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Biannual Report

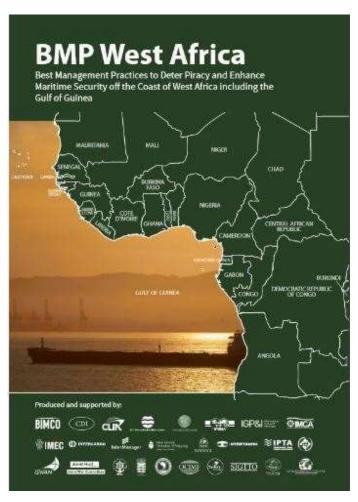
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MDAT-GOG

Biannual Report July – December 2020

Number of events reported:

64







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 <u>SHOM Chart 8801CSD</u> or <u>UKHO Chart Q6114</u>, 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 <u>watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org</u>. Phone number is monitored permanently (+33 (0)298 22 88 88).

Masters are encouraged to comply with <u>Best Management Practices West Africa (BMP WA)</u> and <u>Global Counter Piracy Guidance</u> with during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

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 and our ability to contact Local Navy 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.

Fair winds and following seas!

NOTICES

Any queries regarding these Advisory Notices, contact us 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.

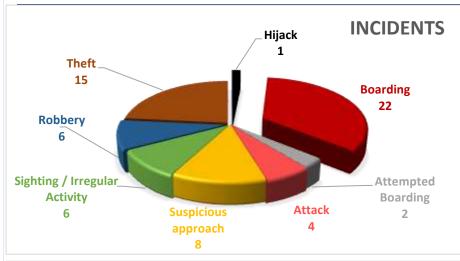
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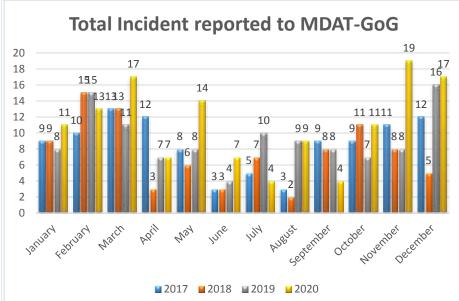
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DEFINITIONS

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.

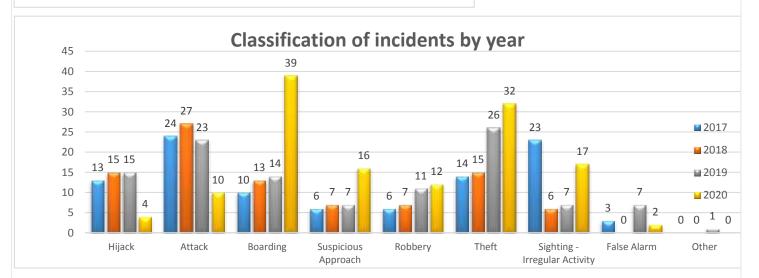
Attack: The ship has been subjected to an aggressive approach by unidentified craft and weapons have been discharged.

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

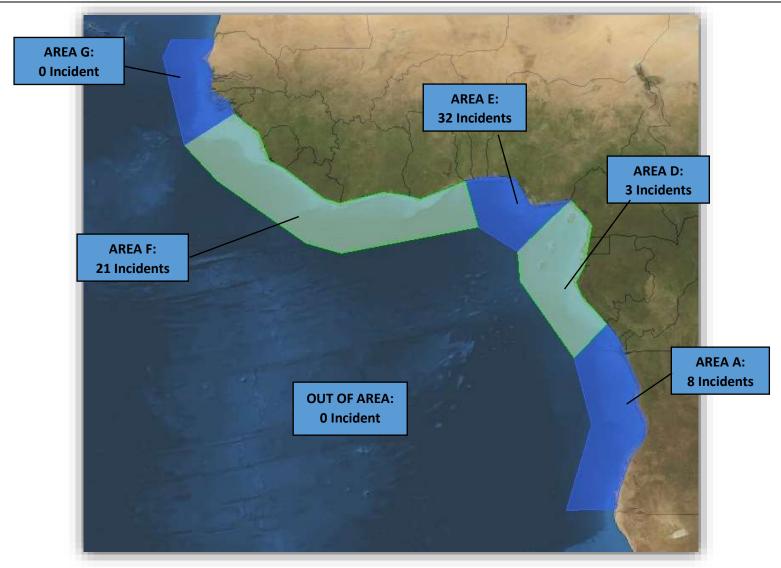


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GLOBAL MAP OF INCIDENTS

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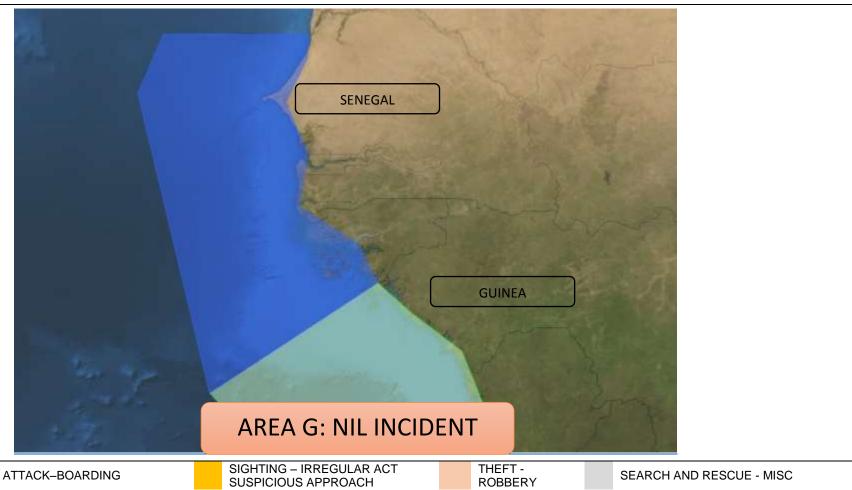


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MCA: MARITIME CRIME ACTIVITY

HIJACK

SEARCH AND RESCUE - MISC

AREA F LOCAL MAP OF INCIDENTS Back to the Global Map **GUINEA** Sighting Warning 005/NOV MCA 04 Warning 001/AUG SIERRA LEONE MCA 07 MCA 10 **MCA** 06 MCA 08 COTE D'IVOIRE Warning 006/NOV LIBERIA **MCA** 05 **Boarding** Advisory 007/NOV MCA 02 MCA 01 GHANA MCA 03 MCA 09 Warning 002/SEP Sighting Advisory 001/AUG **AREA F: 21 INCIDENTS** Warning 001/OCT Sighting

MCA: MARITIME CRIME ACTIVITY

HIJACK

ATTACK-

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SUSPICIOUS APPROACH

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Boarding

Incident 076/20

| <u>Category</u> | Boarding | Status of Incident Time (UTC) | Successful |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Date</u> | 21 Aug. 20 | | 00:30 |
| Position | 08°25N – 013°07W | Bearing / Range | 270/8NM Freetown, Sierra Leone |

Status of Vessel At Anchorage Weather during the Attack Not stated.

<u>Description</u>: MMCC Area F reported a boarding on a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Freetown anchorage on the 21st August at 0030UTC. Seven armed men with machetes boarded the FV and the crew on board tried to resist during the attack. Some members were reported injured. The Sierra Leone Navy dispatched a team to assist and secure the FV (**NAME WITHHELD**). Investigation is ongoing by the Sierra Leone Marine Police.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Crew injured, crew's belonging and stores stolen.

Incident reported to: MDAT, MMCC AREA F.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 35-20 and Monthly 08-20.

DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

Category

Date

Back to the Map Incident 079/20

Advisory 001/AUG

Attempted Boarding Status of Incident Failed

Time (UTC)

Position 04°02N - 001°04E Bearing / Range 146/112NM off Tema,

GHANA

04:31

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack CLEAR

WIND- 15 kn SW Sea- Slight Swell Height- 1.0-1.5

<u>Description</u>: On 28th August 2020 at 0431 UTC in position 04°02N-001°04E, a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a small craft (12-14 meters) with 6-8 people on board. Metallic ladder sighted. There was an attempt made to board, vessel manoeuvred and the attempt was aborted. Vessel and crew are safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 10 minutes.

Method Of Approach: From starboard quarter.

Type of Vessel used: Open speed boat (12-14 meters).

28 Aug. 20

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to: MDAT, MMCC AREA E/F.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 001/AUG, Weekly 35-20 and Monthly 08-20.

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Warning 001/AUG

Incident 080/20

| <u>Category</u> <u>Date</u> | Hijack 28 Aug. 20 | Status of Incident Time (UTC) | Successful 07:31 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| | | | |
| <u>Position</u> | 04°34N – 001°31E | Bearing / Range | 125/109NM off Tema, GHANA |
| Status of Vascal | En Douto | Weather during the Attack | CLEAR |
| Status of Vessel | En Route | weather during the Attack | WIND- 15 kn SW Sea- Slight Swell Height- 1.0-1.5 |

<u>Description</u>: On the 28th August 2020 at 0731UTC, local authorities reported a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was hijacked in position 04°34'15N - 001°31'07E by 9 attackers (seven armed). The situation was updated at 1517 UTC by local authorities, they confirmed the end of the hijack and the hijackers had left the FV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was reported safe and took a course to Tema escorted by a Ghana Navy patrol boat.

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, MMCC AREA E/F.

MDAT Reference: Warning 001/AUG, Weekly 36-20 and Monthly 08-20.

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WARNING 002/SEP

Incident 085/20

| Category | Suspicious Approach | Status of Incident | Failed |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|
| <u>Date</u> | 22 Sep. 20 | Time (UTC) | 08:50 |

| <u>Position</u> | 03°55N – 001°03W | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 212/120NM off Accra, |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| | | | GHANA |

| Status of Vessel | En Route | Weather during the Attack | Clear visibility. | |
|------------------|----------|---------------------------|-------------------|--|
|------------------|----------|---------------------------|-------------------|--|

<u>Description</u>: On the 22nd September 2020 at 0851UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by one skiff with 8 POB at 0.5NM. The captain and crew proceeded with evasive manoeuvers and the skiff stopped its approach. Crew and ship were reported safe.

MMCC AREA F with the assistance of the GHANA Navy dispatched an aircraft in order to locate the suspicious skiff. The Ghana Navy patrol ships investigated the area involved.

Duration of Attack: Approximately one hour.

Method Of Approach: Followed.

Type of Vessel used: One vessel looking like a fishing boat with one small boat and one ladder seen.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, MMCC AREA F, MMCC Area E.

MDAT Reference: Warning 002/SEP, Warning 002/SEP Update 1, Weekly 39-20 and Monthly 09-20.

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Irregular activity / Sighting

Incident 087/20

| Category | Sighting | Status of Incident | Not concerned |
|-------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <u>Date</u> | 26 Sep. 20 | Time (UTC) | 11:30 |

Position 03°00N – 001°41E Bearing / Range 147/186NM off Accra,

GHANA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated.

<u>Description</u>: On the 26th September 2020 at 1130UTC, MMCC Area F reported irregular activity on a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a skiff with 8 – 10 POB. The skiff chased the FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) but later abandoned its pursuit.

MMCC AREA F, with the assistance of the GHANA Navy, dispatched an aircraft in order to locate the suspicious skiff. The Ghana Navy patrol ships investigated the area involved.

<u>MDAT-GOG Comment:</u> This event is classified as an Irregular Activity / Sighting as MDAT didn't receive evidence-based information allowing to increase the classification.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 10 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Followed.

Type of Vessel used: One skiff without navigational lights.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 40-20 and Monthly 09-20.

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Irregular activity / Sighting

Incident 088/20

| Category | Sighting | Status of Incident | Not concerned |
|----------|------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Date | 01 Oct. 20 | Time (UTC) | 12:30 |

Position 02°23N - 004°36W Bearing / Range 180/172NM off Abidjan,

COTE D'IVOIRE

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not Stated.

<u>Description</u>: On the 1st October 2020, local authorities reported irregular activity on a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) in position 02°23'3"N - 004°36'54"W (172nm south of Abidjan). The FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was suspiciously approached by a blue skiff with around 3 to 4 persons on-board. The speedboat approached the vessel to about 3nm. The Captain was alerted and the vessel increased speed widening the gap between them. The vessel and crew were reported safe as the speedboat aborted its pursuit.

<u>Duration of Attack:</u> Approximately 20 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Followed.

Type of Vessel used: Blue speed boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area F.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 40-20 and Monthly 10-20.

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Irregular activity / Sighting

Incident 092/20

| Category | Sighting | Status of Incident | Not concerned |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--|
| <u>Date</u> | 15 Oct. 20 | <u>Time (UTC)</u> | 04:30 |
| Position | 09°16N – 013°46W | Bearing / Range | 189/14NM off Conakry, |
| Position | 09 1011 - 013 4011 | <u>bearing / Kange</u> | GUINEA |
| | | | |
| Status of Vessel | At Anchorage | Weather during the Attack | Clear Wind - 4 knots, SE Sea - 0.2 m / Swell - 0 |

<u>Description</u>: On the 15th October at 0430UTC, at Conakry anchorage, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) spotted a darkened small boat heading to its position at 2NM. The small boat continued its approach to 1NM. The embarked Guinean security guards fired three warning shots, and the small boat left the scene. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 10 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Attempted to board on the forward starboard side.

Type of Vessel used: 10m long boat (white and brown hull).

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 40-20 and Monthly 10-20.

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WARNING 001/OCT

Incident 095/20

| Category Date | Boarding 17 Oct. 20 | Status of Incident Time (UTC) | Failed 20:54 |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Position</u> | 04°20N – 001°26E | Bearing / Range | 176/116NM off Lome, TOGO |
| A | | NA | |

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Darkness Wind S/ 4, Sea Condition 3, Swell 1.2 M

<u>Description</u>: An MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded south of LOME, 116 nautical miles from the coast. A Togolese patrol boat was dispatched in order to secure and escort the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) to Lome. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 15 minutes.

<u>Method Of Approach</u>: High speed skiff and with the use of a hooked ladder.

Type of Vessel used: Skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Crew's belonging stolen.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area F/E.

MDAT Reference: Warning 001/OCT, Weekly 43-10 and Monthly 10-20.

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WARNING 006/NOV

Incident 109/20

| Category | Boarding | Status of Incident | Successful |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Date</u> | 16 Nov. 20 | Time (UTC) | 04:00 |
| Position | 05°28N - 001°25E | Bearing / Range | 097/85NM off Tema, |
| | | | GHANA |

| Status of Vessel | En Route | Weather during the Attack | Not stated | |
|------------------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--|
|------------------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--|

<u>Description</u>: On the 16th November at 0540UTC, Hellenic coastguards reported the loss of communications with an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). Two days later, both agencies received information that the attackers were still on board the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst adrift inside the Ghanaian EEZ. Local authorities were informed of the situation. On the 23rd November MDAT-GOG were informed that the attackers had left the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). An Italian frigate (**FEDERICO MARTINENGO**) provided assistance to relocate the MT and a Nigerian Navy ship (**NNS EKULU**) was dispatched in order to secure and escort the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) to Lagos.

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, Area F, Italian Navy.

<u>MDAT Reference</u>: Advisory 006/NOV, Warning 006/NOV update 1 to Update 8, Weekly 47-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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WARNING 005/NOV

Incident 110/20

| Category | Suspicious Approach | Status of Incident | Successful |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Date</u> | 17 Nov. 20 | Time (UTC) | 04:35 |
| <u>Position</u> | 05°04N - 001°07E | Bearing / Range | 117/74NM off Tema, |
| | | | GHANA |

| Status of Vessel | En Route | Weather during the Attack | Cloudy Skies, Good Visibility Wind: SSW/3 |
|------------------|----------|---------------------------|---|
| | | | Sea: SSW/2 |

<u>Description</u>: On the 17th November at 0435UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by one skiff at 0.5NM with an unknown number of people on board. The crew and ship were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

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

MDAT Reference: Warning 005/NOV, Weekly 47-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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ADVISORY 007/NOV

Incident 114/20

| Category | Boarding | Status of Incident | Successful |
|----------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Date | 29 Nov. 20 | Time (UTC) | 21:10 |
| Position | 04°54N – 001°10E | Bearing / Range | 123/82NM off Tema, |
| | | | GHANA |

<u>Status of Vessel</u> En Route <u>Weather during the Attack</u> Calm.

<u>Description</u>: On the 29th November at 2110UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 6 armed attackers. The crew managed to inform MDAT-GOG at 0130UTC when the attackers left the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). The Togolese Navy was informed about the incident.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 5 hours.

Method Of Approach: Approach by starboard side at high speed.

Type of Vessel used: Wooden high speed.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Togo, MCC AREA E.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 007/NOV, Weekly 49-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft

Event 078/20

GHANA, Takoradi

Description: MDAT-GOG received a time late report regarding a theft occurring on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) on the 18th August at 0350UTC whilst at Takoradi anchorage. The intruders boarded the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and the alarm was raised causing the intruders' flee.

Method Of Approach: Use of a canoe and ropes to board the MV.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's equipment stolen.

MDAT Reference: Monthly 08-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft

Event 082/20

COTE D'IVOIRE, Abidjan

Description: During the night of 28th August at Abidjan anchorage, a theft was reported on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The incident was reported to the coastal authority.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: One outboard motor and SOLAS equipment.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 35-20, Monthly 08-20.

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 03: Theft

Event 089/20

LIBERIA, Monrovia

Description: On the 1st October 2020 at 0342UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a theft by an intruder whilst berthed at Monrovia in position 06°21′04″N 010°47′47″W. The intruder was spotted on the forecastle by the duty officer. The alarm was raised and the intruder escaped by jumping in to the sea. Crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Through Headlines (forecastle).

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: STS Messenger rope stolen.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 40-20 and Monthly 10-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 04: Robbery

Event 093/20

GUINEA, Conakry

Description: On the 15th October at 2340UTC, at Conakry anchorage, a small boat approached an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and was boarded by unknown personnel armed with knives and weapons. Items were reported stolen from the vessel. Crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ships items.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 42-20 and Monthly 10-20.

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 05: Theft

Event 106/20

GHANA, Takoradi

Description: On the 13th November at 0212UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a theft whilst located in Takoradi Ghana anchorage (04°53N – 001°42W). During a security round, it was noticed that ship's equipment had been stolen by unknown personnel. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Through hawse pipe.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's equipment reported stolen.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 47-20 and Monthly 11-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 06: Robbery

Event 112/20

GHANA, Takoradi

Description: On the 27th November at 0140UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported to MDAT an attempted robbery that occurred in Takoradi Anchorage (04°53N – 001°41W). Duty officer found two unknown persons on board during a safety round. The alarm was raised resulting in the intruders leaving the vessel. Nothing was reported stolen. Crew and vessel are reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Nil.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 48-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 07: Robbery

Event 115/20

GUINEA, Conakry

Description: On the 30th November at 0300UTC, an MV reported a robbery whilst at Conakry anchorage. Six armed intruders climbed on board and stole crew's belongings before leaving. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Climbed on board with the help of hook and ropes.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Master and crew held captive and crew's belongings were reported stolen.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 49-20 and Monthly 11-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 08: Theft

Event 117/20

SIERRA LEONE, Freetown

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

Method Of Approach: Climbed via a rope.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 49-20 and Monthly 12-20.

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 09: Theft

Event 125/20

LIBERIA, Monrovia

Description: On the 25th November at 0330UTC whilst berthed at Monrovia, an intruder was found by the security team on board. Once discovered, the intruder jumped overboard and fled away. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Use of a wooden boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's property reported stolen.

MDAT Reference: Nil.

Maritime Crime Activity 10: Theft

Event 133/20

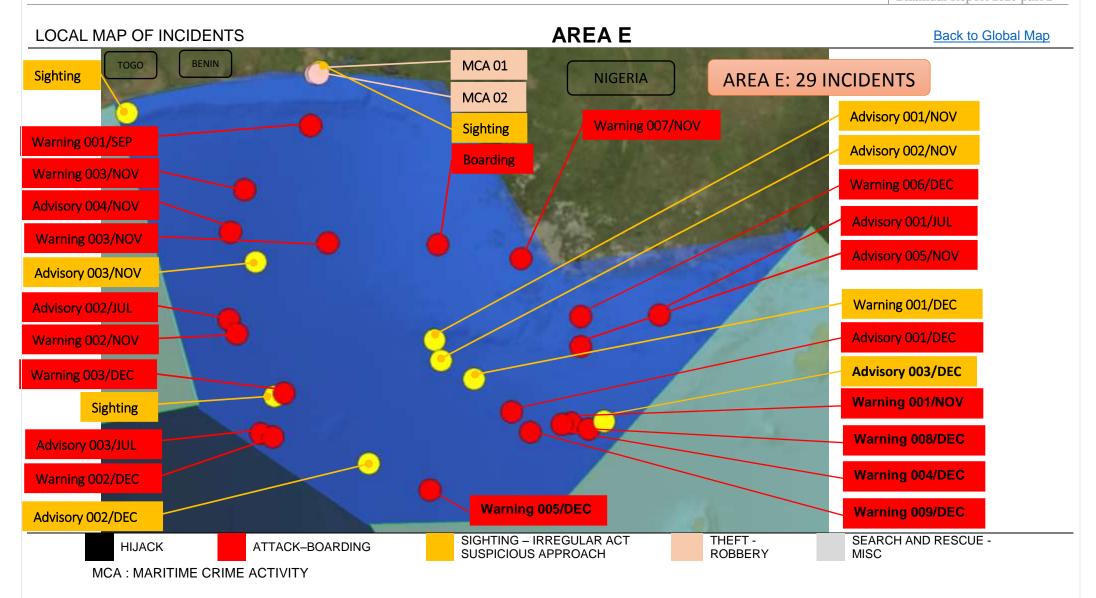
GHANA, Takoradi

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 property.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's property reported stolen.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 53-20 and Monthly 12-20.



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Advisory 001/JUL

Incident 069/20

| Category | Boarding | Status of Incident | Successful |
|----------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Date | 02 Jul. 20 | Time (UTC) | 03:45 |

| <u>Position</u> | 03°52N – 006°59E | <u>Bearing / Range</u> | 200/35NM off Bonny, |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | NICEDIA |

| Status of Vessel At Anchorage Weather during the Attack Not stated. | Status of Vessel | At Anchorage | Weather during the Attack | Not stated. | |
|---|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|--|
|---|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|--|

<u>Description</u>: On the 2nd July 2020 at approximately, 0345UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers in position 03°52'N–006°59'E. Despite the presence of a security vessel which was lured away by a small wooden boat used as a decoy, two fast moving boats with unknown amount of armed persons on board were able to attack and board the vessel.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Use of a wooden boat as a decoy.

Type of Vessel used: One wooden boat and two fast boats.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D / E.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 001/JUL + Advisory 001/Jul Update1, Weekly 27-20 and Monthly 07-20.

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Advisory 002/JUL

Incident 070/20

| <u>Category</u> | Boarding | Status of Incident | Successful |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Date | 02 Jul. 20 | Time (UTC) | 22:20 |

<u>Position</u> 03°49N – 002°25E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 183/152NM off Cotonou, BENIN

Status of Vessel Adrift Weather during the Attack Not stated.

<u>Description</u>: On the 2nd July 2020 at approximately 2220UTC, a boarding occurred on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) by an unknown number of attackers.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 25 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Boarded vessel via rope and ladder.

Type of Vessel used: Small wooden craft.

<u>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:</u> Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to: MDAT, Area E/ F

MDAT Reference: Advisory 002/JUL, Weekly 27-20 and Monthly 07-20.

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Advisory 003/JUL

Incident 072/20

| <u>Category</u> | Boarding | Status of Incident | Successful |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Date | 17 Jul. 20 | Time (UTC) | 11:00 |

Position 02°36N - 002°45E **Bearing / Range** 175/224NM off Cotonou, **BENIN**

Weather during the Attack **Status of Vessel** En Route Not stated.

Description: 8 Heavily armed personnel boarded an MT (NAME WITHHELD) on the 17th July 2020 at

approximately 1100UTC.

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/F

MDAT Reference: Advisory 003/JUL, Weekly 29-20 and Monthly 07-20.

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Irregular activity

Incident 074/20

| Category Date | Sighting 01 Aug. 20 | Status of Incident Time (UTC) | Undefined 02:00 |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Position</u> | 06°27'3N – 003°22'3E | Bearing / Range | Lagos Port, NIGERIA |
| Status of Vessel | Berthed | Weather during the Attack | Not stated. |

<u>Description</u>: On the 1st August, irregular activity was reported by an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). The tanker reported an attempted boarding on the outboard side of the vessel. The crew alerted the Nigerian Navy on board, causing the intruders to flee.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: By sea side.

Type of Vessel used: One small boat with approximately 5 personnel on board.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 32-20 and Monthly 08-20.

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Irregular Activity

Incident 081/20

| <u>Category</u> <u>Date</u> | Sighting 28 Aug. 20 | Status of Incident Time (UTC) | Undefined 02:30 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <u>Position</u> | 06°01N – 001°19E | Bearing / Range | 160/8NM off Lome, TOGO |
| | | | |
| Status of Vessel | At Anchorage | Weather during the Attack | Cloudy SW / 4BF MODERATE / 1.0M |

<u>Description</u>: On the 28th August 2020 at 0230UTC, whilst at Lome anchorage, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) spotted a suspicious craft closing her position. Once informed by VHF, TOGO Navy immediately dispatched a patrol vessel to clear and investigate the area. The investigation led by Togolese authorities highlighted that this suspicious event was due to the activity of a small fishing craft working too close to the merchant vessel.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: One small craft with 8 men on board.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, MMCC AREA E, Togo.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 36-20 and Monthly 08-20.

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WARNING 001/SEP

Incident 083/20

| <u>Category</u> | Boarding | Status of Incident | Successful |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Date | 08 Sep. 20 | Time (UTC) | 05:50 |

Position 05°53N - 003°17E Bearing / Range 195/30NM off Lagos,

NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated.

<u>Description</u>: On the 8th September at 0550UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached and boarded by an unknown number of perpetrators. The local authorities were alerted and the Nigerian Navy dispatched a patrol boat to escort the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) to an anchorage for further investigations.

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, MOC Lagos, MMCC Area E.

MDAT Reference: Warning 001/SEP, Warning 001/SEP Update 1, Weekly 37-20 and Monthly 09-20.

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WARNING 003/OCT

Incident 097/20

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| | | | |
| <u>Date</u> | 22 Oct. 20 | Time (UTC) | 06:57 |
| <u>Category</u> | Boarding | Status of Incident | Failed |

<u>Position</u> 04°38N – 003°28E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 178/106NM off Lome, TOGO

<u>Status of Vessel</u> En Route <u>Weather during the Attack</u> Clear, SW-10

<u>Description</u>: On the 22nd October at 0758UTC, six armed perpetrators boarded an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The crew raised the alarm quickly and mustered in citadel. An Italian frigate and a Nigerian patrol boat was dispatched in order to secure the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and escort to Lagos. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 24 hours.

Method Of Approach: Approached by starboard side and destroyed all windows and doors.

Type of Vessel used: Speed boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ships items and crew's belongings were reported stolen.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area F/E, Italian Navy.

MDAT Reference: Warning 003/OCT (Update 1 to 3), Weekly 43-10 and Monthly 10-20.

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WARNING 001/NOV

Incident 099/20

| <u>Category</u> | Boarding | Status of Incident | Successful |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Date | 04 Nov. 20 | Time (UTC) | 05:49 |

<u>Position</u> 02°43N – 006°02E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 214/120NM off Bonny,

NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Calm and clear

<u>Description</u>: On the 04th November at 0549 UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by seven armed attackers. The crew mustered in citadel. The attackers damaged and stole bridge equipment before fleeing. The ship and crew were reported safe and proceeded to their next port of call, escorted by the Nigerian Navy and Cameroonian Navy.

<u>Duration of Attack:</u> Approximately 4 hours 30 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive.

Type of Vessel used: Skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Items damaged and stolen.

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

MDAT Reference: Warning 001/NOV, Warning 001/NOV update 1, Weekly 45-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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WARNING 002/NOV

Incident 100/20

| <u>Category</u> <u>Date</u> | Boarding 07 Nov. 20 | Status of Incident Time (UTC) | Successful 06:20 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Position | 03°40N – 002°30E | Bearing / Range | 172/170NM off Cotonou, BENIN |
| | | | |

<u>Status of Vessel</u> En Route <u>Weather during the Attack</u> Clear, Wind S*4; Sea 0.7M

<u>Description</u>: On 07th November at 0640 UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by unknown number of armed attackers. The alarm was quickly raised by the bridge look-out and the crew mustered in the citadel. On the basis of information provided by MDAT, an Italian Navy Ship sailing in vicinity dispatched helicopters in order to assist and secure the area. The Italian warship reported that the MV and crew were safe. A Nigerian Navy ship was also dispatched in order to escort the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**).

<u>Duration of Attack:</u> Approximately 13 hours 30 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive.

Type of Vessel used: Blue skiff.

<u>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:</u> Stores and crew's belongings reported stolen.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D, Area E, Italian Navy.

MDAT Reference: Warning 002/NOV, Warning 002/NOV update 1, Weekly 46-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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ADVISORY 001/NOV

Incident 101/20

| Category | Suspicious Approach | Status of Incident | Failed |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
| <u>Date</u> | 07 Nov. 20 | Time (UTC) | 16:20 |
| | | | |
| <u>Position</u> | 03°36N – 004°36E | Bearing / Range | 253/161NM off Bonny, NIGERIA |
| | | | |
| Status of Vessel | En Route | Weather during the Attack | Clear Wind Direction: SW Wind Speed: 2 KNT Swell Height: 2.5 M |

<u>Description</u>: On 07th November at 1620UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a skiff with seven armed people on board. The crew mustered in the citadel, and the on board security guards fired warning shots on the suspicious skiff, which resulted in the attackers aborting their pursuit. Crew and vessel were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 10 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive.

Type of Vessel used: Black skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area F, Area E, Italian Navy.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 001/NOV, Weekly 46-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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ADVISORY 002/NOV

Incident 102/20

| Category | Suspicious Approach | Status of Incident | Failed |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|
| <u>Date</u> | 08 Nov. 20 | Time (UTC) | 21:40 |

<u>Position</u> 03°23N – 004°40E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 248/160NM off Bonny, NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Clear

Swell height: 1.3m Wind: 12Kts S/SW

<u>Description</u>: On 08th November at 2140UTC, a Research Vessel (RV) (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a skiff with 4 POB. The Nigerian Navy guard on the escort vessel fired warning shots resulting the suspicious skiff to withdraw. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Few minutes.

Method Of Approach: Silent without navigational lights.

Type of Vessel used: Dark colour skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 002/NOV, Weekly 46-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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ADVISORY 003/NOV

Incident 103/20

| Category | Suspicious Approach | Status of Incident | Failed |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Date | 09 Nov. 20 | Time (UTC) | 06:30 |

<u>Position</u> 04°26N – 002°42E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 172/116NM off Cotonou, BENIN

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Clear

<u>Description</u>: On 09th November at 0630UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a skiff with 7-8 armed persons on board approached them to a CPA of 0.7NM. The crew mustered in citadel and the Beninese Navy guards on board fired warning shots. After 20 minutes, the skiff left the vicinity.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 20 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Very careful to observe the MV before the approach phase.

Type of Vessel used: Black rigid speed boat (9M length).

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 003/NOV, Weekly 46-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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ADVISORY 004/NOV

Incident 104/20

| Category | Attack | Status of Incident | Failed |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Date | 09 Nov. 20 | Time (UTC) | 20:28 |
| Position | 04°45N - 002°26E | Bearing / Range | 193/98NM off Cotonou, |
| | | | BENIN |

| Status of Vessel | En Route | Weather during the Attack | Clear, | |
|------------------|----------|---------------------------|---------------|--|
| | | | Wind - SW3, | |
| | | | Sea SW2, | |
| | | | Swell – 1.0 m | |

<u>Description</u>: On 09th November at 2028UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported they were under attack by 1 skiff. The crew mustered in the citadel whilst the Master and bridge team carried out evasive manoeuvring. The skiffs aborted the attack. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 1 hour.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive, shooting several times at the bridge area.

Type of Vessel used: Black skiff with one white line.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's damage due to gunshots.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 004/NOV, Weekly 46-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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WARNING 003/NOV

Incident 105/20

| Category | Attack | Status of Incident | Failed |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Date | 11 Nov. 20 | Time (UTC) | 01:00 |
| <u>Position</u> | 05°12N – 002°35E | Bearing / Range | 173/70NM off Cotonou, |
| | | | BENIN |

| Status of Vessel | En Route | Weather during the Attack | Clear sky, good visibility, Wind - SE3, Sea SE3. |
|------------------|----------|---------------------------|--|
| | | | Swell – 1.0 m |

<u>Description</u>: On 11th November at 0119UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a skiff with approximately 8 armed persons on board, approached them to within 1 NM. The persons fired gunshots at the vessel, and attempted to board it but failed. After 1 hour and 35 minutes the skiff aborted the attack, and left the vicinity. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 1 hour 35 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive with shooting several times at the bridge and accommodation area.

Type of Vessel used: Black skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's damage due to gunshots.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Warning 003/NOV, Warning 003/NOV-Update 1+2, Weekly 46-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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ADVISORY 005/NOV

Incident 108/20

| <u>Category</u> | Boarding | Status of Incident | Successful |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Date | 16 Nov. 20 | Time (UTC) | 04:00 |
| <u>Position</u> | 03°32N - 006°09E | Bearing / Range | 192/45NM off Brass, |
| | | | NIGERIA |

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 16th November at 0400UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 7-8 armed attackers. The local authorities were informed.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

<u>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:</u> Undisclosed information.

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

MDAT Reference: Advisory 005/NOV, Weekly 47-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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WARNING 007/NOV

Incident 111/20

| Category | Boarding | Status of Incident | Successful |
|----------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Date | 26 Nov. 20 | Time (UTC) | 12:58 |
| Position | 04°28N - 005°31E | Bearing / Range | 180/53NM off Burutu, |

NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated.

<u>Description</u>: On the 26th November at 1258UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 8 armed attackers. The local authorities were informed.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

<u>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:</u> Undisclosed information.

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

MDAT Reference: Warning 007/NOV, Weekly 48-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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Incident 118/20

WARNING 001/DEC

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

<u>Description</u>: 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 were reported safe.

<u>Duration of Attack:</u> 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, Weekly 49-20 and Monthly 12-20.

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ADVISORY 001/DEC

Incident 119/20

| Category | Attack | Status of Incident | Failed |
|----------|------------|--------------------|--------|
| Date | 03 Dec. 20 | Time (UTC) | 10:35 |

<u>Position</u> 02°50N – 005°24E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 135/200NM off Brass, NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Clear, Wind SSW/3, Swell 2

<u>Description</u>: 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, Weekly 49-20 and Monthly 12-20.

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WARNING 002/DEC

Incident 120/20

| <u>Category</u> | Attempted Boarding | Status of Incident | Failed |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Date</u> | 04 Dec. 20 | Time (UTC) | 11:00 |
| Position | 02°34N 002°53E | Boaring / Bango | 225/200NM off Brace |

Position 02°34N – 002°53E Bearing / Range 225/200NM off Brass, NIGERIA

<u>Status of Vessel</u> En Route <u>Weather during the Attack</u> Clear, slight sea / mod swell

<u>Description</u>: On the 4th of 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 the 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, Weekly 49-20 and Monthly 12-20.

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Irregular Activity / Sighting

Incident 121/20

| <u>Category</u> | Sighting | Status of Incident | Undefined |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Date | 05 Dec. 20 | Time (UTC) | 06:25 |

Position 03°00N – 002°54E Bearing / Range 189/205NM off Lagos,

NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not Stated

<u>Description</u>: On 5th December at 0625UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported 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 and Monthly 12-20.

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Warning 003/DEC

Incident 122/20

| Category | Boarding | Status of Incident | Failed |
|----------|------------|--------------------|--------|
| Date | 05 Dec. 20 | Time (UTC) | 06:55 |

<u>Position</u> 03°02N – 003°00E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 180/220NM off Lagos,

NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not Stated

<u>Description</u>: 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, Weekly 50-20 and Monthly 12-20.

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Warning 004/DEC

Incident 124/20

| Category | Boarding | Status of Incident | Failed |
|----------|------------|--------------------|--------|
| Date | 06 Dec. 20 | Time (UTC) | 03:40 |

<u>Position</u> 02°42N – 005°57E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 210/125NM off Bonny, NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not Stated

<u>Description</u>: 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, Weekly 50-20 and Monthly 12-20.

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Boarding

CategoryBoardingStatus of IncidentSuccessfulDate10 Dec. 20Time (UTC)08:00

Position 04°37N – 004°38E Bearing / Range 231/68NM off Burutu,

NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not Stated

<u>Description</u>: 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 and Monthly 12-20.

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Warning 005/DEC

Incident 127/20

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

<u>Description</u>: 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, Weekly 51-20 and Monthly 12-20.

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Warning 006/DEC

Incident 128/20

| Category | Boarding | Status of Incident | Successful |
|----------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| Date | 16 Dec 20 | Time (UTC) | 07:54 |

| <u>Position</u> | 03°51N – 006°09E | Bearing / Range | 210/16NM off Brass, |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|

NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not Stated

<u>Description</u>: 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 and Monthly 12-20.

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Incident 129/20

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

<u>Description</u>: On the 18th of 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.

<u>Duration of Attack:</u> 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, Weekly 52-20 and Monthly 12-20.

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Warning 008/DEC

Incident 130/20

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

<u>Description</u>: 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.

<u>Duration of Attack:</u> Approximately 3 hours.

<u>Method Of Approach</u>: 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)

<u>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:</u> 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, Weekly 52-20 and Monthly 12-20.

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Warning 009/DEC

Incident 131/20

| Category Date | Boarding 21 Dec. 20 | Status of Incident Time (UTC) | Successful 04:00 |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | | <u></u> | 5 110 5 |
| <u>Position</u> | 02°37N – 005°37E | Bearing / Range | 204/95NM off Brass, NIGERIA |
| | | | |
| Status of Vessel | En Route | Weather during the Attack | Clear, Wind: SSW 3, Sea state: 2, Swell S 1mtr |

<u>Description</u>: 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.

<u>Duration of Attack:</u> 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, Weekly 52-20 and Monthly 12-20.

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Advisory 003/DEC

Incident 134/20

| Category | Suspicious Approach | Status of Incident | Failed |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Date | 29 Dec. 20 | Time (UTC) | 16:40 |

<u>Position</u> 02°44N – 006°24E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 204/109NM off Bonny, NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated

<u>Description</u>: 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 the 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, Weekly 53-20 and Monthly 12-20.

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft

Event 073/20

NIGERIA Lagos

Description: On the 09th June at approximately 0030UTC, an attempted theft occurred on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Lagos port. The thief was quickly arrested by the Nigeria armed guards and nothing was reported stolen.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 20-20 and Monthly 07-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 02: Robbery

Event 091/20

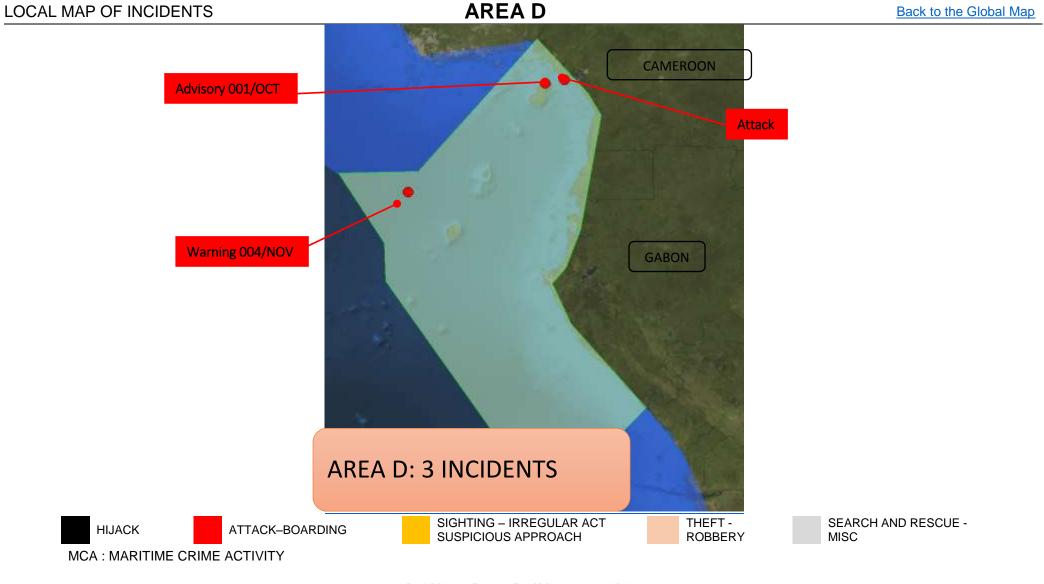
NIGERIA, Lagos

Description: On the 09th October at 0245UTC, two armed intruders boarded an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Lagos Port. The duty watchmen raised the alarm quickly causing the intruders to flee. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Use of a wooden boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 41-20 and Monthly 10-20.



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ADVISORY 001/OCT

Incident 094/20

| <u>Category</u> <u>Date</u> | Boarding 17 Oct. 20 | Status of Incident Time (UTC) | Successful 05:45 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Position</u> | 03°46N – 008°47E | Bearing / Range | 279/6NM off Malabo, E.G. |
| Status of Vessel | At Anchorage | Weather during the Attack | Drizzle, SW 8 Knots, |

<u>Description</u>: On the 17th October at 0545UTC, whilst anchored at Malabo, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by unknown armed persons. Local authorities deployed nautical assets and a security team in order to secure and investigate the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**).

<u>Duration of Attack:</u> Approximately 15 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Boarded from the terminal gangway.

Type of Vessel used: Rubber boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Port authorities, Area D/E.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 001/OCT, Weekly 43-10 and Monthly 10-20.

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WARNING 004/NOV

Incident 107/20

| Category | Boarding | Status of Incident | Successful |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <u>Date</u> | 13 Nov. 20 | Time (UTC) | 14:55 |
| Position | 01°11N – 005°33E | Bearing / Range | 315/77NM off Sao |
| | | | Tome, STP |

En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 13th November at 1455UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers.

The incident was immediately reported by MDAT-GOG to Sao Tome COAST GUARDS and all concerned authorities. One Portuguese (en route to Sao Tome), one Spanish and one Italian navy ship were dispatched in order to assist and secure the area. The ship was then escorted to Luba.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

<u>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:</u> Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D, Area E, Spanish Navy, Italian Navy, Sao Tome Coast guard.

MDAT Reference: Warning 004/NOV, Warning 004/NOV-Update 1, Weekly 47-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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ATTACK

| Category | Attack | Status of Incident | Successful |
|----------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Date | 30 Nov. 20 | Time (UTC) | 00:50 |
| Position | 04°54N – 001°10E | Bearing / Range | 168/10NM off Limboh, |

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Calm.

<u>Description</u>: On the 30th November at 0050UTC, a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a speed boat with armed men on board. The armed security team on board and the assailants exchanged gunshots. One casualty was reported on the security team and an unknown numbers of attackers were reported injured.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Speed boat.

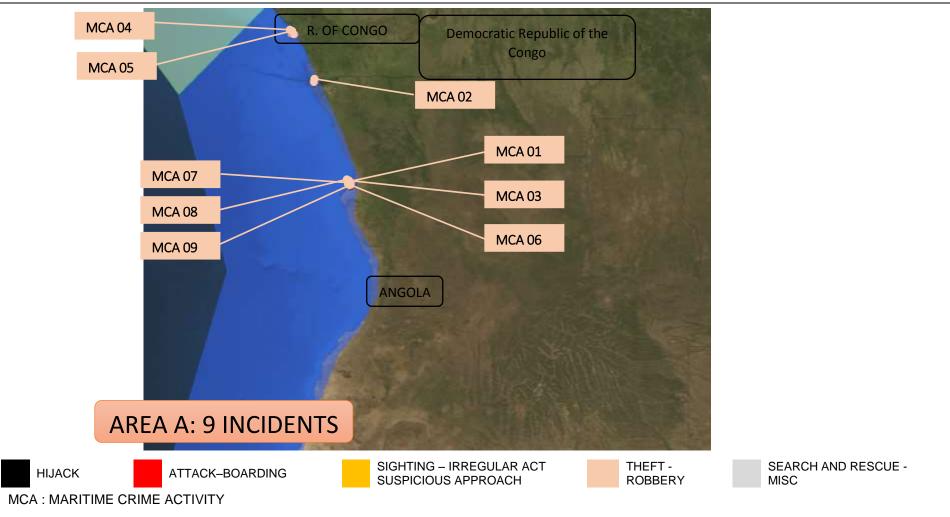
Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: 1 Armed security guard wounded.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D, Cameroon Navy.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 49-20 and Monthly 11-20.

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Robbery

Event 075/20

ANGOLA, Luanda

Description: MDAT received a time late report regarding a robbery on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) occurred on 10th August at 0206UTC whilst at Luanda anchorage. Three robbers boarded the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**), tied up a crew member on watch and managed to flee with ship's properties before the alarm was raised. The local authorities were informed about this incident.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Crew member bound, ship's store and stores/crew's belongings stolen.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 33-20 and Monthly 08-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft

Event 077/20

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, Banana

Description: On the 23rd August at 0000UTC, a theft occurred on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**), whilst at Banana Anchorage (06°01S – 012°20E). Two intruders were seen by the duty watch who raised the alarm. The crew mustered and the intruders fled.

Method Of Approach: Use of a wooden boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: One rope reported stolen.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 35-20 and Monthly 08-20.

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 03: Theft

Event 084/20

ANGOLA, Luanda

Description: On the 09th September at 2154UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported an attempted theft by 4 intruders whilst at Luanda anchorage (08°45'35S – 013°16'38E). The four intruders were quickly detected by the crew patrol and then fled away empty-handed.

Method Of Approach: Boarding the MV by the anchor chain.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 37-20 and Monthly 09-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 04: Theft

Event 090/20

REPUBLIC OF CONGO, Pointe Noire

Description: On the 06th October, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a theft on board whilst at Pointe Noire Anchorage (04°44'10S - 011°45'28E). Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Paint canisters.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 41-20 and Monthly 10-20.

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 05: Robbery

Event 096/20

REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, Pointe-Noire

Description: On 19th October at 0107UCT, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded. Three or four perpetrators were seen on the forecastle of the vessel. One of them threatened the AB on duty with an object shaped like a weapon. A patrol vessel was dispatched to the scene to assist the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**).

Method Of Approach: The intruders boarded the MV via anchor chain.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Mooring ropes and ship items were reported stolen.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 43-20 and Monthly 10-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 06: Theft

Event 098/20

ANGOLA, Luanda

Description: On the 26th October at 0125UTC whilst at Luanda anchorage, an offshore supply vessel (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported an attempted theft. Five persons, one of whom was attempting to climb on board, were spotted by the Second Officer. The alarm was raised resulting in the intruders fleeing. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Wooden Boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 44-20 and Monthly 10-20.

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 07: Theft

Event 113/20

ANGOLA, Luanda

Description: On the 29th November, whilst at Luanda anchorage (08°46S – 013°15E), an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a theft occurred during the night. The theft was discovered after some items were reported missing and was then, confirmed by CCTV review. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's equipment reported stolen.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 49-20 and Monthly 12-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 08: 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 Reference: Weekly 50-20 and Monthly 12-20.

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 09: 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.

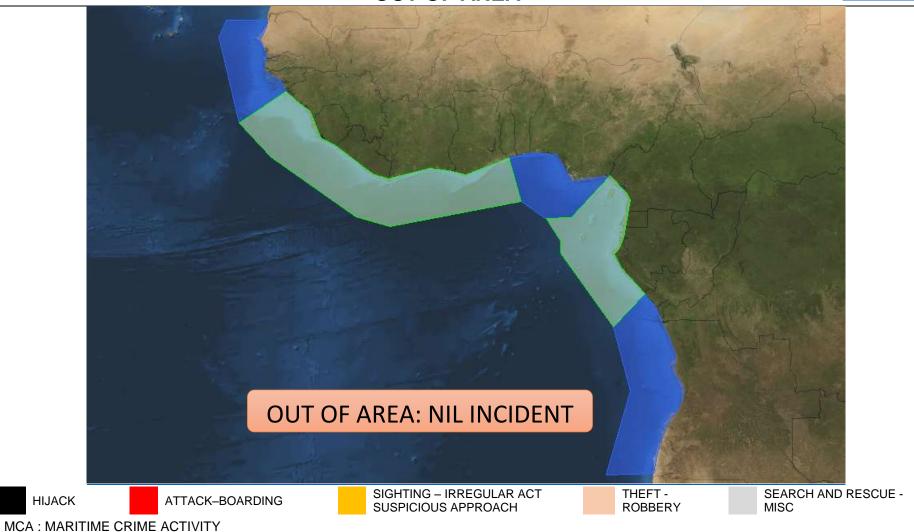
MDAT Reference: Weekly 52-20 and Monthly 12-20.

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