



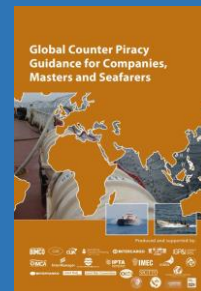
MDAT – GOG Weekly Report 49-20

27th Nov – 04th December 2020
Number of Events reported:

8



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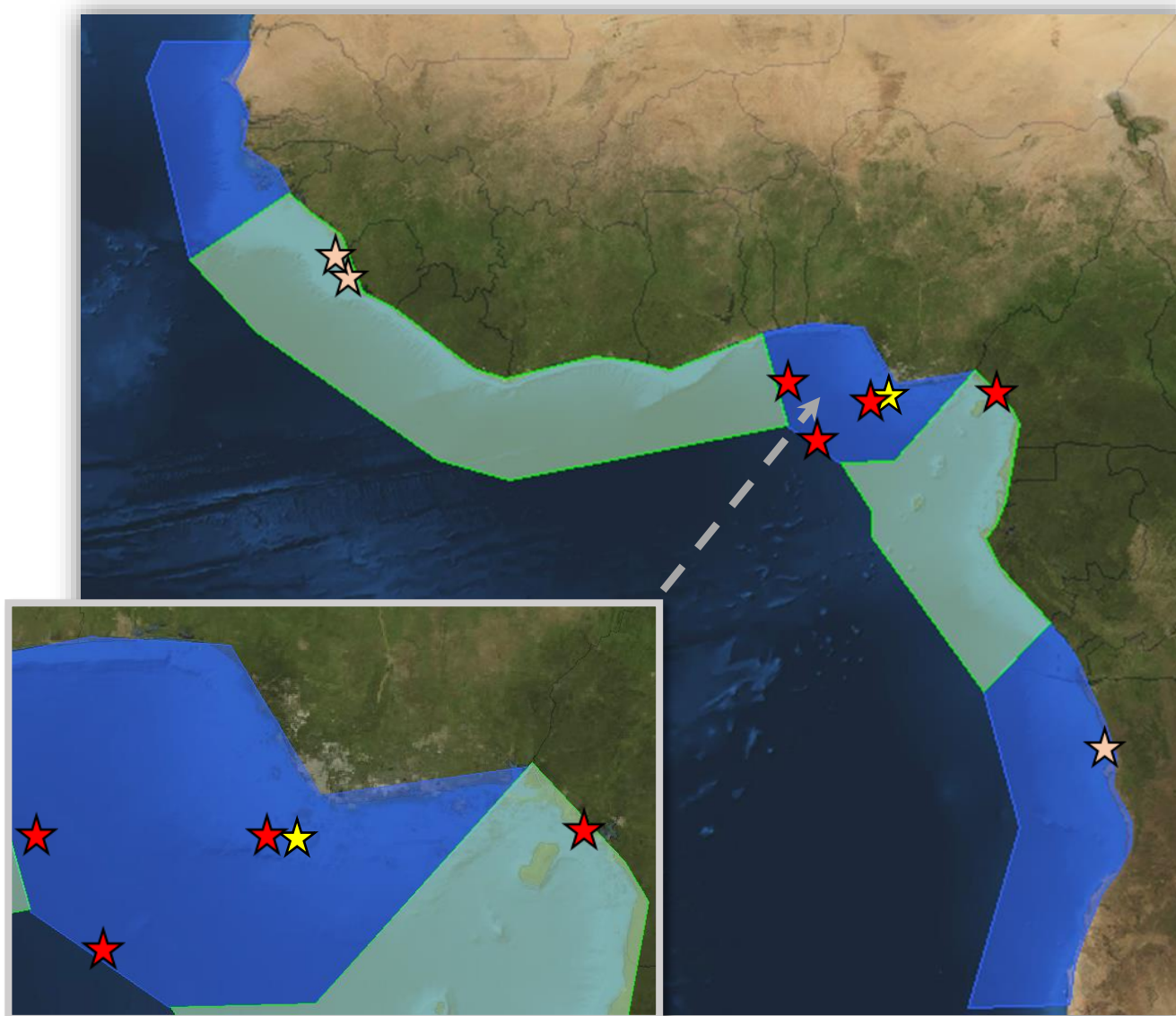


Global Counter
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OVERVIEW

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

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



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

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IMPORTANT

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TYPE	AREA	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT	Information reported to coastals authorities
BOARDING	E	04°54N - 001°10E	On the 29 th November at 2110UTC, an MT(NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by 6 armed attackers. The crew managed to inform MDAT at 0130UTC when the attackers left the MT. The togolese navy has been informed about the incident. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 007/NOV.	Togolese Navy
ATTACK	D	03°51N – 009°14E	ON the 30 th of November at 0050Z, an attack occurred on the fishing vessel (NAME WITHHELD) 5nm off CAP BIMBIA, CAMEROON. The onboard armed team responded to the attack. Two guards and several attackers reported wounded. MDAT GOG Comment: Nil.	CMC Douala
ATTACK	E	02°34N – 002°53E	On the 4 th 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 speed boat departed. Crew and Vessel are SAFE. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to WARNING 002/DEC/20	C4I – AREA E and F
ATTACK	02°25 N-005°25 E	E	On the 3 rd December at 1035 UTC 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 are SAFE MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 001/DEC	C4I – AREA E
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	E	03°11N – 005°01E	On the 02 nd December at 13:03UTC, an MV was approached by 2 speedboats. The armed security team on board fired warning shots and the crafts left. Crew and vessel are safe. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to WARNING 001/DEC/20	C4I – Area E
ROBBERY	F	09°21'N-013°42'W	On the 30 th November at 0300UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) reported a robbery whilst at Conakry anchorage. 6 armed intruders climbed on board and stole crew's belonging before leaving. Ship and crew were reported safe. MDAT GOG Comment: Nil.	Conakry Port Authority, MOC Conakry

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THEFT	A	08°46S - 013° 15E	On the 29 th November, whilst at Luanda anchorage, an MV 08° 29.80N 013° 12.50W reported a theft occurred during the night. The theft was discovered after some items were reported missing and confirmed by the CCTV review. MDAT GOG Comment: .Nil	<i>Luanda Port Authority</i>
ATTEMPTED ROBBERY	F	08° 29.N 013° 12 W	On the 01 st December the port facility watch personnel of freetown stopped one robber onboard of MV (NAME WITHHELD) and another one attempting to board from a small boat using a rope.Ship and crew were reported safe.	<i>Freetown local authorities</i>

WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE

Two WARNING Notices issued this week

WARNING NOTICE 001/DEC/2020

- Category:** SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
 - Time:** 02 Dec 20 at 1303 UTC
 - Description:** An MT was approached by 2 speed boats in position 031136N 0050124E (85 NM's South West of Brass). AST fired warning shots and the speed boats left the vicinity. Crew and Vessel are safe..
 - Position:** 03°11'36"N 001°01'24"E (approximately 85Nm South West of Brass, TOGO)
 - Source:** CSO via telephone.
- Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area.**

WARNING 002/DEC/2020

- CATEGORY:** ATTACK
 - TIME:** 04 DEC 2020 1035UTC.
 - DESCRIPTION:** An MT was approached by 1 white speed boat and shots was fired in position 0234N 00253E (200 NM's South West of Brass), MT conducted evasive manoeuvres and speed boat departed. Crew and Vessel are SAFE.
 - POSITION:** 0234N 00253E (200 Nm South West of Brass)
- Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution**
- 5. SOURCE:** Master

ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE

One ADVISORY Notices issued this week

ADVISORY NOTICE 007/NOV/2020

- Category:** BOARDING
 - Time:** 29 Nov 20 at 2130 UTC
 - Description:** MDAT GoG has been made aware that an MT was boarded. The vessel is now safe and the incident is closed.
 - Position:** 04°54.3N 001°10.7E (approximately 75Nm South of Lome, TOGO)
 - Source:** Master via telephone.
- Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area.**

ADVISORY NOTICE 001/DEC/2020 – AMEND 1

- Category:** ATTACK
 - Time:** 03 DEC 20 at 1035 UTC
 - Description:** MV 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 are SAFE.
 - Position:** 025000N 00524800E (150 Nm South West of Port Harcourt)
 - Source:** Reported Incident received from Vessel: 03 Dec 20 1325 UTC by email
- Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area**

MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE

Nil MDAT-GOG Notices issued this week

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MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA

Two Maritime Crime Activities reported this week

ANGOLA, Luanda : Theft**GUINEA, Conakry** : Robbery

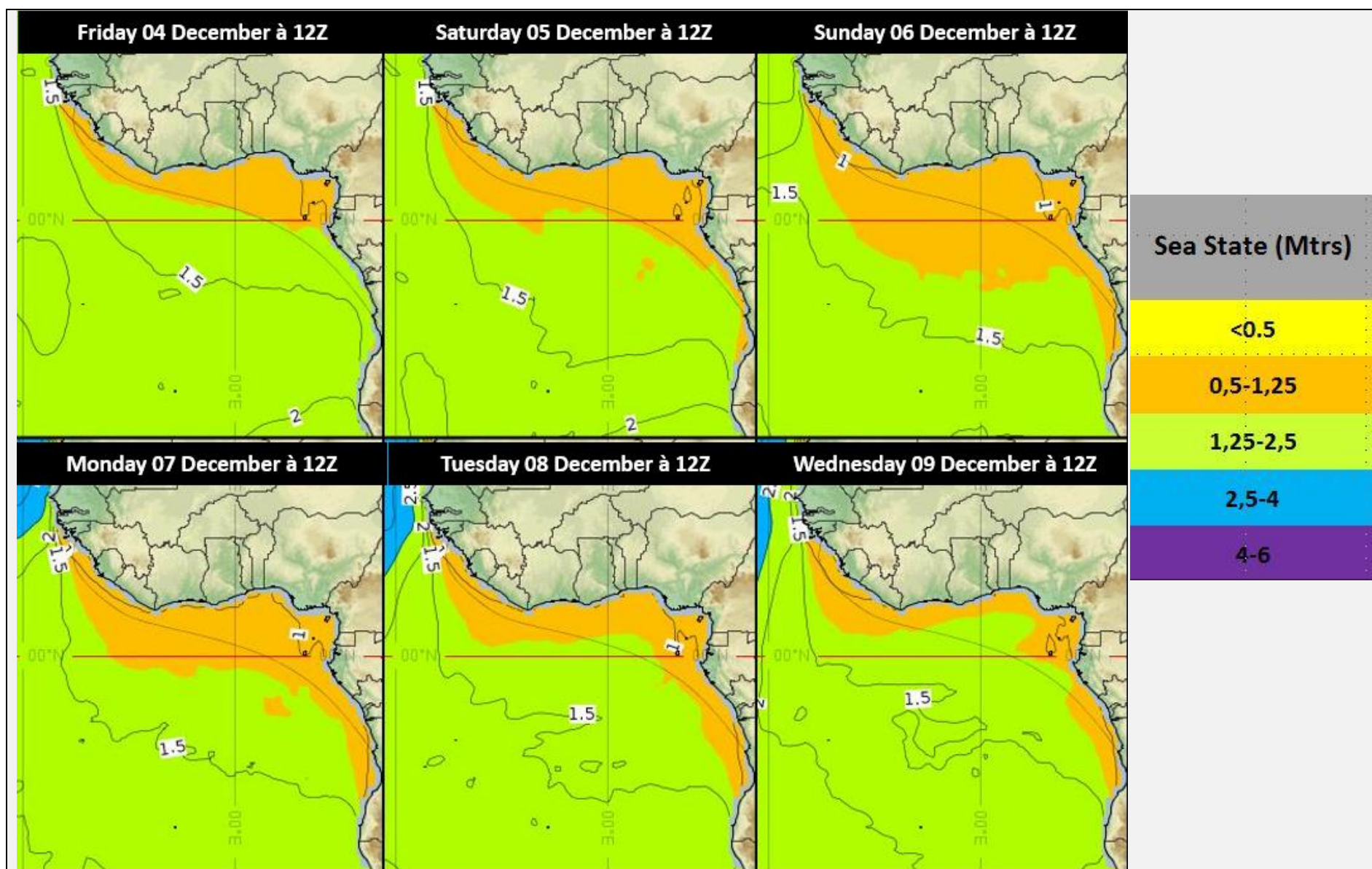
NOTES

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
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awareness for mariners operating in the region. MDAT-
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Sea State Forecast w/c 04th 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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