



MDAT-GoG Monthly Report 07/2019 July

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 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).

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 with [Global Counter Piracy Guidance](#) during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

Ten events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for July 2019, Serials 054/19 to 063/19.

Fair winds and following seas!

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CLASSIFICATIONS

Hijack: Vessel taken by attacker, no longer under the control of the Master.

Attack: Use of weapons by assailants at vessel or boarding with intent to take-control of the vessel-

Boarding: Assailants board a vessel with intention to take control of the vessel.

Suspicious approach: Close approach with unknown-

Robbery: Theft realized in territorial waters with threat/violence to crew.

Theft: Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.

Sighting and Irregular activity: All suspicious information with no proof of intent to board the vessel.

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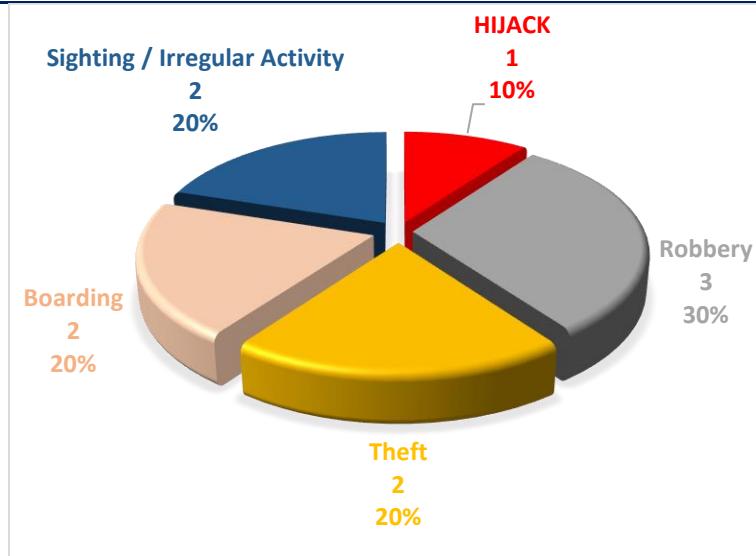
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MONTHLY STATISTICS: JULY 2019

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3 issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

001/JUL/19	09/07/19	Boarding
002/JUL/19	14/07/19	Attack
003/JUL/19	21/07/2019	Attack

WARNINGS:
0 issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

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DRILL EXERCISE

Date

Company

001/JUL	03/07/19	ARUNA Shipping LTD CORP
002/JUL/19	30/07/19	QUEENSWAY NAVIGATION CO.LTD
003/JUL/19	31/07/19	NSML Fleet Management

INCIDENTS reported

- Hijack: 1
- Attack: 0
- Boarding: 2
- Susp. approach: 0
- Robbery: 3
- Theft: 2
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 2

NOTICES

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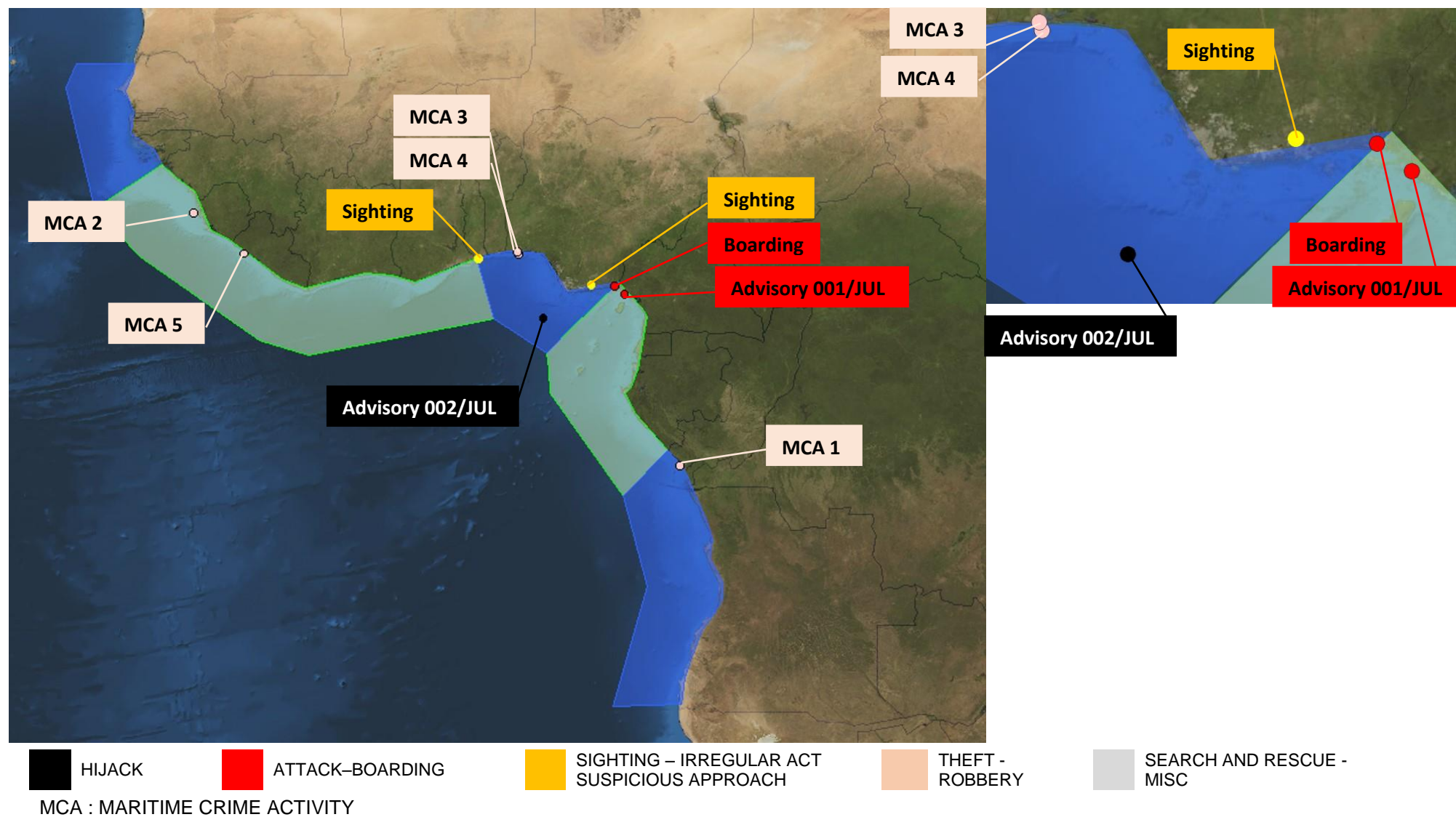
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Incident 055/19

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 08 Jul. 19	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 19:15
<u>Position</u>	04°12'30N – 008°53'24E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	302/22NM off Limbe, CAMEROON
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Unknown

Description: On the 08th July at 1915UTC, a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked at Bibundi Bay (position: 04°12.5N-008°53.4E) inside the Cameroon TTW. Vessel and crew were escorted by a Navy patrol boat to Bota harbour via Limbe. Investigations are still ongoing.

Duration of Attack: Unknown.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Type of Vessel used: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: .Information classified.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, CMC Area D, CRESMAC.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 001/JUL/19 and Weekly 19-28.](#)

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Incident 056/19

<u>Category</u>	Hijack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	13 Jul. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	22:50
<u>Position</u>	02°58N – 004°40E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	236/11NM off Brass, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Unknown

Description: On the 13th July at 2250UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by one skiff with 6 armed POB in position 02°58N - 004°40E. They boarded the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and damaged all the navigational and communication equipments. After the leaving of the pirates, the crew managed to take back the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) to Tema Anchorage where it has been taken over by the Ghana Navy. Investigation are still ongoing.

Duration of Attack: Unknown.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive with one skiff

Type of Vessel used: Skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Navigational and communication equipments damaged by gunshots.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, CMC Area F, CMC AREA E, NIMASA, CRESMAO, GHANA NAVY HEAQUARTERS.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 002/JUL/19 and Weekly 19-29.](#)

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Incident 058/19

<u>Category</u>	Sighting	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Undefined
<u>Date</u>	25 Jul. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	02:15
<u>Position</u>	06°03'35N – 001°17'36E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	173/4NM off Lome, TOGO
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Unknown

Description: On the 25th July at 0215UTC, whilst at anchorage, a duty officer noticed the approach of a fishing vessel with six persons on board and ropes inside the craft. He raised the alarm and the fishing vessel on hearing it moved away from the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Unknown.

Method Of Approach: Approach by night.

Type of Vessel used: Fishing vessel.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, CMC Area E, TOGO NAVY HEADQUARTERS.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 19-31.](#)

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Incident 060/19

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	28 Jul. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	14:45
<u>Position</u>	04°37'12N – 008°22'24E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	171/24NM off Calabar, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Unknown

Description: On the 28th July, around 1445UTC, a passenger boat (**NAME WITHHELD**) sailing to Limbe from Calabar was attacked by 7 armed men around the position 04°37'12N - 008°22'24E. They robbed the passengers and moved away to the creeks. Crew and ship were reported safe.

MDAT-GoG comment: *This event happened in an area frequented by international maritime traffic. However, due to the type of incident and its location inside the Nigerian Territorial Waters, it is classified as a Maritime Crime Activity.*

Duration of Attack: Unknown.

Method Of Approach: Approach by night.

Type of Vessel used: Fishing vessel.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, CMC Area D, Nigerian Navy.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 19-31.](#)

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Incident 061/19

<u>Category</u>	Sighting	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Undefined
<u>Date</u>	29 Jul. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	01:41
<u>Position</u>	04°41'43N – 007°09'58E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	Onne Port, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	Berthed	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Unknown

Description: On the 29th July, at approx 0142 UTC, a supply vessel (**NAME WITHHELD**) berthed at Onne Port (FLT), was approached by a canoe with 2 POB (no weapons visible). The officer on duty detected the canoe and raised the alarm. The AB on duty on the deck moved towards the direction of the canoe and the canoe moved away. Port authority was informed. Vessel and ship reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Unknown.

Method Of Approach: Approach by night.

Type of Vessel used: Fishing vessel.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 19-31.](#)

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01 : Theft

Event 054/19

REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, Pointe Noire

Description: On the 07th July at 0330UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by two unarmed persons while at Pointe-Noire anchorage (04°44S - 011°47E). They stole two ropes and fled in a white skiff. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach:

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Two ropes stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 19-28.

Maritime Crime Activity 02 : Robbery

Event 057/19

LIBERIA, Freetown

Description: On the 21st July in position 08°27N - 0013°28W at 0240UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 5 men armed with knives. The crew members on board raised quickly the alarm and a Sierra Leonean Navy ship was dispatched. The attackers fled the scene in a speed boat. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Use of a skiff and rope with hook.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: One crew injured and ships equipment/crew's belonging stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Advisory 003/JUL and weekly 19-30.

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Maritime Crime Activity 03 : Theft

Event 059/19

NIGERIA, Lagos

Description: On the 26th July, during a routine round at 0330UTC, the duty officer had noticed an unauthorised person jumping overboard with a hose. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. The incident was reported to the Navy patrol boat in the vicinity. Ship (**NAME WITHHELD**) and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 19-31.

Maritime Crime Activity 04: Robbery

Event 062/19

NIGERIA, Lagos

Description: On the 29th July, in position 06°25'56N - 003°20'56E at approximately 0310UTC, an AB has noticed the presence of 3 men armed with metal sticks on board the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). Once spotted, they threatened and slightly injured the AB and stole his personal belongings. They tried to open the store without success and decided to flee away. The alarm was raised after the 3 men left the vessel. Crew and ship were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Small boat.

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

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 19-31.

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Maritime Crime Activity 05 : Robbery

Event 063/19

LIBERIA, Monrovia

Description: On the 29th July at approximately 0330UTC, the duty AB spotted one man armed with a possible knife on board the MV **(NAME WITHHELD)**. The alarm was raised and the robber fled away. The Liberian authorities are conducting investigations. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Small wooden boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: One life ring stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 19-31.