



MDAT-GoG Monthly Report 12/2019 December

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.

16 events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for December 2019, Serials 96/19 to 111/19.

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.

CONTACT US

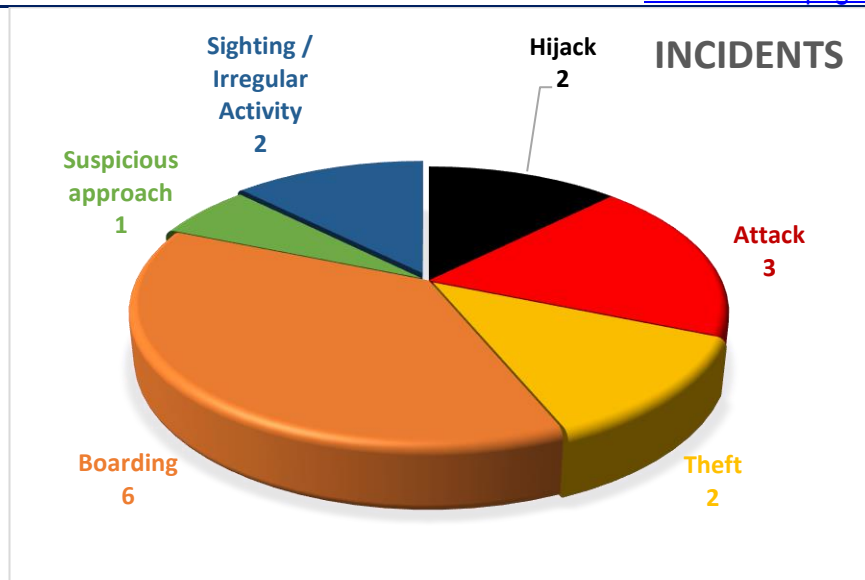
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Phones and mail are monitored 24/7. Both French and English are spoken.

MONTHLY STATISTICS: DECEMBER 2019

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- Hijack: 2
- Attack: 3
- Boarding: 6
- Susp. approach: 1
- Robbery: 0
- Theft: 2
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 2
- False alarm: 0

NOTICES

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ADVISORIES:	Date of issue	Classification and comments
7 issued		
001	04/12/19	Attack
001 Update 1	04/12/19	Boarding
002	15/12/19	Attack
003	19/12/19	Suspicious activity
003 Amend 01	19/12/19	Suspicious activity
004	22/12/19	Suspicious craft
005	22/12/19	Attack

WARNINGS	Date of issue	Classification and comments
6 issued		
001	24/12/19	Attack
001 Amend 01	24/12/19	Attack
001 Update 1	24 DEC 2019	Attack
002	30 DEC 2019	Attack
002 Amend 01	30 DEC 2019	Attack
003	31 DEC 2019	Attack

DRILL EXERCISE	Date	Company
7 issued		
001	03 DEC 2019	TDI - Brooks international Inc.
002	06 DEC 2019	SONGA Shipping
003	06 DEC 2019	First Ship Lease Pte Ltd
004	10 DEC 2019	AET Inc. Ltd
005	17 DEC 2019	Bourbon
006	19 DEC 2019	Nugent Shipping SA
007	30 DEC 2019	Hanxing Ltd

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HIJACK ATTACK-BOARDING SIGHTING – IRREGULAR ACT. - SUSPICIOUS APPROACH THEFT - ROBBERY SEARCH AND RESCUE - MISC

MCA : MARITIME CRIME ACTIVITY

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Incident 96/19

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 03 Dec. 19	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 18:20
<u>Position</u>	03°05'30N – 007°06'40E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	180/80NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear

Description: On the 03rd December 2019 at 1820UTC, in position 03°05'30N – 007°06'40E, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been boarded by 10 armed pirates. The MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was escorted by a security vessel after the incident.

Duration of Attack: Unknown.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Type of Vessel used: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Information withheld.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, RMRCC Lagos, Nigerian Navy.

MDAT Reference: [ADVISORY 001/DEC/19, Weekly 19-49.](#)

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Incident 97/19

<u>Category</u>	Hijack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	15 Dec. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	08:00
<u>Position</u>	04°23'35N – 002°04'08E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	190/120NM off Cotonou, BENIN
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear

Description: On the 15th December at 0800UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by pirates in position 04°23'35N - 002°04'08E. A Togolese Navy Ship was dispatched later to assist and secure the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**).

Duration of Attack: Unknown.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Type of Vessel used: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Information withheld.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, MOC LOME, MOC COTONOU.

MDAT Reference: [ADVISORY 002/DEC/19, Weekly 19-51.](#)

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Incident 99/19

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Sighting 19 Dec. 19	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Not concerned 02:30
<u>Position</u>	04°45'53S – 011°46'36E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	245/212NM off Bonny NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 19th December at 0930UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a suspicious vessel towing a fast boat close to the position: 03°00N-003°53E.

Duration of Attack: Not concerned.

Method Of Approach: Not concerned.

Type of Vessel used: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: [ADVISORY 003/DEC/19, Weekly 19-51.](#)

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Incident 100/19

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	21 Dec. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	22:30
<u>Position</u>	00°19'30N – 009°23'42E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	Owendo Anchorage GABON
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear

Description: On the 21st December at 2230UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a skiff with armed pirates on board. They tried to board the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) without success. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 5 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Wooden skiff boat with outboard engine.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: [ADVISORY 004/DEC/19, Weekly 19-52.](#)

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Incident 101/19

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 22 Dec. 19	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 02:00
<u>Position</u>	00°19'30N – 009°23'42E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	Owendo Anchorage GABON
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear

Description: On the 22nd December at 0200UTC, two fishing trawlers (**NAME WITHHELD**) were boarded by 6 or 7 armed pirates at Owendo Anchorage, GABON.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Information withheld.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: [ADVISORY 005/DEC/19, Weekly 19-52.](#)

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Incident 102/19

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 22 Dec. 19	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 02:00
<u>Position</u>	00°19'30N – 009°23'42E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	Owendo Anchorage GABON
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear

Description: On the 22nd December at 0200UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 6 or 7 armed pirates at Owendo anchorage, GABON.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Information withheld.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: [ADVISORY 005/DEC/19, Weekly 19-52.](#)

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Incident 103/19

<u>Category</u>	Hijack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	22 Dec. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	02:00
<u>Position</u>	00°19'30N – 009°23'42E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	Owendo Anchorage GABON
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear

Description: On 22nd December 2019 at approximately 0515 UTC, in position 0019.5N, 00923.7E, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was hijacked by the same group of pirates who has perpetrated the attack in Libreville. The ship was released the 23rd December at approximately 1935UTC in vicinity of CAMEROON.

Duration of Attack: More than 24 hours.

Method of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Information withheld.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D

MDAT Reference: [ADVISORY 005/DEC/19, Weekly 19-52.](#)

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Incident 104/19

<u>Category</u>	Sighting	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Undefined
<u>Date</u>	21 Dec. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	22:40
<u>Position</u>	00°17'00N – 007°17'00W	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	185/205NM off San Pedro, COTE D'IVOIRE
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear

Description: An MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a suspicious boat in position 01°17'00N - 007°17'00W. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) changed course and increased speed, the suspicious boat continued heading towards the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and closed to within 3.2 Nm. After one hour, the suspicious boat reduced speed and left the area. Crew and vessel were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 1 Hour.

Method of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 19-52.](#)

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Incident 105/19

<u>Category</u>	Attack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	24 Dec. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	06:55
<u>Position</u>	00°47'00N – 004°28'00W	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	230/230NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear

Description: On the 24th December at 0655UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a skiff with 9 armed pirates on board in position 01°47'00N/004°28'00E. The MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) increased speed and after 30 minutes skiff left the area. Crew and vessel were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 1 Hour.

Method of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/DEC/19, Weekly 19-52.](#)

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Incident 106/19

<u>Category</u>	Attack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	28 Dec. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	09:05
<u>Position</u>	01°19'00N – 006°02'00E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	230/230NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not Stated

Description: On 28th December 2019 at 0905UTC, in position 01°19N – 006°02E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a skiff with 10 armed pirates. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) performed evasive manoeuvres and both the ship and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 1 Hour.

Method of Approach: Aggressive with gun fires.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 006/DEC/19, Weekly 20-01.](#)

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Incident 107/19

<u>Category</u>	Suspicious Approach	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	29 Dec. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	19:48
<u>Position</u>	05°56'37N – 002°15'54E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	190/24NM off Cotonou, BENIN
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear

Description: On 29th December 2019 at 1948UTC in position 05°56'37N 002°15'54E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported two speed boats with no light drifting in the area. While at 2NM distance, they began to chase and pursue the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) altered course and speed up in order to get opening bearing and distance. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Not Stated.

Method of Approach: Not Stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 20-01.](#)

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Incident 108/19

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 30 Dec. 19	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 00:50
<u>Position</u>	05°56'37N – 002°15'54E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	217/185NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear

Description: On 30th December 2019 at 0050UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded in position 01°56'30N - 004°53'37E. The crew mustered in their locked cabins and later, the stowaway search showed no intruders were on board. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Not Stated.

Method Of Approach: Not Stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 002/DEC, Weekly 20-01.](#)

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Incident 109/19

<u>Category</u>	Attack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	30 Dec. 19	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	01:14
<u>Position</u>	03°46'00N – 006°43'43E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	192/35NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear

Description: On 30th December 19 at 0114UTC, a MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a skiff at position 03°46N - 006°43'43E. There was an exchange of fire between the security guards and pirates. After the exchange, the skiff moved away. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Not Stated.

Method of Approach: Not Stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 20-01.](#)

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Incident 110/19

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 30 Dec. 19	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 22:55
<u>Position</u>	03°58N – 009°05E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	235/3NM off Limboh, CAMEROON
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On 31st December 2019 at 0107 UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 03°58N - 009°05E, while at anchorage, by a speedboat manned by 6 armed men. During the attack, a crew member received a gunshot injury. The Cameroon Navy responded by sending a vessel to the anchorage.

Duration of Attack: Not Stated.

Method of Approach: Not Stated.

Type of Vessel used: One speedboat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Information withheld.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 003/DEC/19, Weekly 20-01.](#)

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft

Event 98/19

CONGO, Pointe Noire

Description: On the 17th December at 0230UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by one unarmed person while at Pointe Noire anchorage (04°46S – 011°47E). He fled on a skiff manned by another person. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: silent approach with a wooden boat (canoe like) equipped with an outboard engine.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Portable grinder, welding machine and deck rope stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 19-51.

Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft

Event 111/19

ANGOLA, Luanda

Description: On the 31st December at 0630UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 3 thieves in position 08°42'30S – 013°16'50E. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Paint cans stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-01