

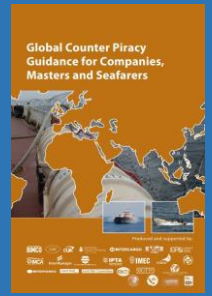
MDAT – GOG Weekly Report 43-20

16th – 23rd October 2020
Number of Events reported:

4



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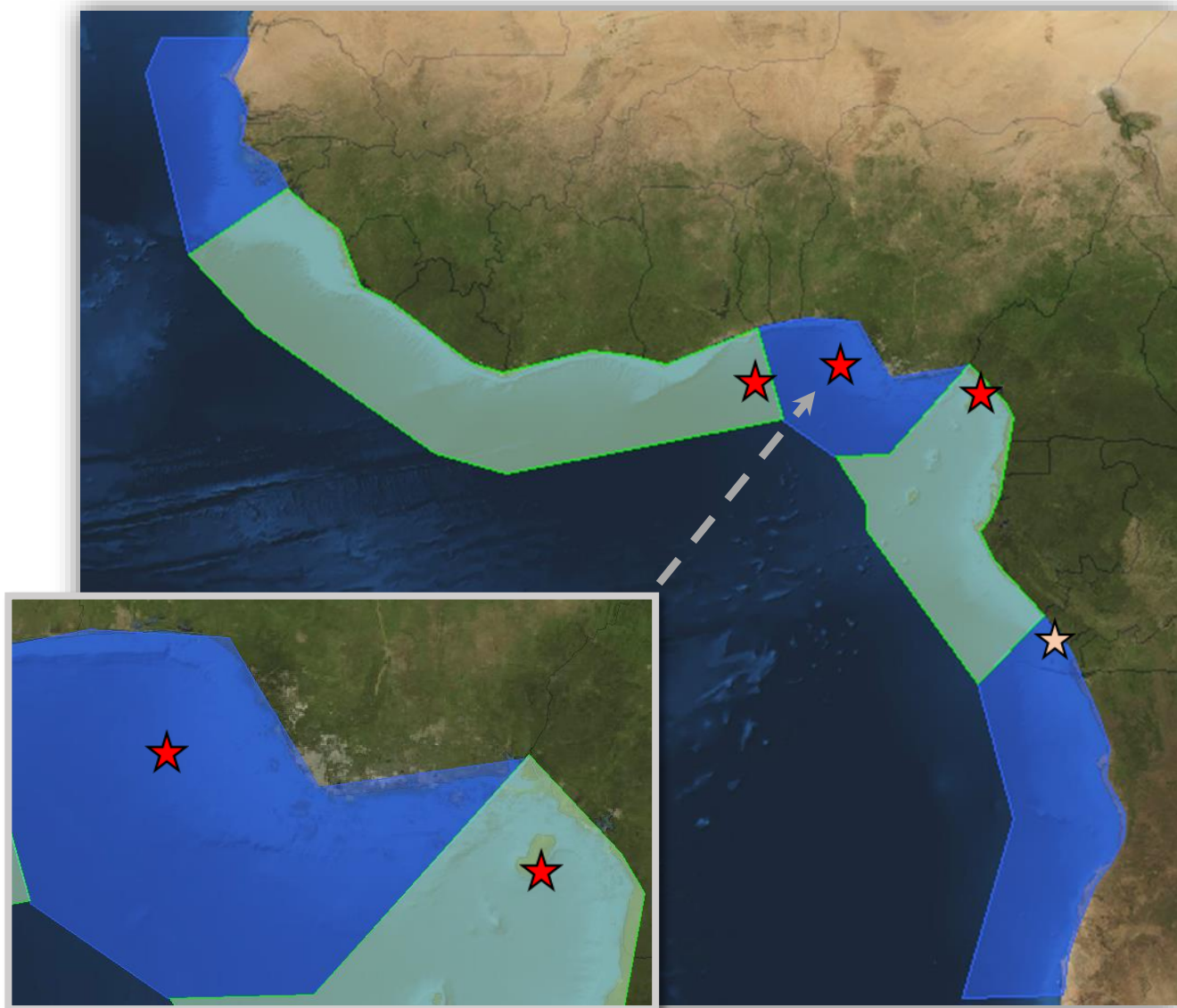


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OVERVIEW

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

Hijack: 0 Attack: 0 Boarding: 3 Suspicious Approach: 0 Robbery – Sea theft: 1 Sighting/Irregular Activity: 0



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

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	D	03°46N 008°47E	On 17 th October at 0545 UTC, A merchant vessel (NAME WITHELD) berthed has been boarded by unknown persons . Local authorities have deployed a security team in order to secure and investigate the M/V. MDAT-GoG-Comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 001/OCT/2020	INDUSTIRIAL PARTNERS-
BOARDING	E	04°20N 001°26E	On 17 th October at 2003 UTC, An M/V (NAME WITHELD) was boarded. A togolese patrol boat was dispatched in order to secure and then escort the MV to Lome. Ship and crew were reported safe MDAT-GoG-Comment: This event refers to warning 001/OCT/2020	OTHER VESSEL
ROBBERY	A	04°45N 011°49E	On 19 th October at 0107UCT, An M/V (NAME WITHELD) was boarded. Three or four perpetrators were seen on the forcastle of the vessel. One of them pointed at the crew with an object shaped like a weapon. A patrol vessel was dispatched to the scene and an inspection allowed to confirm two mooring ropes had been stolen. It seems that the perpetrators gained access via the anchor chain. MDAT-GoG-Comment: Nil	CREW
BOARDING	E	04°38N 003°28E	On the 22th October at 0758UTC six armed perpetrators boarded an M/V (NAME WITHELD). A Nigerian patrol boat was dispatched in order to secure and then escort the MV to Lagos. Ship and crew were reported safe MDAT-GoG-Comment: This event refers to warning 003/OCT/2020 – update 03	SSAS Alert

WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE

Two WARNING Notices issued this week

WARNING 001/OCT/2020

1. **Category:** BOARDING
2. **Time:** 17 Oct 20 at 2003 UTC
3. **Description:** An M/V was boarded to the south of LOME, 116 nautical miles from the coast.
4. **Position:** 040858N 0012400E (116 Nm southwest of Lome)
5. **Source:** Reported Incident received from Vessel by email

WARNING 003/OCT/2020 – update 03

1. **Category:** BOARDING
2. **Time:** 22 Oct 20 at 0758 UTC
3. **Description:** MDAT-GOG has received an SSAS alert from a MV which may be under attack in this position 043812N 0032818E. Local authorities have dispatched a security ship in order to investigate and secure the MV. This incident is now classified as a boarding due to the evidence collected. Vessel and crew are reported safe
4. **position:** 043812N 0032818E (110Nm southwest of LAGOS)
5. **Source:** Reported Incident received from Vessel by SSAS alert

ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE

One ADVISORY Notices issued this week

ADVISORY NOTICE 001/OCT/2020

1. **Category:** BOARDING
2. **Time:** 17 Oct 20 at 0545 UTC
3. **Description:** An merchant vessel berthed at MALABO has been boarded by persons unknown. Local authorities have deployed a security team in order to secure and investigate the M/V.
4. **Position:** 034600N 0084700E

MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE

Nil MDAT-GOG Notices issued this week

MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA

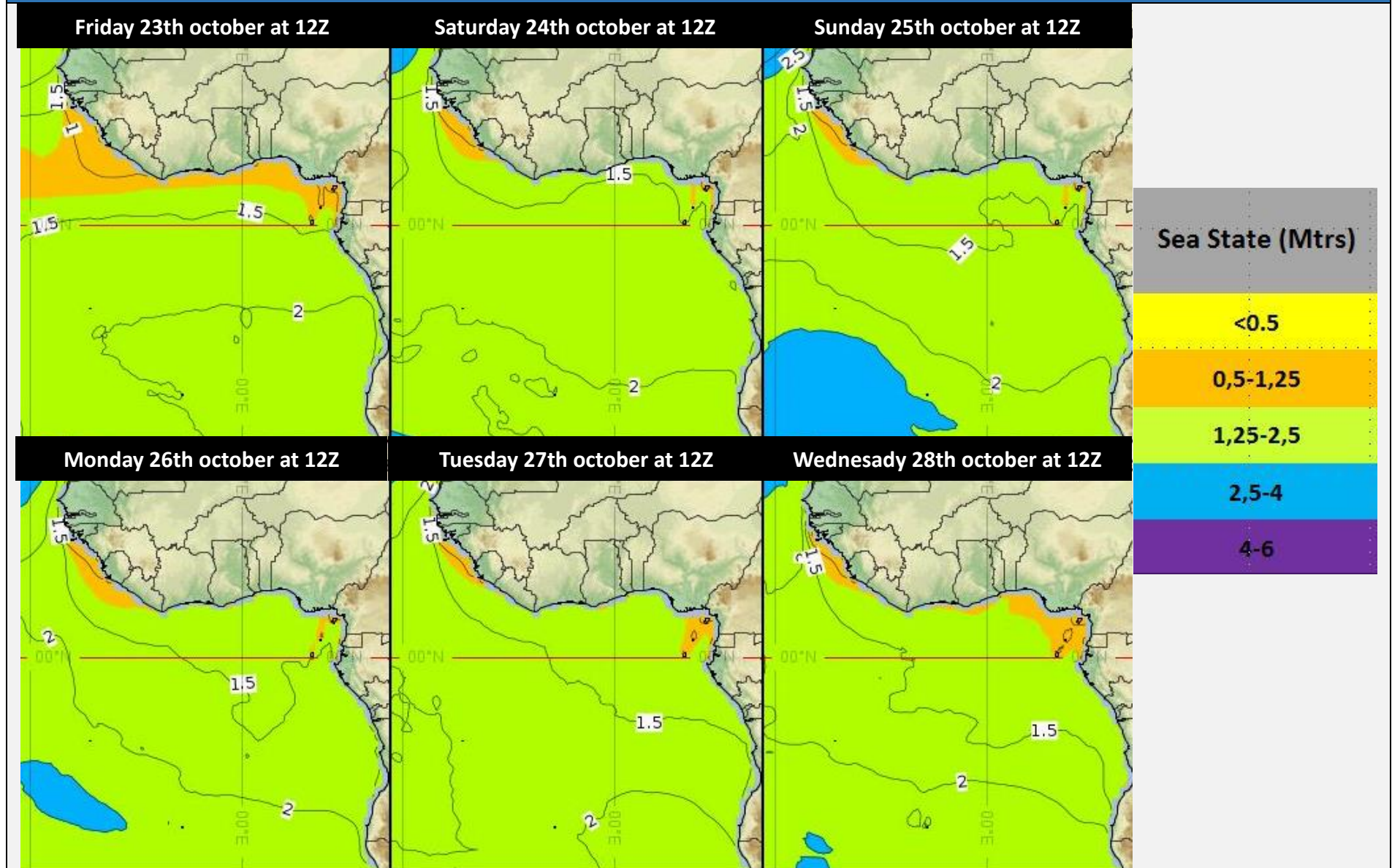
One Maritime Crime Activities reported this week

CONGO REPUBLIC, Pointe Noire : Robbery**NOTES**

Any queries regarding Advisory Notices ring: 0033 298 22 88 88 only, for further information. ADVISORIES are not classified as Maritime Security Events and have not been verified by MDAT-GoG. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. MDAT-GoG is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

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Sea State Forecast w/c 23rd October 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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