

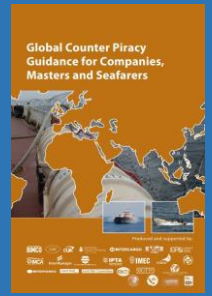
MDAT – GOG Weekly Report 42-20

09th – 16th October 2020
Number of Events reported:

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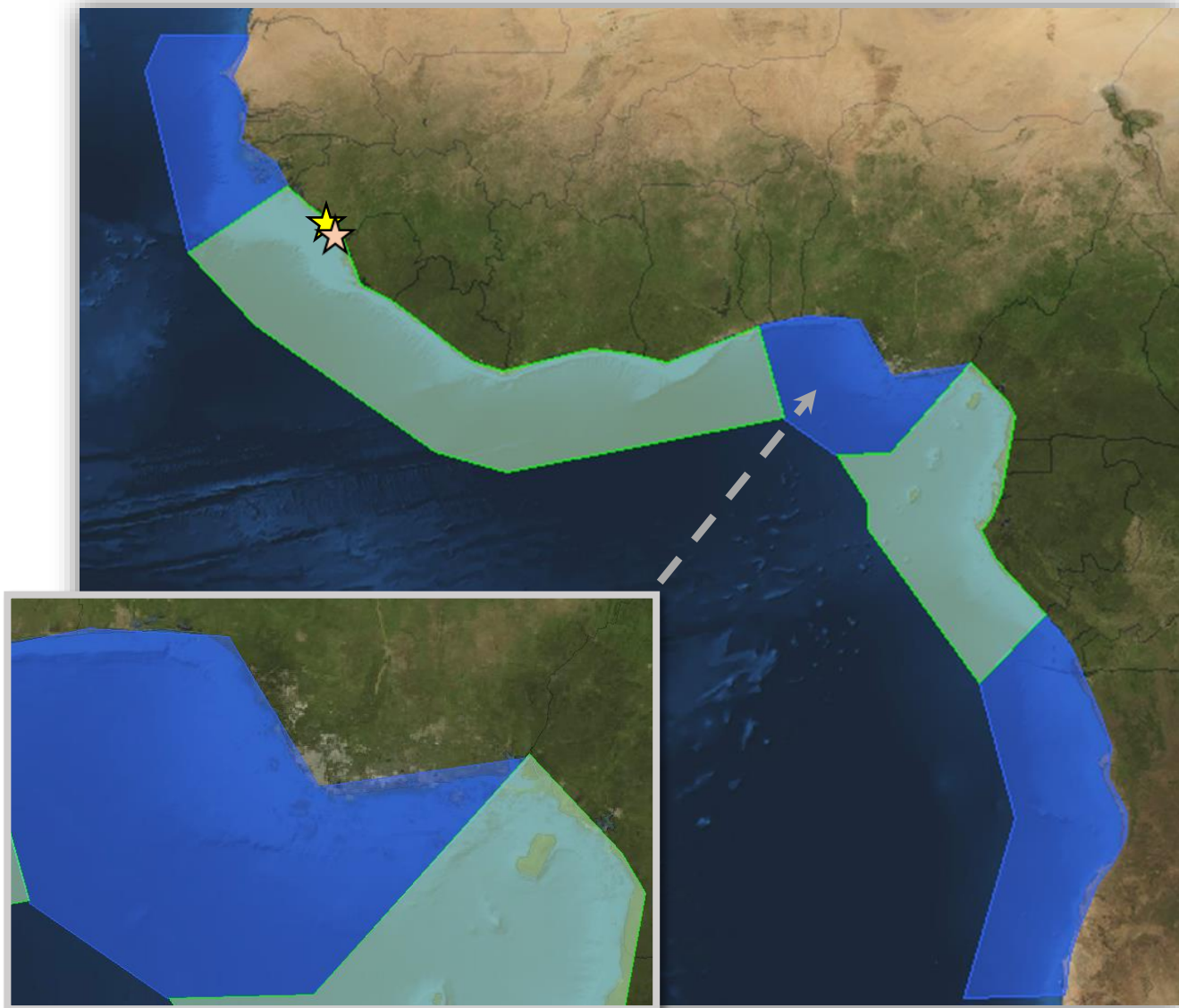


Global Counter
Piracy Guidance

OVERVIEW

One event has been reported to MDAT-GOG this week.

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



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

IMPORTANT

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 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).

It is requested the Masters contact MDAT-GoG as soon as possible to facilitate quick actions by the MDAT-GoG and their regional contacts.

MDAT-GOG NOTICE 001/OCT/2020:**NOTICE:**

MDAT-GoG have been made aware of a possible piracy attack.

Description: MDAT-GOG has received information regarding a possible piracy attack preparation deep offshore in the vicinity of Bayelsa State, NIGERIA. All vessels are to maintain extreme vigilance, keep anti-piracy watch in accordance with BMP West Africa and report any suspicious skiff/craft movements to MDAT-GOG for prompt response. 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.

TYPE	AREA	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT	Information reported to coastals authorities
Irregular activity	F	09°16'00"N 13°46'00"W	On the 15 th October at 0430UTC, at Conakry anchorage, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) spotted an unlighted 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 are reported safe. <u>MDAT-GoG-Comment:</u> Nil	Zone F
Robbery	F	09°22'00"N 13°44'00"W	On the 15 th October at 2340UTC, at Conakry anchorage, a small boat approached an MV (NAME WITHHELD) and was boarded by unknown personnel, who were armed with knives and weapons. Items were reported as stolen from the vessel. Crew are reported to be safe. <u>MDAT-GoG-Comment:</u> This incident remains under investigation.	Zone F

WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE

Nil WARNING Notices issued this week

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ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE

Nil ADVISORY Notices issued this week

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MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE

Nil MDAT-GOG Notices issued this week

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MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA

Nil Maritime Crime Activities reported this week

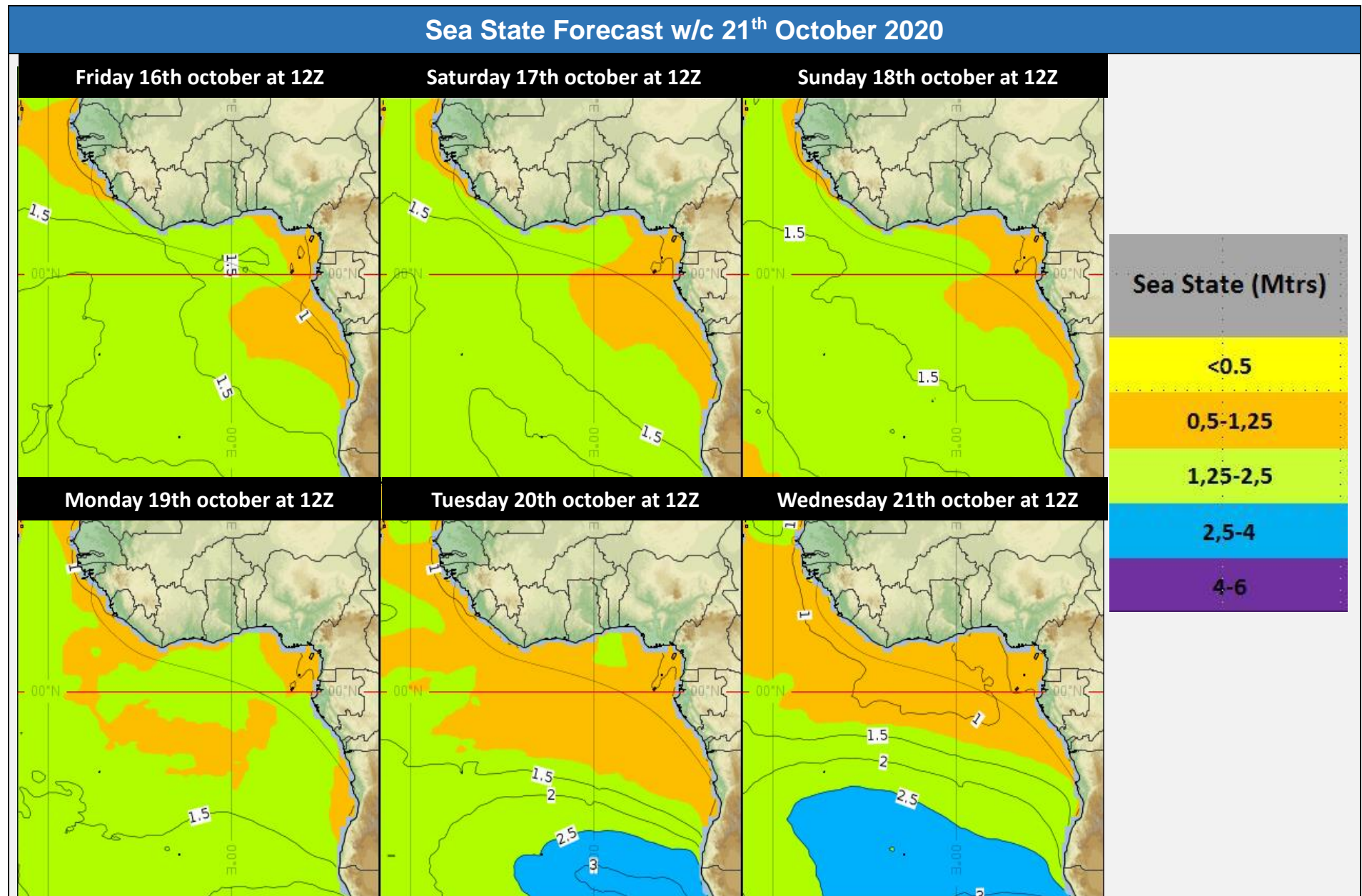
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NOTES

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

CONTACT

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Phones and mail are monitored 24/7/365.
Website: <https://gog-mdat.org>
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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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