



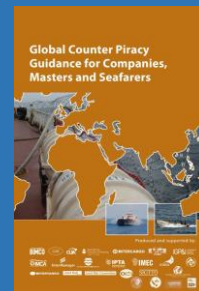
MDAT – GOG Weekly Report 51-20

11th – 18th December 2020
Number of Events reported:

3



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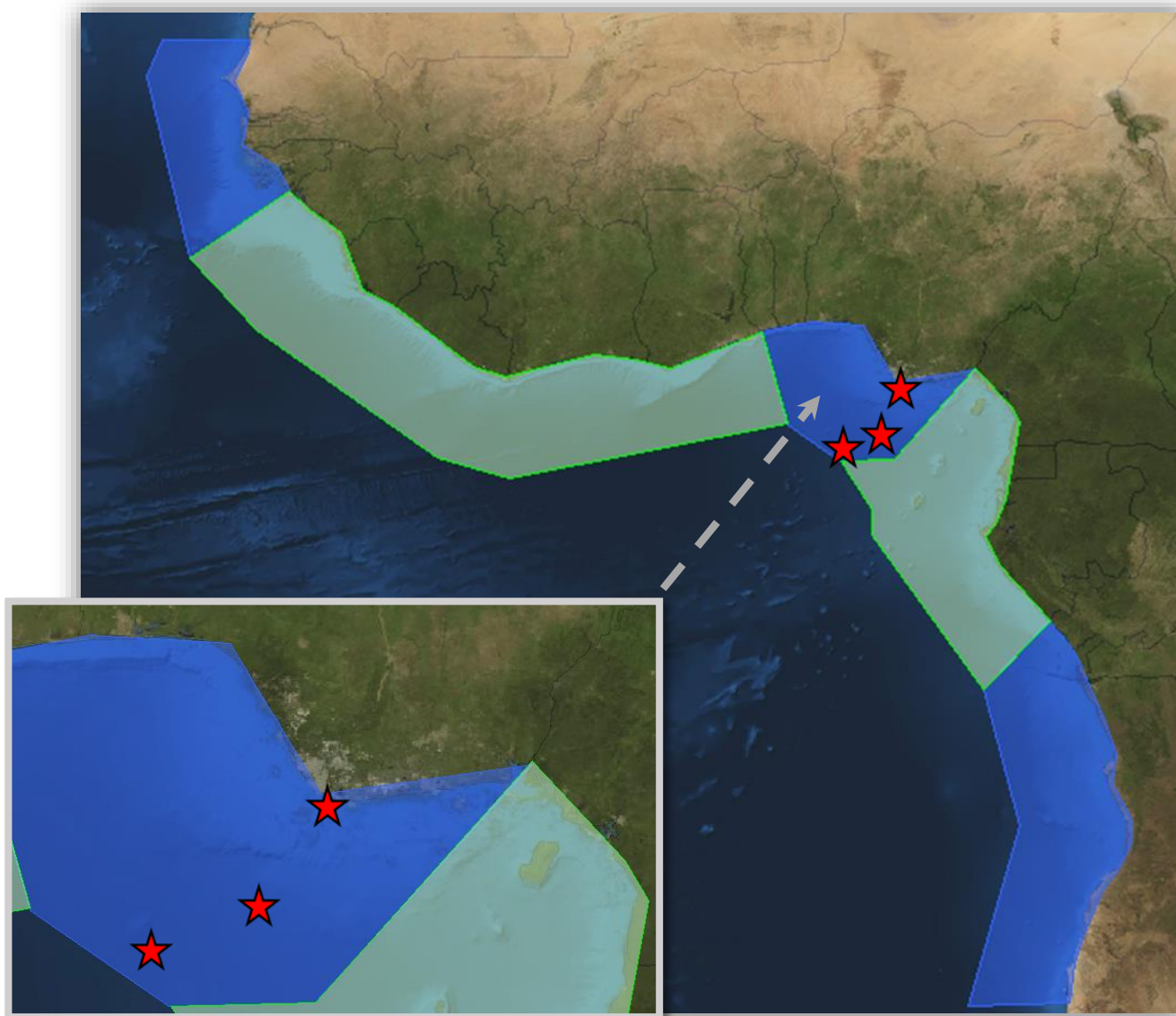


Global Counter
Piracy Guidance

OVERVIEW

3 events have been reported to MDAT-GOG this week.

Hijack: 0 Attack: 1 Boarding: 2 Suspicious Approach: 0 Robbery – Sea theft: 0 Sighting/Irregular Activity: 0



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

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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).

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TYPE	AREA	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT	Information reported to coastals authorities
BOARDING	E	02°00N – 004°33E	On the 15 th 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. MDAT-GOG Comment: This event refers to Warning 005/DEC and Warning 005/DEC Update1.	C4I, Area D + E
BOARDING	E	03°50N 006°09E	On the 16 th december at 0754UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers. The remaining crew were able to send a distress alert by VHF when the attackers left the vessel. Locals authorities were informed and a Nigerian ship was dispatched in order to assist the MV. MDAT-GOG Comment: This event refers to Warning 006/DEC/20	C4I, Area D + E
ATTACK	E	02°17N – 003°54E	On the 18 th December at 1200UTC, MDAT-GOG has been made aware that a Pirate Action Group is likely to be active in the vicinity of 0217N 00354E in the areas E and D between 181200UTC and 190800UTC. All vessels operating in the region are advised to be extremely vigilant. MDAT-GOG Comment: NIL	C4I, Area D

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WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE

4 WARNING Notices issued this week

WARNING 005/DEC/2020

1. **CATEGORY:** Boarding
2. **TIME:** 15 DEC 2020 0337UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** An MT has been boarded in position 0200N 00433E at 0337UTC. Incident is still on going.
4. **POSITION:** 0200N 00433E - 160NM SW from Brass, Nigeria

WARNING 005/DEC/2020 UPDATE 001

1. **CATEGORY:** Boarding
2. **TIME:** 15 DEC 2020 0337UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** An MT has been boarded in position 0200N 00433E at 0337UTC. Incident is now complete vessel and crew are safe
4. **POSITION:** 0200N 00433E - 160NM SW from Brass, Nigeria

WARNING 006/DEC/2020

1. **CATEGORY:** Boarding
2. **TIME:** 16 DEC 2020 0754UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** An MV was boarded by an unknown number of attackers in position 0350N 00609E at 0754UTC.
4. **POSITION:** 0350N 00609E - 17NM SW Brass, Nigeria

WARNING 007/DEC/2020

1. **CATEGORY:** ATTACK (Highly Likely)– Active Pirate Action Group
2. **TIME:** 18 Dec 2020 1200UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** MDAT-GOG has been made aware that a Pirate Action Group is likely to be active in the vicinity of 0217N 00354E in the areas E and D between 181200UTC and 190800UTC. All vessels operating in the region are advised to be extremely vigilant.
4. **POSITION:** in the vicinity of 0217N 00354E

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ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE

1 ADVISORY Notices issued this week

ADVISORY NOTICE 002/DEC/2020

1. **Category:** SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
2. **Time:** 18 DEC 20 at 0730UTC
3. **Description:** MV reported being approached by 1 wooden boat, Ladder sighted. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres. Crew and vessel are SAFE.
4. **Position:** 0217N 00354E (250 Nm South of LAGOS)
5. **Source:** Reporting Vessel: by email

MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE

2 Notices issued this week

NOTICE 001/DEC/2020Source: Reported to MDAT-GoG by *RELIABLE SOURCES*

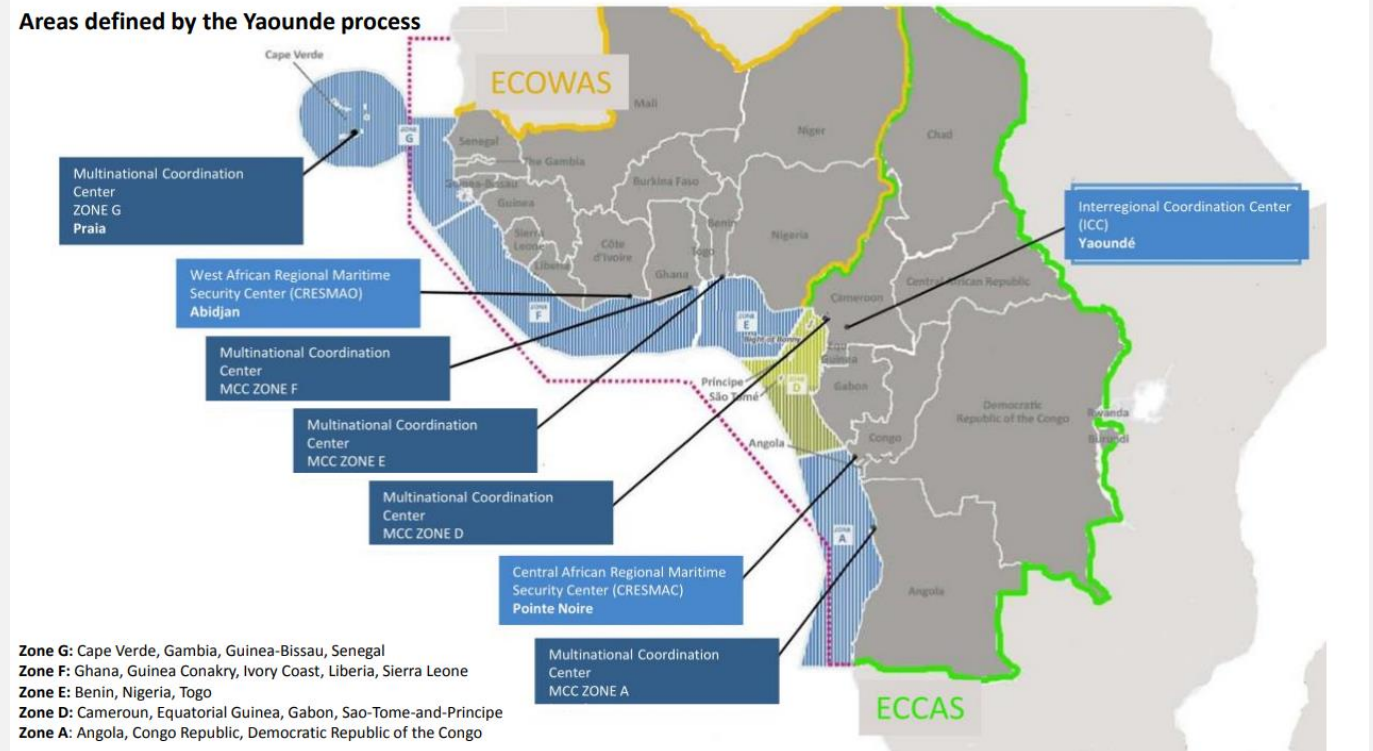
Description: MDAT-GOG has been informed about a HIGH RISK of maritime incident in the coming hours and next days in the AREA F/E/D. We highly recommend to the seafarer community and ships transiting in these areas to exercise a sharp look-out and apply BMP WA procedure.

NOTICE 001/DEC/2020 – UPDATE 1

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Areas defined by the Yaounde process



MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA

Nil Maritime Crime Activities reported this week

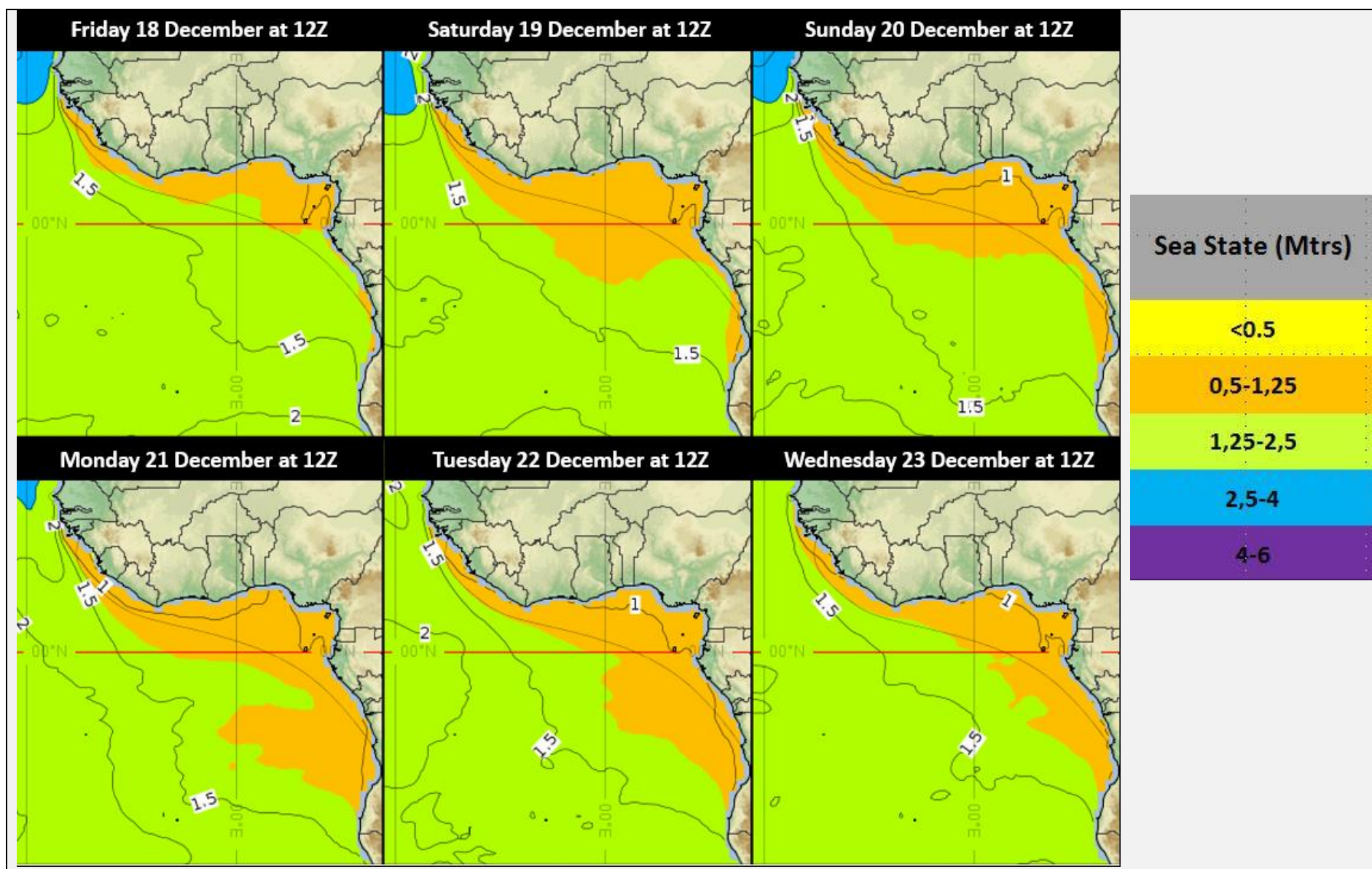
NOTES

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.

CONTACT

E-mail: watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org
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Sea State Forecast w/c 18th December 2020



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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