



MDAT-GOG Monthly Report December - 12/2020

Number of events reported:
17



BMP
West Africa



Global Counter
Piracy Guidance

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 when their vessel will be 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 [Best Management Practices West Africa \(BMP WA\)](#) and [Global Counter Piracy Guidance](#) and with during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

Seventeen events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for December 2020, Serials 117/20 to 134/20.

Fair winds and following seas!

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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.

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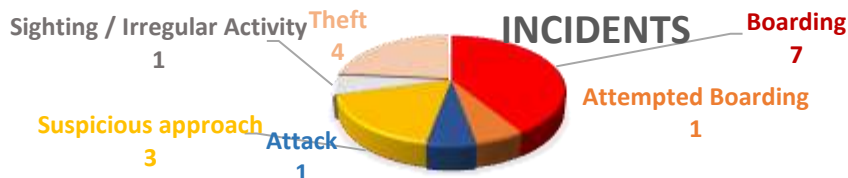
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MONTHLY STATISTICS : DECEMBER 2020

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4 issued

Date of issue	Classification and comments
001	03/12/20 Attack
001 Amend1	03/12/20 Attack
002	19/12/20 Suspicious Approach
003	29/12/20 Suspicious Approach

WARNINGS
15 issued

Date of issue	Classification and comments
01	02/12/20 Suspicious Approach
02	04/12/20 Attack
03	05/12/20 Boarding
03 – Update 1	05/12/20 Boarding
04	16/12/20 Boarding
04 – Update 1	16/12/20 Boarding
05	16/12/20 Boarding
05 - Update 1	16/12/20 Boarding
06	16/12/20 Boarding
07	19/12/20 Attack (Highly Likely) –active PAG
08	19/12/20 Boarding
08 – Update 01	20/12/20 Boarding
09	21/12/20 Attack
09 – Update 1	21/12/20 Boarding
09 – Update 2	21/12/20 Boarding

NOTICES
2 issued

Date of issue	Source
001	17/12/20 Reliable Sources
01 – Update 1	17/12/20 Reliable Sources

DRILL EXERCISE
12 issued

Date	Company
01	06/12/20 M/Maritime Corp
02	06/12/20 ForestWave Navigation BV
03	10/12/20 Eagle Ship Management LLC
04	11/12/20 Queensway Navigation Co Ltd
05	15/12/20 Queensway Navigation Co Ltd
06	15/12/20 COSCO Shipping Lines Co Ltd
07	15/12/20 CPO Containerschiffreederei
08	15/12/20 DOF Subsea Canada Corp
09	16/12/20 CPO Containerschiffreederei
10	17/12/20 Union Maritime Ltd-GBI
11	17/12/20 CPO Containerschiffreederei
12	18/12/20 Dynacom Tankers Management Ltd
13	19/12/20 CPO Containerschiffreederei
14	23/12/20 Atlantica Shipping AS
15	26/12/20 COSCO Shipping Lines Co Ltd

INCIDENTS reported

- Hijack: 0
- Attack: 1
- Boarding: 7
- Attempted Boarding: 1
- Susp. approach: 3
- Robbery: 0
- Theft: 4
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 1
- False alarm: 0

NOTICES

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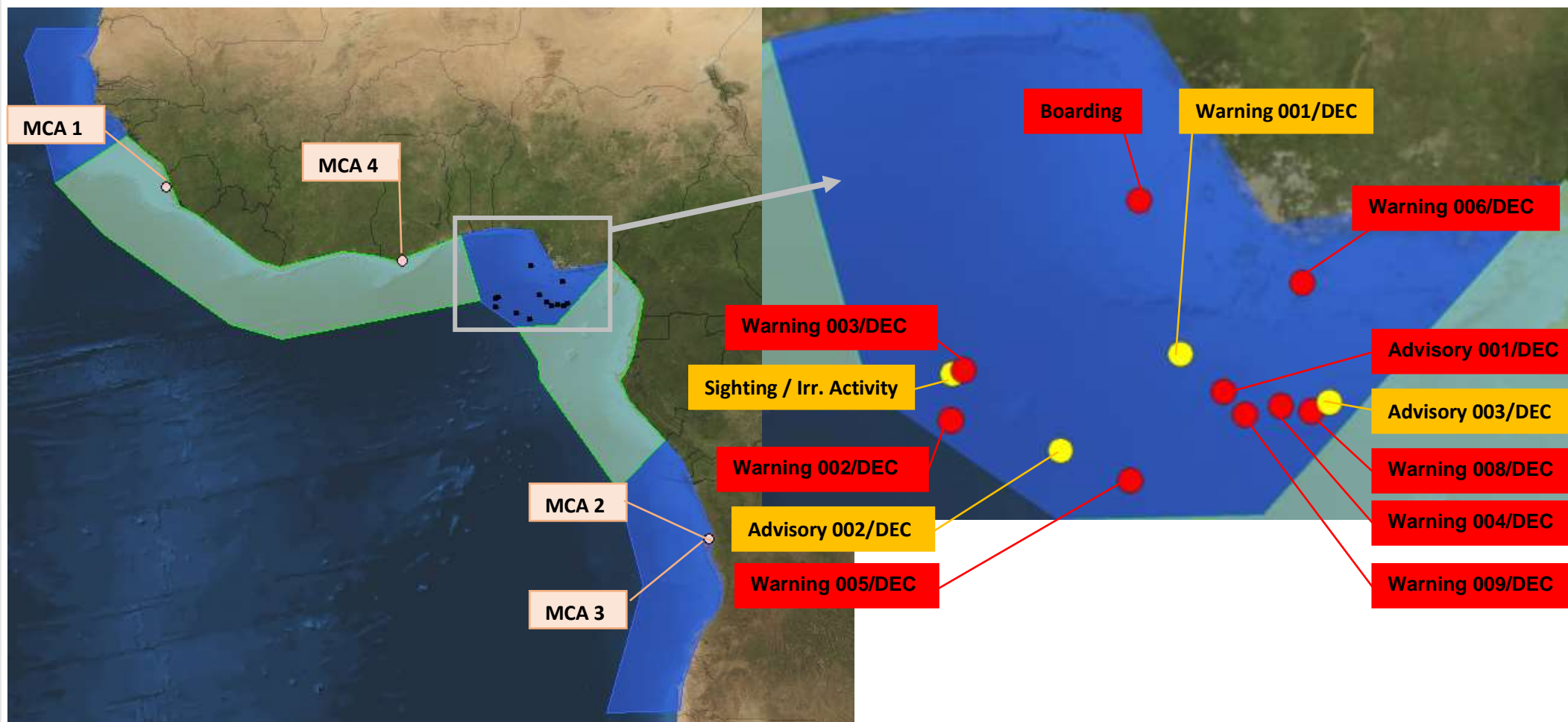
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MAP OF INCIDENTS

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MCA : MARITIME CRIME ACTIVITY

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Incident 118/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Suspicious Approach 02 Dec. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 13:20
<u>Position</u>	03°11N – 005°01E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	240/85NM off Brass, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Light rain shower, WSW, 256° , 07.82NM/h Swell 1.30m

Description: On the 02nd December at 1320UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by 2 speedboats. The armed security team on board fired warning shots and the crafts left. Crew and vessel are safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 15 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Stern approach at high speed.

Type of Vessel used: Wooden skiff with outboard motor.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E, C4I.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/DEC](#) and [Weekly 49-20](#).

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Incident 119/20

<u>Category</u>	Attack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	03 Dec. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	10:35
<u>Position</u>	02°50N – 005°24E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	135/200NM off Brass, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear, Wind SSW/3, Swell 2

Description: On the 3rd December at 1035UTC, MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported being attacked by 2 speed boats. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres, AST responded and the speed boats subsequently left the vicinity. Crew and vessel were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 40 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive with use of weapons.

Type of Vessel used: Black speed boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E, C4I.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 001/DEC](#), [Advisory 001/DEC Amend 01](#) and [Weekly 49-20](#).

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Incident 120/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Attempted Boarding 04 Dec. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 11:00
<u>Position</u>	02°34N – 002°53E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	225/200NM off Brass, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear, slight sea / mod swell

Description: On the 4th December an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by 1 white speed boat and shots were fired in position 0234N 00253E (200 NM's South West of Brass), MT conducted evasive manoeuvres and speed boat departed. Crew and Vessel are SAFE.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 40 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive with use of weapons.

Type of Vessel used: White speed boat with two outboard engines.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E, Area F, C4I.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 002/DEC and Weekly 49-20.](#)

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Incident 121/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Sighting 05 Dec. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Undefined 06:25
<u>Position</u>	03°00N – 002°54E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	189/205NM off Lagos, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not Stated

Description: On 5th December at 0625UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported an irregular activity. A skiff approached to within 3NM of her position. The escort vessel altered her course in order to investigate and secure the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**), causing the skiff to move away. Crew and ship were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 30 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Approach and leave the area when the security vessel came.

Type of Vessel used: One skiff with 10 persons on board.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 50-20.](#)

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Incident 122/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 05 Dec. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 06:55
<u>Position</u>	03°02N – 003°00E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	180/220NM off Lagos, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not Stated

Description: On 5th December at 0655UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 8-10 perpetrators. Local authorities were informed. Crew and vessel were reported safe thereafter.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 4 hours.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, C4I and Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 003/DEC](#), [Warning 003/DEC update 1](#) and [Weekly 50-20](#).

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Incident 124/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 06 Dec. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 03:40
<u>Position</u>	02°42N – 005°57E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	210/125NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not Stated

Description: On 6th December at 0340UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by at least 4 perpetrators. The crew mustered in the citadel and local authorities were informed. Crew and vessel were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 4 hours.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, C4I and Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 004/DEC](#), [Warning 003/DEC update 1](#) and [Weekly 50-20](#).

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Incident 126/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 10 Dec. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 08:00
<u>Position</u>	04°37N – 004°38E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	231/68NM off Burutu, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not Stated

Description: On the 10th December at 0800UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by an unknown number of men while transiting from Douala to Lome.

MDAT-GoG comment: *This event was a Time Late Report.*

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E and Area D.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 51-20.](#)

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Incident 127/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 15 Dec. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 03:37
<u>Position</u>	02°00N – 004°33E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	223/168NM off Brass, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Overcast sky Patches of rain SW 7-10 knots SW 0.5 meters

Description: On the 15th December at 0337UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by an unknown number of men while transiting from Douala to Lome. The crew mustered in citadel and was thereafter reported all safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 4 hours.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, C4I and Area D/E.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 005/DEC](#), [Warning 005/DEC update 1](#) and [Weekly 51-20](#).

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Incident 128/20

<u>Category Date</u>	Boarding 16 Dec. 20	<u>Status of Incident Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 07:54
<u>Position</u>	03°51N – 006°09E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	210/16NM off Brass, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not Stated

Description: On the 16th December at 0754UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers. The crew reported the incident via VHF when the attackers left the vessel. Local authorities were informed and a Nigerian ship was dispatched in order to assist the MV.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, C4I and Area D/E.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 006/DEC and Weekly 51-20.](#)

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Incident 129/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Suspicious Approach 18 Dec. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 07:30
<u>Position</u>	02°17N – 003°54E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	233/178NM off Lagos, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear Wind Speed= 1.7kts Wind Direction= SW Sea= 0.4 M Swell Height= 1.0 M

Description: On the 18th December, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported being approached by 1 wooden boat with 8-10 men on board and equipped with ladder and hook. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres and after few minutes, the pursuit was aborted. Crew and vessel were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 20 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Approached and chased vessel.

Type of Vessel used: Wooden Boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, C4I and Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 002/DEC](#) and [Weekly 52-20](#).

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Incident 130/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 19 Dec. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 14:06
<u>Position</u>	02°39N – 006°14E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	180/85NM off Brass, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear with overall good calm weather. Wind - SW BF 3 Sea - SW 0.3m Swell - SE 0.5m-1.0m

Description: On the 19th December, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 9 attackers. The crew mustered in citadel. The Nigerian Navy deployed a patrol boat and two security vessels were also dispatched in order to assist and secure the MV. The crew was thereafter reported all safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 3 hours.

Method Of Approach: Approached from starboard quarter and after proceeded to board from sheltered port side.

Type of Vessel used: Small black boat (maximum observed speed 28.7Knts)

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship Items destroyed and crew's cash and belongings reported stolen.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, C4I and Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 008/DEC](#), [Warning 008/DEC Update 1](#) and [Weekly 52-20](#).

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Incident 131/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 21 Dec. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 04:00
<u>Position</u>	02°37N – 005°37E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	204/95NM off Brass, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear, Wind: SSW 3, Sea state: 2, Swell S 1mtr

Description: On the 21st December, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by unknown number of armed attackers. The crew mustered in citadel. Gunshots were fired during the approach and boarding phase. Thereafter, the crew and ship were reported safe and headed to the next port of call.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 6 hours.

Method Of Approach: High speed (25 Knts), use of weapons and of a strong search light for boarding.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship Items destroyed and crew's belongings reported stolen.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, C4I and Area E/D.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 009/DEC](#), [Warning 009/DEC Update 1](#), [Warning 009/DEC Update 2](#) and [Weekly 52-20](#).

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Incident 134/20

<u>Category</u>	Suspicious Approach	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	29 Dec. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	16:40
<u>Position</u>	02°44N – 006°24E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	204/109NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 29th December at 1640UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by 1 skiff with 5 armed attackers. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) carried out evasive manoeuvring and approach was aborted. Vessel and crew were reported safe

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: One skiff with 5 armed men.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 003/DEC and Weekly 53-20.](#)

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft

Event 117/20

SIERRA LEONE, Freetown

Description: On 1st December at 0415UTC, whilst at berth in Freetown, the crew found an intruder on board while another one tried to climb on. The alarm was raised and the both intruders fled away. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Climb via a rope.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 49-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft

Event 123/20

ANGOLA, Luanda

Description: On 5th December at 0134UTC, whilst at Luanda anchorage, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a theft. One intruder was found on board by the duty officer who raised the alarm immediately. The intruder fled on a wooden boat manned by another man. The crew was reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Use of wooden rowing boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: 1 PVC hose stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 50-20.

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Maritime Crime Activity 03: Theft

Event 132/20

ANGOLA, Luanda

Description: On 24th December at 0630UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a theft at Luanda anchorage. An unknown number of intruders boarded the vessel and stole ship's equipment without being caught.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: 2 mooring ropes and 3 heaving lines.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 52-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 04: Theft

Event 133/20

GHANA, Takoradi

Description: On 26th December 2020 around 0130UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a theft whilst at Takoradi anchorage. The Duty Officer noticed an intruder on board and raised the alarm. The crew mustered and upon seeing the alerted crew the robber escaped in a boat with ships properties.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's properties.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 53-20.