



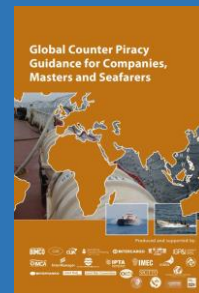
MDAT – GOG Weekly Report 39-20

18th – 25th September 2020
Number of Events reported:

1



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West Africa



Global Counter
Piracy Guidance

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OVERVIEW

One event has been reported to MDAT-GOG this week.

Hijack: 0 Attack: 0 Boarding: 0 Suspicious Approach: 1 Robbery – Sea theft: 0 Sighting/Irregular Activity: 0



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

IMPORTANT

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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 (24/7/365).

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

TYPE	AREA	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT	Information reported to coastals authorities
Suspicious approach	F	03°55'01N - 001°03'W	On the 22 nd September 2020 at 0851UTC, an MV(NAME WITHHELD) was approached by one skiff with 8 POB at 0.5NM. The captain and crew proceeded with evasive manoeuvres and the skiff stopped its approach. Crew and ship were reported safe. MDAT-GOG Comment: This event refers to WARNING 002/SEP/2020 and WARNING 002/SEP/2020 Update1	AREA E / F

WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE

Two WARNING Notices issued this week

WARNING 002/SEP2020**1. CATEGORY: SUSPICIOUS APPROACH****2. TIME:** 22 SEP 2020 0850UTC.**3. DESCRIPTION:** An MV was approached at 0.5Nm by one skiff with 9 or 10 POB.**4. POSITION:** 03°5501N / 001°0300W (121 Nm southwest of Accra)**5. SOURCE:** Master of Vessel**WARNING 002/SEP2020 UPDATE 01****1. CATEGORY: SUSPICIOUS APPROACH****2. TIME:** 22 SEP 2020 0850UTC.**3. DESCRIPTION:** An MV was approached by one skiff with 8 POB. The vessel and crew are now safe and on route to her destination.**4. POSITION:** 03°5501N / 001°0300W (121 Nm southwest of Accra)**5. SOURCE:** Master of Vessel**ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE**

Nil ADVISORY Notices issued this week

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MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE

Nil MDAT-GOG Notices issued this week

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MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA

Nil Maritime Crime Activities reported this week

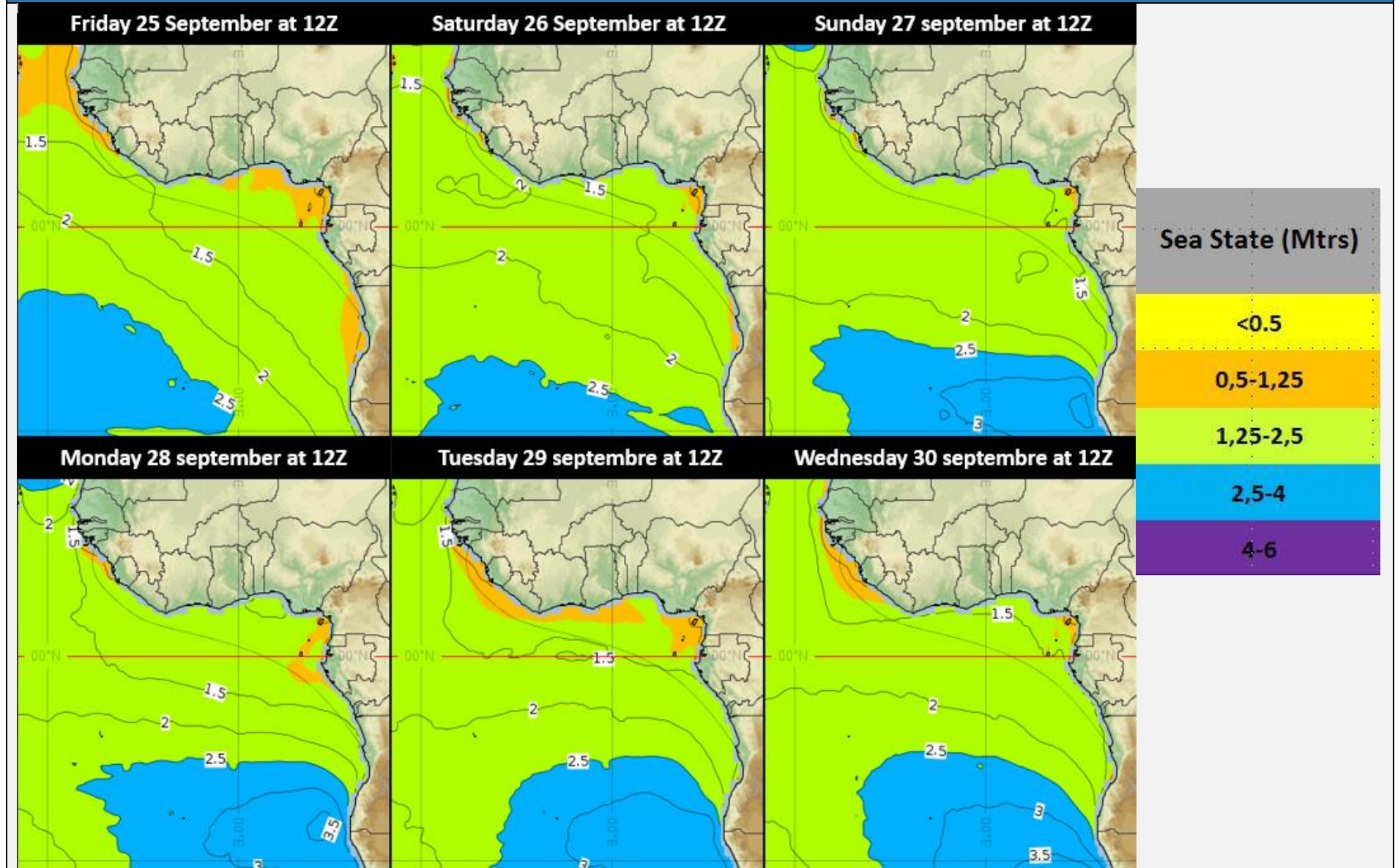
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NOTES

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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Phones and mail are monitored 24/7/365.
Website: <https://gog-mdat.org>
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Sea State Forecast w/c 25th September 2020

WEBSITE: <https://gog-mdat.org>
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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).

Masters are encouraged to comply with [Best Management Practices West Africa \(BMP WA\)](#) and [Global Counter Piracy Guidance](#) during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

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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.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)
[Global Counter Maritime](#)

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Hull War, Piracy, Terrorism and Related Perils

Listed Areas

The Joint War Committee has recently reviewed the Listed Areas, and has agreed the following changes which are incorporated in the new list as attached.

Amended:

Gulf of Guinea

The waters enclosed by the following boundaries:

- a) On the west, from the coast of Togo 6° 06' 45" N, 1° 12'E, south to
- b) high seas point 0° 40' S, 3° 00' E
- c) and then east to Cape Lopez Peninsula, Gabon 0° 40'S, 8° 42'E.

The application of this list on individual contracts will be a matter for specific negotiation.

This list will be published on the LMA and IUA websites and will be accessible to all on www.lmalloyds.com and www.iua.co.uk.

Neil Roberts
Secretary



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JWC Hull War, Piracy, Terrorism and Related Perils Listed Areas	
Africa	
Benin	
Eritrea, but only South of 15° N	
Gulf of Guinea, waters as defined overleaf	
Libya	
Nigeria	
Somalia	
Togo	
Indian Ocean / Arabian Sea / Gulf of Aden / Gulf of Oman / Southern Red Sea	
Waters as defined overleaf	
Asia	
Pakistan	
Middle East	
Iran	
Iraq, including all Iraqi offshore oil terminals	
Israel	
Lebanon	
Oman	
Persian or Arabian Gulf and adjacent waters including the Gulf of Oman west of Longitude 58°E	
Saudi Arabia (Gulf coast)	
Saudi Arabia (Red Sea coast) excluding transits	
Syria	
United Arab Emirates	
Yemen	
South America	
Venezuela, including all offshore installations in the Venezuelan EEZ	



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Named Countries shall include their coastal waters up to 12 nautical miles offshore, unless specifically varied above.

Named Ports shall include all facilities/terminals within areas controlled by the relevant port authority/ies (or as may be more precisely defined by Insurers) including offshore terminals/facilities, and all waters within 12 nautical miles of such but not exceeding 12 nautical miles offshore unless specifically stated.

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Indian Ocean / Arabian Sea / Gulf of Aden / Gulf of Oman / Southern Red Sea

The waters enclosed by the following boundaries:

- a) On the north-west, by the Red Sea, south of Latitude 15° N
- b) on the west of the Gulf of Oman by Longitude 58° E
- c) on the east, Longitude 65° E
- d) and on the south, Latitude 12° S

excepting coastal waters of adjoining territories up to 12 nautical miles offshore unless otherwise provided.



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