



MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 52-19

20th – 27th December 2019

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

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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 as early as possible, events or sightings 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

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

Contact the MDAT-GoG:

E-mail: watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org

Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 88 88 (emergency)

Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 13 02 (exercise)

Phones and mail are monitored 24/7.

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

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!



Type	Date	Brg/Rge from nearest port	Summary of event
Attempt Boarding	212240ZDEC19	Bay of Owendo (Gabon)	An MV had an attempted boarding by 5 or 6 people in position 00°19'59N/009°23'07E. When general alarm raised, pirates aborted the attack and approached another vessel at anchor and sailed out of the channel. MDAT-GOG comment: This event refers to Advisory 004/DEC/19
IRREGULAR ACTIVITY	212240ZDEC19	185/San Pedro/205Nm (Ivory Coast)	An MV was approached by a suspicious boat in position 01°17'00N/007°17'00W. MV changed course and increased speed, the suspicious boat continued heading towards the MV and closed to within 3.2 Nm. After one hour suspicious boat reduced speed and left the area. Crew and vessel reported safe.
Hijacking	220615ZDEC19	300/Libreville/38Nm (Gabon)	An MV was attacked by 8 armed personnel during its transit from Douala to Libreville in position 00°55'00N/009°01'00E. Communications were lost for 2 days. On 23th December 2035UTC pirates left the vessel 10Nm off fairway buoy of Wouri (Cameroon).
ATTACK	220130ZDEC19	Bay of Owendo (Gabon)	Two fishing vessels were attacked by an unknown number of pirates in position 00°19'30N/009°23'42E. MDAT-GOG comment: This event refers to Advisory 005/DEC/19

ATTACK	220200ZDEC19	Bay of Owendo (Gabon)	A cargo ship was attacked by an unknown number of pirates in position 00°22'33N/009°23'42E. MDAT-GOG comment: This event refers to Advisory 005/DEC/19
ATTACK	240655ZDEC19	230/Bonny/230Nm (Nigeria)	An MV was attacked by a skiff with 9 armed pirates on board in position 01°47'00N/004°28'00E. MV increased speed and after 30 minutes skiff left the area. Crew and vessel safe. MDAT-GOG comment: This event refers to WARNING 001/DEC/19.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

WARNINGS

One WARNING Notice issued this week

Warning 001/DEC/2019

- Category:** ATTACK
- Description:** On the 24th December 2019 at 0655UTC, an M.V was attacked by a skiff with 9 armed pirates in position **01°47N – 004°28E**. Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

ADVISORIES

Two ADVISORY Notice issued this week

Advisory 004/DEC/2019

- Category:** SUSPIOUS CRAFT
- Description:** On 21st DEC 2019 at 2230 UTC, in position 0019.5N, 00923.7E OWENDO ANCHORAGE. 2 MVs at anchor were approached by a small craft with 6/7 persons on board. Alarm was raised and the craft fled, crew and ship are reported safe. Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

Advisory 005/DEC/2019

- Category:** ATTACK

2. Description: On 22st DEC 2019 at 0200 UTC, in position 0019.5N, 00923.7E OWENDO ANCHORAGE.
3 MVs and 2 fishing trawlers at anchor were attacked by a small craft with 6/7 persons on board.

MARITIME CRIME

Nil Maritime Crime Activity reported this week

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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Sea State Forecast w/c 27th December 2019