



MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 04-20

17th – 24th January 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 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.

Four 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>

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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
Attempt Boarding	20/01/20	163/57 off Lagos, NIGERIA	On the 20 th January at 2300UTC in position 05°30N - 003°41E, an MT (NAME WITHHELD) was attacked by a skiff with 5-6 pirates on board. They attempted to board the MT (NAME WITHHELD) but failed as the MT (NAME WITHHELD) had performed evasive manoeuvres. Ship and crew were reported safe. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to WARNING 001/JAN/2020.
Boarding	19/01/20	185/73NM off Cotonou, BENIN	An MV (NAME WITHHELD) has been boarded on the 19 th January 2020 at 2010UTC in position 0508.3N - 00217.9E by armed men. The alarm was raised and all the crew mustered inside locked accommodation. The MV (NAME WITHHELD) reached TEMA where an Armed Naval search team has conducted a physical searching and nobody unauthorized has been found. Ship and crew were reported safe. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 002/JAN/2020.
Attack	21/01/20	180/20NM off Brass, NIGERIA	At 0836UTC on 21 st January, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was attacked in position 04°04'02N - 005°47'60E (20NM from shore, south of BRASS) by 1 skiff with approximately 15 person on board. Gunshots were exchanged between pirates and the nigerian armed guards. Attackers fled after the vessel carried out evasive manoeuvres. Crew and Vessel were reported safe. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 003/JAN/2020.
Theft	17/01/20	234/10NM off Lagos, NIGERIA	On the 17 th January after midnight, while at Lagos anchorage and during a cargo operation, a small boat was observed close to the anchor chain with two people trying to climb it by the deck patrol. The alarm was raised on the MV (NAME WITHHELD) and the patrol boat advised. The attempted intruders fled away the scene. Ship (NAME WITHHELD) and crew were reported safe. MDAT-GoG comment: Nil

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

WARNINGS

One WARNING Notice issued this week

Warning 001/JAN/2020 : On 20th January 2020 at 2300 UTC in posn 0530N – 00341E an attempted boarding against an MT underway, was made by a skiff with 5 to 6 pirates on board. A long ladder with hooks was also sighted on the skiff. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

ADVISORIES

Three ADVISORY Notices issued this week

Advisory 002/JAN/2020: An MV has been boarded in position 0508.3N 00217.9E at 2010 UTC by a skiff with a long ladder and armed people.

Advisory 002/JAN/2020 Amendment 1: An MV has been boarded on the 19TH January 2020 at 2010 UTC in position 0508.3N 00217.9E by a skiff with a long ladder and armed people. Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

Advisory 003/JAN/2020: At 0836UTC on 21 JAN 2020 an MV was attacked in position 04°04'02N 005°47'60E (20NM from shore, south of BRASS). Crew and Vessel SAFE. Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

MARITIME CRIME

One Maritime Crime Activity reported this week

NIGERIA, Lagos: Theft.

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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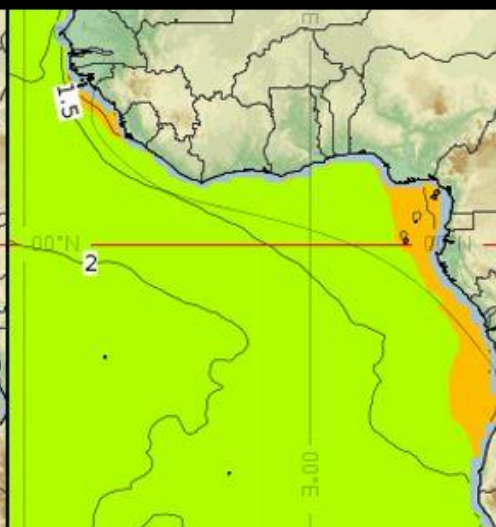
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Sea State Forecast w/c 24th January 2020

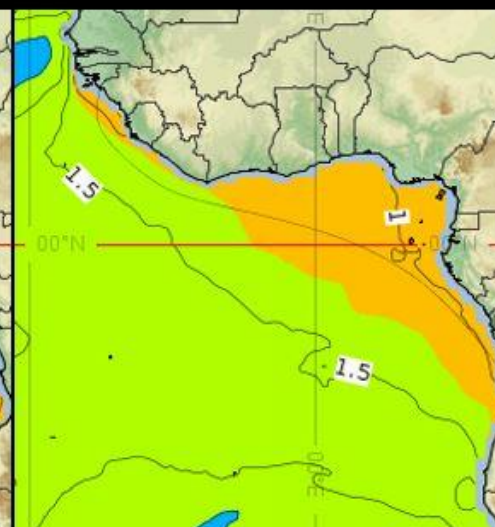
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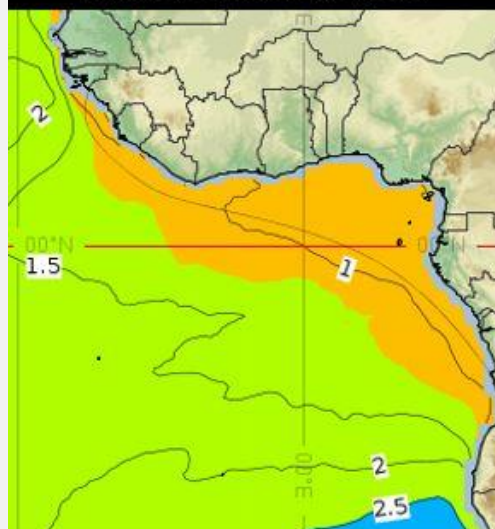
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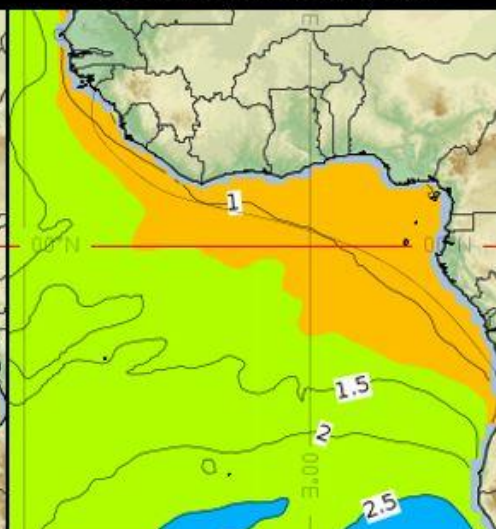
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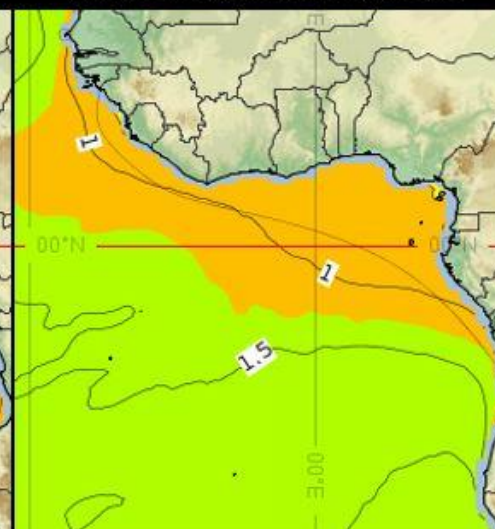
Monday 27 January at 12Z



Tuesday 28 January at 12Z



Wednesday 29 January at 12Z



Sea State (Mtrs)

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1,25-2,5

2,5-4

4-6