and ship were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Unknown

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Crew and vessel were reported safe.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 38/19

Maritime Crime Activity 02

Event 76/19

Description: On the 16 September at approximately 0145UTC, in position 09°25N - 013°44'06W, 4 armed robbers boarded a MT while at anchorage. They have stolen ship's stores, personal belongings and fled away around 0250UTC.

Method Of Approach: Unknown

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Vessel and crew were reported safe.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 38/19

Maritime Crime Activity 03

Event 78/19

Description: On the 12th September 2019 early in the morning and in night time, as the vessel was berthed in Douala, Cameroon, an unknown number of thieves managed to steal ship's properties in two ship stores. The facts were discovered during a routine round in the morning. An official protest was made by the ship to the authorities.

Method Of Approach: Unknown

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Some ship's properties have been stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Nil

Maritime Crime Activity 04

Event 80/19

Description: On the 23rd September, while anchored in Lagos area, vessel's duty watchman spotted 2 persons with a small hose on the deck and raised the alarm. One of the persons shouted and made a throwing action toward watchman who ran to accomodations. The nigerian navy patrol boat, who was in area, was informed and immediately proceeded toward the vessel. A check of the ship side did not show any suspicious activity. On investigation, it was found a small part of razorwires broken and the caps of one vapor locks were open

Method Of Approach: Unknown

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: No goods reported missing – No crew reported injured.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Nil