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## 2020

# Maritime Domain Awareness for Trade Gulf Of Guinea



Biannual Report

January - June 2020







## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTISES WEST AFRICA



Industry organisations, supported by government and military organisations, have worked together to produce a new publication:

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This document will help maritime companies and mariners to risk assess voyages and detect/deter/delay external threats to their safety during their presence in West Africa including the Gulf of Guinea.

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## **MDAT-GOG**

Biannual Report January – June 2020

Number of events reported:

68







Global Counter

#### **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 <u>SHOM Chart 8801CSD</u> or <u>UKHO Chart Q6114</u>, 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 <u>watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org</u>. Phone number is monitored permanently (+33 (0)298 22 88 88).

Masters are encouraged to comply with <u>Best Management Practices West Africa (BMP WA)</u> and <u>Global Counter Piracy Guidance</u> with during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

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 and our ability to contact Local Navy 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.

Fair winds and following seas!

#### **NOTICES**

Any queries regarding these Advisory Notices, contact us 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.

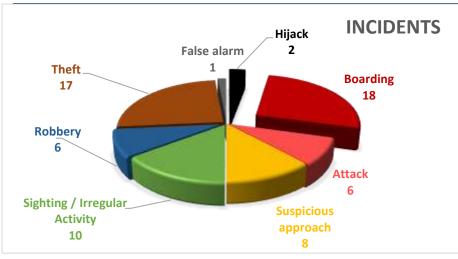
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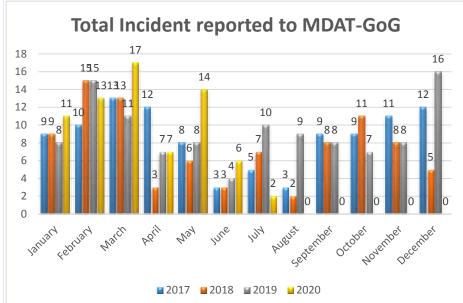
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#### **DEFINITIONS**

**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.

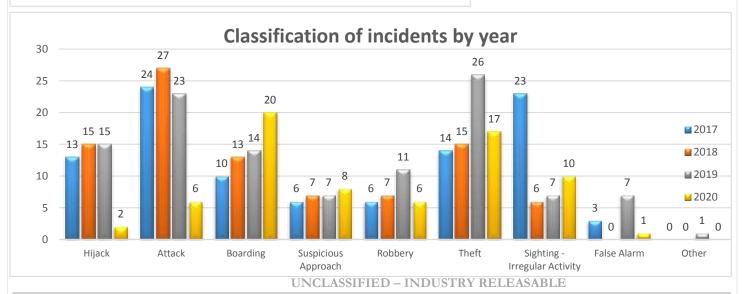
Suspicious approach: Definite alteration towards the ship, rapid increase in speed which cannot be accounted for in the prevailing conditions. Sudden changes in course towards ship and aggressive behaviour.

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

**Theft:** Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.

#### Sightings and Irregular Activity:

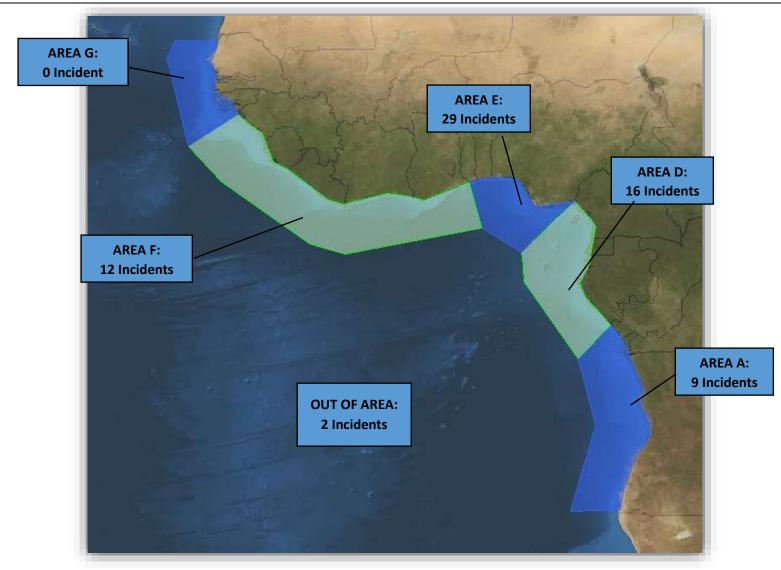
Suspicious activity not associated with the locality or prevailing conditions.



<u>watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org</u>//Emergency: +33 298 22 88 88//Exercise: +33 298 22 13 02 Phones and mail are monitored 24/7/365. Both French and English are spoken

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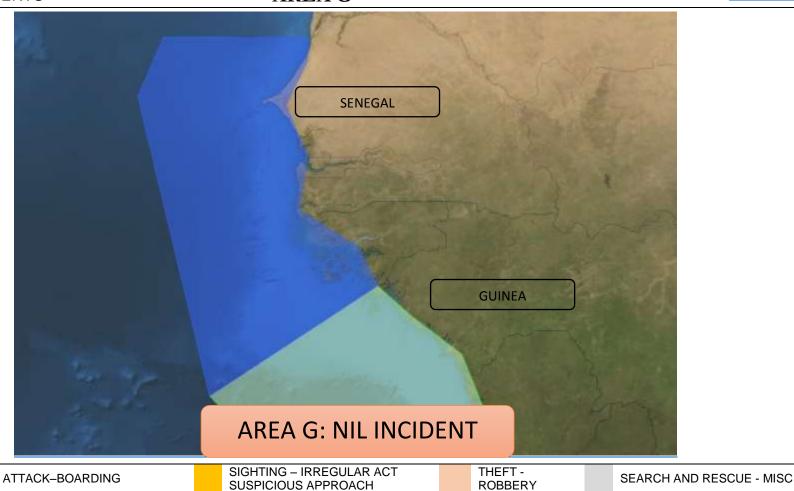


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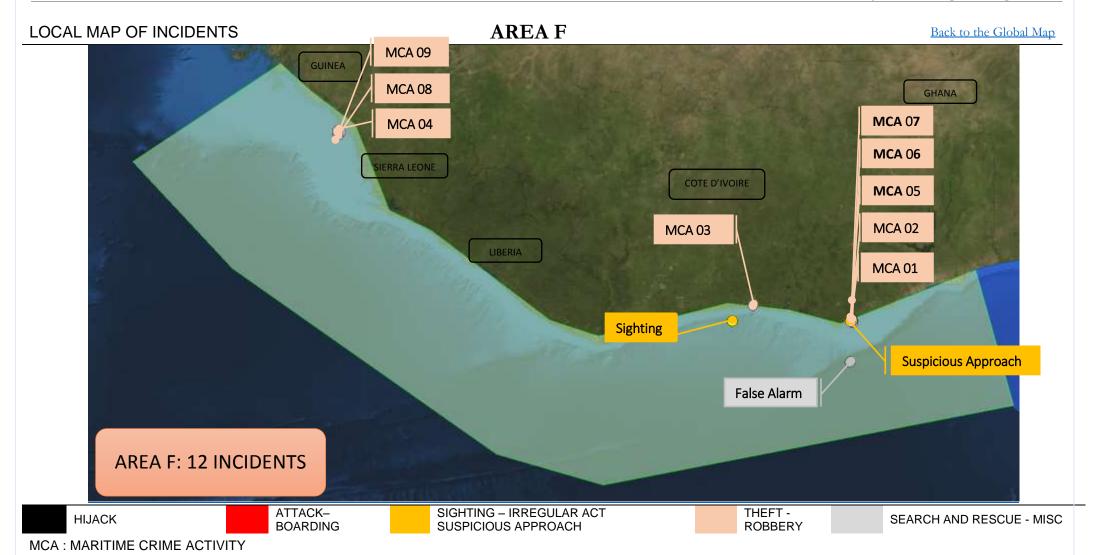
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## **False Alarm**

Incident 042/20

Category Date	False Alarm 10 Apr. 20	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Not concerned 07:17
<u>Position</u>	03°56N – 001°45W	Bearing / Range	179/57NM off Takoradi, GHANA
Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	Clear, NNE 6 KTS wind, NNE smooth sea, 0.2M

<u>Description</u>: An MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been approached at 0717UTC the 10<sup>th</sup> April, in position 03°56'N - 001°45'W by a 15m long skiff with red and white hull and-6-7 persons on board. Skiff approached to within 50m. No ladder or weapons were sighted. After 30 minutes, skiff broke off pursuit. Crew and ship were reported safe.

<u>MDAT GOG Comment:</u> After reception of the AAR and pictures taken by the crew, this event, previously classified as a suspicious approach, is now classified as a FALSE ALARM.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 30 minutes.

<u>Method Of Approach</u>: Craft chasing the MT, insistent in approaching despite the fire hoses and the evasive manoeuvres.

**Type of Vessel used:** Wooden boat (red and white hull) with 7 people on board.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

#### Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area F.

MDAT Reference: Warning 001/APR, Weekly 20-15, Monthly 20-04.

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## **Suspicious Approach**

Incident 046/20

Category	Suspicious Approach	Status of Incident	Failed
<u>Date</u>	30 Apr. 20	Time (UTC)	01:00
<u>Position</u>	04°54N – 001°42W	Bearing / Range	067/2NM off Takoradi, GHANA
Status of Vessel	At Anchorage	Weather during the Attack	Weather: Clear Wind: N/2 Sea: 1 Swell height:

<u>Description</u>: On the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 0100UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has reported an attempted boarding in position 04°54.17'N - 001°42.85'W by one skiff with 6 persons on board at Takoradi anchorage. Following the unsuccessful attempt, the skiff attempted to board another MV (**NAME UNKNOWN**), unsuccessfully. The skiff returned to the first ship where it was arrested by a patrol boat.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 5 minutes.

**Method Of Approach**: The boat came alongside.

**Type of Vessel used:** Wooden boat with an outboard engine.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

#### **Incident reported to:**

MDAT, Area F.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 20-18, Monthly 20-04.

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## Sighting / Irregular Activity

Incident 049/20

Category	Sighting	Status of Incident	Not concerned
Date	04 May. 20	Time (UTC)	15:20

**<u>Position</u>** 04°54′12N – 004°30′54W **<u>Bearing / Range</u>** 118/30 off Abidjan,

COTE D'IVOIRE

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 04<sup>th</sup> May at 1520UTC, in position 04°54'12N - 004°30'54W, a skiff with three outboard engines and 10 POB, approached an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) closing to 0.5 NM and followed her for approximately 40 minutes. No weapons or ladder or fishing equipment were observed inside the skiff.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 40 minutes.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

**Type of Vessel used:** A skiff with three outboard engines

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT.

MDAT Reference: Monthly 20-05.

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#### **MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

#### **Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft**

Event 013/20

#### GHANA, Takoradi

**Description:** On the 08<sup>th</sup> February, while at Takoradi port (04°53'40N - 001°4216W), an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has reported a theft to the local authority. After further investigation, **the crew on board cannot determine when the theft occurred and so, the place where it has happened** as the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) came from Lome, TOGO.

Method Of Approach: Unknown

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Stores stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Monthly 20-02.

#### **Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft**

Event 024/20

#### GHANA, Takoradi

**Description:** On 04<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 0330UTC, two intruders tried to board an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) while she was at anchorage. They were spotted by the officer on watch who raised the alarm. The intruders fled away on small wooden boat manned by two other men. Ship and crew were reported safe. During the same night and time, two other MV (**NAME WITHHELD**; **NAME WITHHELD**) reported theft on their board.

Method Of Approach: use of a wooden boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: One outboard engine.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-10, Monthly 20-03.

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#### **MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

#### **Maritime Crime Activity 03: Robbery**

Event 028/20

#### **COTE D'IVOIRE, ABIDJAN**

**Description:** On the 07<sup>th</sup> March at 0150UTC, while at Abidjan Anchorage, an intruder was found on board on a MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The alarm was raised and the port authority informed. The intruder fled away. Ship and Crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Manual canoe without engine.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: One mobile phone.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-11, Monthly 20-03.

#### **Maritime Crime Activity 04: Robbery**

Event 039/20

#### **GUINEA**, Conakry

**Description:** On the 27<sup>th</sup> March, at 0230UTC, while in anchorage at Conakry, a robbery occurred on board of an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**).

Method Of Approach: wooden skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Cash and property stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-13, Monthly 20-03.

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#### **MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

#### **Maritime Crime Activity 05: Theft**

Event 043/20

#### GHANA, Takoradi

**Description:** On the 15<sup>th</sup> April at 0527UTC, 6 intruders were spotted by a duty crew member while they were attempt to board the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) at Takoradi Anchorage (04°54N - 001°41W). The alarm was raised and the intruders fled away. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach**: use of a fishing boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-16, Monthly 20-04.

#### **Maritime Crime Activity 06: Theft**

Event 044/20

#### GHANA, Takoradi

**Description:** On 16<sup>th</sup> April, at 0105UTC, in position 04°52.43N - 001°41'01W, two intruders were discovered in the paint store by the deck officer on watch. The alarm was raised and the local authorities were informed. The intruders fled away by canoe with 5 persons on board. Two patrol boats were dispatched to secure the area.

Method Of Approach: Small canoe.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Paint supplies stolen. (Worth \$4000USD)

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-16, Monthly 20-04.

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#### **MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

#### **Maritime Crime Activity 07: THEFT**

Event 054/20

#### GHANA, Takoradi

**Description:** On the 11<sup>th</sup> May at approximately 0345UTC, in position 04°53'10N - 001°44'50W, a theft occurred on the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst berthed at Takoradi port.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: One rescue boat stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-20Monthly 20-05.

#### **Maritime Crime Activity 08: ROBBERY**

Event 055/20

#### **GUINEA**, Conakry

**Description:** On the 14<sup>th</sup> May at approximately 2330UTC, a robbery occurred on a MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at anchorage in Conakry (position: 09°16N – 013°46W).

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Stores, crew's belonging and cash.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-20, Monthly 20-05.

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#### **MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

#### **Maritime Crime Activity 09: Robbery**

Event 064/20

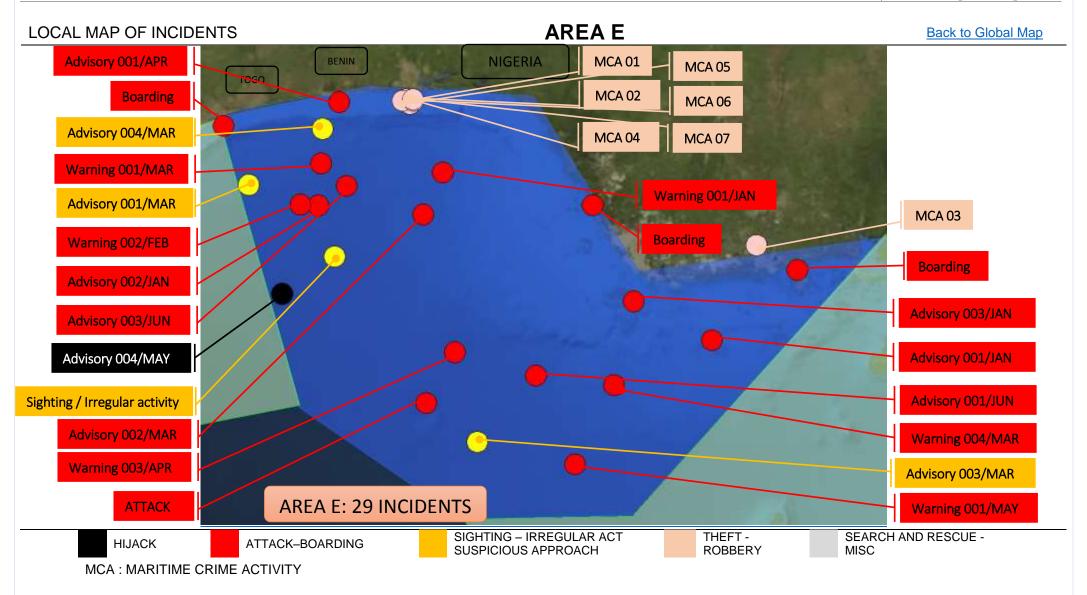
#### **GUINEA**, Conakry

**Description:** On the 09<sup>th</sup> June at approximately 0030UTC, a tanker (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Conakry anchorage (09°21N – 013°47W) has reported a robbery on board. The perpetrators were 6 armed men (knife and hand weapons). The local authorities were informed and an investigation are ongoing.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Crew's belonging and cash stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-20, Monthly 20-06.



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## **Boarding**

Incident 001/20

Category	Boarding	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Successful
Date	02 Jan. 20		22:00
Position	05°08'12N – 005°20'48E	Bearing / Range	220/16NM off Burutu, NIGERIA

Status of Vessel At Anchorage Weather during the Attack Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 02<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 at 2200UTC, a trailing suction hopper dredger (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by pirates in position 05°08'12N - 005°20'48E. An exchange of gunfire resulted in the death of military personnel from the security team. The Nigerian authorities sent two vessels to provide support to the attacked ship (**NAME WITHHELD**). This event was a Time Late Report.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Type of Vessel used: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed Information.

Incident reported to:

MDAT.

**MDAT Reference**: Monthly 20-01.

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## **Boarding**

Incident 002/20

Category	Boarding	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Successful
Date	13 Jan. 20		02:45
Position	06°01N – 001°15E	Bearing / Range	195/7NM off Lome, TOGO

<u>Status of Vessel</u> At Anchorage <u>Weather during the Attack</u> Not stated

<u>Description:</u> On 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at approximately 0245UTC, while at Lome Anchorage, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been approached by a boat manned by 8 men. Some of them tried to use hooked ropes in order to board the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). A distress call was issued while the crew mustered in the citadel. A Togolese Navy was dispatched to secure and assist the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). Ship and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

Method Of Approach: One skiff.

Type of Vessel used: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to: MDAT, MOC LOME.

MDAT Reference: Monthly 20-01.

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## **ADVISORY 001/JAN**

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Category Date	Boarding 16 Jan. 20	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Failed 20:57
<u>Position</u>	03°38N – 009°23'42E	Bearing / Range	200/50NM off Bonny NIGERIA
Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	Wind Direction: W Wind/Sea: 4/3 Sky/Visibility: O/5

**Description:** On 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 2057UTC in position 03 38.0N 006 40.2E a small craft attacked a MT (LAGERTHA). Five pirates tried to board the MV (NAME WITHHELD). As the pirate boat came alongside the vessel, the armed guards on board opened warning fire and so the pirates fled away. The crew and the security team were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 7-8 Minutes.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Small Boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: ADVISORY 001/JAN/20, Weekly 20-03, Monthly 20-01.

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## **ADVISORY 002/JAN**

Category	Boarding	Status of Incident	Failed
Date	19 Jan. 20	Time (UTC)	20:10

<u>Position</u> 05°08'18N – 002°17'54E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 187/76 off Cotonou, BENIN

Status of Vessel Adrift Weather during the Attack Clear, Wind - SSW 4; Sea – SSW 1.0; Swell- SSW 1.5

<u>Description</u>: An MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been boarded on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 2010UTC in position 05°08.3N – 002°17.9E by armed men. The alarm was raised and all the crew mustered inside locked accommodation. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reached TEMA where an Armed Naval search team has conducted a physical searching and nobody unauthorized has been found. Ship and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 10 Minutes.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Brown wooden skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to: MDAT, Area E – Area F.

MDAT Reference: ADVISORY 002/JAN/20, Weekly 20-04, Monthly 20-01.

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## **WARNING 001/JAN**

Category	Boarding	Status of Incident	Failed
Date	20 Jan. 20	Time (UTC)	23:00

<u>Position</u> 05°30N – 003°41E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 163/57 off Lagos,

NIGERIA

<u>Status of Vessel</u> En Route <u>Weather during the Attack</u> Fog(poor visibility),

Wind: 7-10KNTS/SSW Sea/swell: SSW/0.6 M

<u>Description</u>: On the 20<sup>th</sup> January at 2300UTC in position 05°30N - 003°41E, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a skiff with 5-6 pirates on board. They attempted to board the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) but failed as the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) had performed evasive manoeuvers. Ship and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

**Type of Vessel used:** Fiberglass boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

## Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area E - Area F.

MDAT Reference: WARNING 001/JAN/20, Weekly 20-04, Monthly 20-01.

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## **ADVISORY 003/JAN**

Incident 008/20

<u>Category</u>	Attack	Status of Incident	Failed
Date	21 Jan. 20	Time (UTC)	08:36

Position 04°04'02N-005°48'00E Bearing / Range 076/84 off Bonny,

NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not Stated

<u>Description</u>: At 0836UTC on 21<sup>st</sup> January, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 04°04'02N - 005°48'00E by 1 skiff with approximately 15 persons on board. Gunshots were exchanged between attackers and the Nigerian armed guards. Attackers fled after the vessel carried out evasive manoeuvers. Crew and Vessel were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

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: ADVISORY 003/JAN/20, Weekly 20-04, Monthly 20-01.

Not stated

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## Warning 002/FEB/20

Incident 019/20

Category	Boarding	Status of Incident	Successful
Date	20 Feb 20	Time (UTC)	01:10

<u>Position</u>	05°08'31N - 002°06'14E	Bearing / Range	195/75NM off
			Cotonou, BENIN

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Weather during the Attack

<u>Description</u>: On the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 0110UTC in position 05°08'31N - 002°06'14.4E, an unknown number of armed attackers boarded an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). The CSO and company lost all communications and tracking of the MT for approximately 9 hours. A Beninese patrol ship was dispatched to assist the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). The MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) has now restored all communications along with its AIS tracking and has now arrived in Lagos.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 9 hours.

En Route

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Type of Vessel used: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed Information.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Warning 002/FEB/20 + Warning 002/FEB/20 Amend 1, Weekly 20-08, Monthly 20-02.

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#### **ATTACK**

Incident 020/20

Category	Attack	Status of Incident	Failed
<u>Date</u>	21 Feb. 20	Time (UTC)	03:20
<u>Position</u>	02°56N – 003°30	Bearing / Range	180/210 off Lagos, NIGERIA
Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	Clear Weather Wind: 7knots /S Swell about 0.5Mtrs

<u>Description</u>: On the 21<sup>st</sup> February at 0320UTC, in position 02°56N - 003°30E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by one skiff. The attackers summoned the crew to stop the ship and the captain answered by bluffing and informing them about the presence of a security team on board. The attackers stopped after that their attack. The ship and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 1 hour.

**Method Of Approach**: Aggressive with the use of weapons.

Type of Vessel used: One speed boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

#### Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D, Area E and Area F.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 20-09, Monthly 20-02.

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## **Advisory 001/MAR**

Incident 025/20

Category Date	Suspicious Approach 05 Mar. 20	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Failed 07:46
<u>Position</u>	05°21'45N - 001°31'48E	Bearing / Range	162/48NM off Lome, TOGO

<u>Status of Vessel</u> En Route <u>Weather during the Attack</u> SW 3/2 Partly Clouded

<u>Description</u>: An MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has reported being approached in position 05°21'45N - 001°31'48E (162/48NM off Lome, TOGO) at 0746UTC on the 05<sup>th</sup> March 2020 by one skiff with 9-10 POB.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 11 minutes.

<u>Method Of Approach</u>: High speed (20-25knts) with at first a parallel course to MV and then approach directly.

Type of Vessel used: Craft with black and white colour with at least 9 people on board.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

#### Incident reported to:

MDAT. Area F and AREA E.

**MDAT Reference**: Advisory 001/MAR, Weekly 20-10, Monthly 20-03.

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## Warning 001/MAR

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	Status of Incident	Successful
<u>Date</u>	05 Mar. 20	Time (UTC)	12:45

<u>Position</u> 05°36.13N – 002°20.38E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 188/45NM off Cotonou, BENIN

<u>Status of Vessel</u> En Route <u>Weather during the Attack</u> Rain, Calm sea

<u>Description</u>: An MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 6-8 attackers in position 05°36.13N - 002°20.38E). A Beninese Patrol boat (**OUEME**) was dispatched by local authorities in order to assist and secure the MV.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 10 hours.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area F and AREA E.

MDAT Reference: Warning 001/MAR, Weekly 20-10, Monthly 20-03.

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## **Advisory 002/MAR**

Incident 027/20

Category Date	Boarding 05 Mar. 20	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Successful 18:27
<u>Position</u>	05°04N – 003°28'36E	Bearing / Range	180/79NM off Lagos, NIGERIA
Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	CLEAR, E/4 1.0M/0.5M

<u>Description</u>: An MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has launched a SSAS distress alert on the 05<sup>th</sup> March at 1827UTC regarding a piracy attack. A skiff with 5 to 6 attackers boarded the MV and the crew mustered inside the citadel. A Nigerian Navy Ship was dispatched to investigate. All crew and ship were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 15 hours.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive with the use of weapons against the MV.

Type of Vessel used: One craft.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Gunshot impact and cash stolen.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area F and AREA E.

**MDAT Reference**: Advisory 002/MAR, Weekly 20-10, Monthly 20-03.

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## Warning 004/MAR

Category	Attack	Status of Incident	Failed
Date	25 Mar. 20	Time (UTC)	10:06

Position 03°08N - 005°35E Bearing / Range 208/79NM off Brass,

NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 25<sup>th</sup> March, at 1006UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by one skiff with 7 persons on board in position 03°08N- 005°35E. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has adopted evasive manoeuvers and a security ship from AGBAMI FIELD came for assistance. The MV 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 004/MAR, Weekly 20-13, Monthly 20-03.

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## **Advisory 003/MAR**

Category Date	Sighting 25 Mar. 20	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Failed 16:00
<u>Position</u>	02°30N – 004°04E	Bearing / Range	232/180NM off Brass, NIGERIA
Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	Clear/ BF 4 W /Sea Moderate / light sea waves

<u>Description</u>: On the 25<sup>th</sup> March, at 1600UTC, in position 02°30N - 004°04E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has reported to be followed by an unknown craft when her security ship leaved her escort. The security ship came back and the following skiff turned back.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 30 minutes.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Black colour hull boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 003/MAR, Weekly 20-13, Monthly 20-03.

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## **Advisory 004/MAR**

Category Date	Suspicious Approach 26 Mar. 20	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Successful 08:20
Position	05°50'8N _ 002°21'2F	Bearing / Range	193/22 off Cotonou

<u>Position</u> 05°59'8N – 002°21'2E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 193/22 off Cotonou, BENIN

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Calm

<u>Description</u>: On the 26<sup>th</sup> March at 0820UTC, in position 05°59'8N - 002°21'2E, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been approached by a skiff with 4 to 5 POB. After executing evasive manoeuvers, the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) noticed that the skiff aborted its approach. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 30 minutes.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

**Type of Vessel used:** White/Orange craft.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 004/MAR, Weekly 20-13, Monthly 20-03.

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Incident 045/20

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	Status of Incident	Successful
Date	19 Apr. 20	Time (UTC)	05:40

<b>Position</b>	06°17N – 002°32E	Bearing / Range	122/7NM off Cotonou,
		<u> </u>	DENIN

Status of Vessel	At Anchorage	Weather during the Attack	Not stated
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<u>Description</u>: On the 19<sup>th</sup> April at approximately 0540UTC, while at Cotonou Anchorage, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers. The Beninese Authority has dispatched quickly two patrol boats and a joint operation with the Nigerian Navy was planned on the 20<sup>th</sup> April to secure the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**).

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 001/APR, Weekly 20-17, Monthly 20-04.

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## Warning 003/APR

Incident 047/20

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	Status of Incident	Successful
Date	30 Apr. 20	Time (UTC)	19:40

Position 03°30N – 003°49E Bearing / Range 190/170 off Lagos,

**NIGERIA** 

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 at 1940UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been boarded in position 03°30'N 003°49E' by a skiff with an unknown number of armed pirates.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

**Type of Vessel used:** Not stated.

<u>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:</u> Undisclosed information.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Warning 003/APR, Weekly 20-18, Monthly 20-04.

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## Sighting / Irregular activity

Incident 056/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Sighting 14 May. 20	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Not concerned 01:30
<u>Position</u>	04°34N – 002°29E	Bearing / Range	180/120NM off Cotonou, BENIN
2			
Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	Not stated

<u>Description</u>: An MV (**NAME WITHHELD**), in position 04°34'42N - 002°29'54E, observed a vessel approximately 80 m in length and one skiff with a closest point of approach of 2.5nm.. After alteration of course and increasing speed, the distance increased between the MV and the two craft.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 01h30.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: One suspicious ship (approx. 80 MTRS Length) and one fast small boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

#### **Incident reported to:**

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 20-20, Monthly 20-05.

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## **ADVISORY 004/MAY**

Incident 057/20

Category	Hijack	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Failed
Date	15 May. 20		07:30
<u>Position</u>	04°09N – 003°20E	Bearing / Range	200/137NM off Cotonou, BENIN

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Clear - Calm

<u>Description</u>: On the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 12:48 UTC, a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported heading East, in position 04°09′ N, 003°20′E (184°/136nm off Lagos, NIGERIA), after being hijacked on the 15<sup>th</sup> May, in position 04°09N 001°55E (200° / 137 Nm off Cotonou, BENIN) by 10 attackers. A military operation lead by the Nigerian authorities has succeed to arrest the attackers.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 2 days

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to: MDAT. Area D/E/F.

MDAT Reference: ADVISORY 004/MAY, Weekly 21-20, Monthly 20-05.

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## **WARNING 001/MAY**

Incident 059/20

Category	Boarding	Status of Incident	Failed
Date	20 May. 20	Time (UTC)	16:57

Position 02°15N – 005°09E Bearing / Range 206/134NM off Brass,

NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated.

<u>Description</u>: On the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 1657 UTC an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded in position 02°15N - 005°09E. The Nigerian Navy immediately dispatched a vessel and a security ship to assist. On the 21<sup>st</sup> May in the morning, the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and her crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 14 hours.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

Incident reported to: MDAT, Area D/E/F.

MDAT Reference: Warning 001/MAY, Weekly 21-20, Monthly 20-05.

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## **Boarding**

Incident 060/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 20 May. 20	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Successful 15:38
<u>Position</u>	04°25N – 007°37E	Bearing / Range	088/29NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
2			
Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	Not Stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020, at 1538 UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 04°25N – 007°37E. The local pilot initiated an emergency sailing to Uta-Ewa in Ikot Abasi LGA of Akwa Ibom for safety. NNS JUBILEE was immediately deployed to intercept the attackers and provide security.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 21-20, Monthly 20-05.

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## **Advisory 001/JUN**

Attempted Boarding	Status of Incident	Failed

Time (UTC)

<u>Position</u>	03°14'18N – 004°43E	Bearing / Range	244/160NM off Bonny,

NIGERIA	

Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	Good visibility,
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Wind: South/8 knots, Sea: South 0.5 MTRS,

Swell: 0.8 MTR

19:00

**Description**: On the 09<sup>th</sup> June, at approximately 1900UTC, in position 03°14'18N -004°43E, a skiff with 5 POB tried to board an MV (NAME WITHHELD). The vessel has applied the BMP WA procedure and the assailants have aborted the attempted boarding. A security vessel was dispatched in order to secure and assist the MV (NAME WITHHELD).

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: One skiff with 5 POB.

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Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D / E.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 001/JUN, Weekly 24-20 and Monthly 20-06.

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## **Advisory 003/JUN**

Category	Boarding	Status of Incident	Successful
Date	24 Jun. 20	Time (UTC)	13:00

<b>Position</b>	05°21N – 002°37E	Bearing / Range	175/60 off Cotonou,
			DENIM

Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	Not stated	
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<u>Description</u>: On the 24<sup>th</sup> June at approximately 1430UTC, a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded in position 05°21N - 002°37E by an unknown number of attackers and two skiffs were seen in the vicinity. Earlier the same day, this FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) had a suspicious approach perpetrated by two skiffs but succeed to escape them. It seemed that the two events were done by the same group of attackers. The Beninese and Ghanaian authorities dispatched a patrol boat in order to assist and secure the FV (**NAME WITHHELD**).

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Two skiffs.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area E/F.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 003/Jun, Weekly 26-20.

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## **MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

## **Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft**

Event 005/20

## **NIGERIA, Lagos**

**Description:** On the 17<sup>th</sup> January after midnight, while at Lagos Anchorage (06°18'45N-003°16'29E) and during a cargo operation, a small boat was observed close to the anchor chain with two people trying to climb it by the deck patrol. The alarm was raised on the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and the patrol boat advised. The attempted intruders fled away the scene. Ship (**NAME WITHHELD**) and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Silent approach with a small boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-04, Monthly 20-01.

## **Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft**

Event 009/20

#### **NIGERIA, Lagos**

**Description:** On the 25<sup>th</sup> January at 0050UTC, while at Lagos anchorage (06°16'55N - 003°19'32E), a duty patrolling crew noticed an intruder on main deck of an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). Once discovered, the intruder jumped over board and escaped with a small boat. A Navy patrol boat was dispatched to investigate the scene. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Use of a small boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-05, Monthly 20-01

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## **MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

## **Maritime Crime Activity 03: Theft**

Event 010/20

#### **NIGERIA, Onne Port**

**Description:** On the 29<sup>th</sup> January at 0300UTC, while berthed at Onne Port (04°41'30N – 007°09'50E), an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been boarded by one man who collected some items on the deck. Once spotted by the watchman, the alarm was raised and the intruder managed to escape with a canoe manned by another man. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Use of a canoe.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-05, Monthly 20-01.

## **Maritime Crime Activity 04: Robbery**

Event 011/20

#### **NIGERIA, Lagos**

**Description:** On the 1<sup>st</sup> February at 0130UTC, in Lagos STS area anchorage (06°15'42N - 003°19'06E), a duty crew member saw two unauthorized men on board. They tried to cease him but he managed to escape and raise the alarm. All crew evacuated to citadel and help from Nigerian Navy was requested. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach**: Silent approach with a small boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-06, Monthly 20-02.

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## **MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

## **Maritime Crime Activity 05: Theft**

Event 018/20

## **NIGERIA, Lagos**

**Description:** On the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 0020UTC, while at Lagos SAA (06°17'53N - 003°14'16E), three unarmed men tried to board an MV (**NAME WITHHELD** through the anchor chain. The alarm was raised by the deck watch and the perpetrators fled away. A patrol ship came to assist the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). Crew and ship were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Small craft.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-08, Monthly 20-02.

## **Maritime Crime Activity 06: Theft**

Event 021/20

#### **NIGERIA, Lagos**

**Description:** On the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 0120UTC, while at Lagos STS anchorage, two intruders were detected on board on a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) by a security round. The alarm was raised and the intruders fled away. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Not Stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-09, Monthly 20-02.

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## **MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

## **Maritime Crime Activity 07: Theft**

Event 031/20

## **NIGERIA, Lagos**

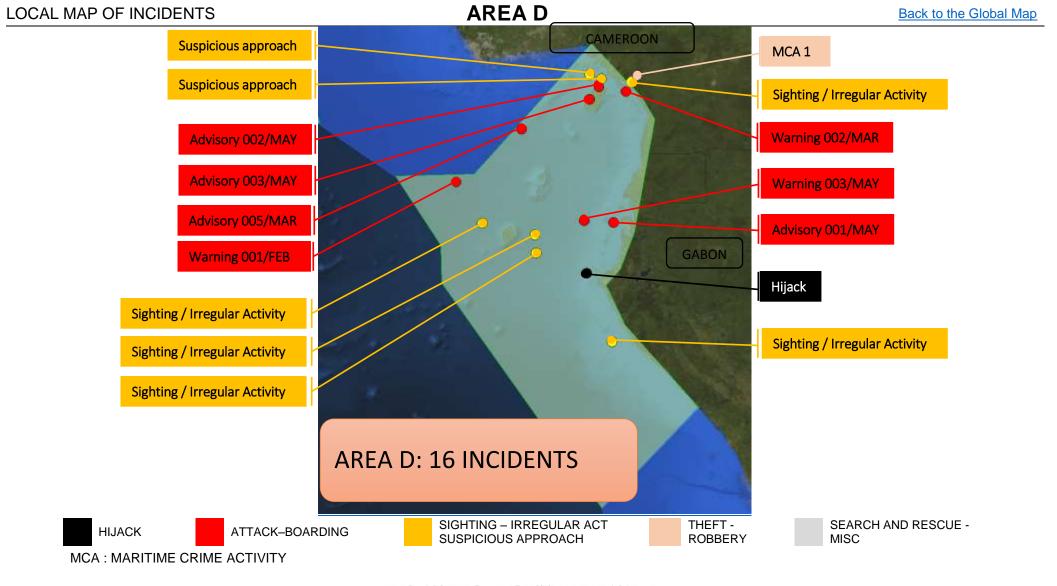
**Description:** On the 19<sup>th</sup> March at 0045UTC, in position 06°18'48N - 003°21'18E, an intruder was found on the deck by the antipiracy round. The security team member used warning shots and the alarm on board was raised that caused the intruder to flee. A Nigerian Navy patrol was dispatched on the scene. Ship (**NAME WITHHELD**) and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: use of a dhow.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: 12.2 cubic meter of cargo unleaded gasoline.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-12, Monthly 20-03.

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## Sighting - Irregular activity

Incident 003/20

Category	Sighting	Status of Incident	Not concerned
Date	15 Jan. 20	Time (UTC)	04:24

<u>Position</u> 03°54'19N - 009°33'15E <u>Bearing / Range</u> Douala Anchorage, CAMEROON

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On 15<sup>th</sup> January at 0424UTC, while at Douala anchorage, a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a red hull boat manned by 4 persons. The security guard present on board made a number of attempts to signal to the boat to stop approach without success. The security guard then fired a warning shot resulting in the boat aborting its approach. Cameroon navy guard was informed of the incident. MCC Area D, has reported to MDAT that this event was located in an area frequented by fishermen. The vessel and the crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach**: Approach at small speed.

Type of Vessel used: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 20-03, Monthly 20-01.

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## **Sighting**

Incident 014/20

Category Date	Sighting 11 Feb. 20	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Not concerned 09:05
<u>Position</u>	00°30N – 005°59E	Bearing / Range	281/47NM off Ana Chaves, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	Clear sky / SW3BF/ Sea: 0.5MTRS

<u>Description</u>: On the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 0905UTC in position 00°30N - 005°59E, nine skiffs were observed approaching an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) raised the alarm and took evasive manoeuvers. The skiffs stopped their approach at 1 NM from the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). Afterward, the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a clear and safe situation.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 25 Minutes.

**Method Of Approach**: Approach the MV at 1NM away.

Type of Vessel used: 9 skiffs with 2 POB each.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

#### Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D and Coast Guards STP.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 20-07, Monthly 20-02.

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## Warning 001/FEB/20

Incident 015/20

Category	Boarding	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Successful
Date	14 Feb. 20		07:45
<u>Position</u>	01°29'30N - 005°21'24E	Bearing / Range	311/112NM off Ana Chaves, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE

<u>Status of Vessel</u> En Route <u>Weather during the Attack</u> Calm sea

<u>Description</u>: On the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 0745UTC, in position 01°29'30N - 005°21'24E, two skiffs approached an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The crew mustered inside the citadel as the pirates climbed inside the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). They tried to breach the citadel without success. One security patrol boat and one Portuguese Naval ship were dispatched on the area to assist and secure the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 30 Minutes.

**Method Of Approach**: Approach the MV at 1NM away.

Type of Vessel used: 2 skiffs with 6 POB each.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Cash and crew belongings stolen.

#### Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D and Area E.

MDAT Reference: Warning 001/FEB/20 + Warning 001/FEB/20 Update 1, Weekly 20-07, Monthly 20-02.

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# **Suspicious Approach**

Suspicious Approach	Status of Incident	Failed
17 Feb. 20	Time (UTC)	07h45

<u>Position</u>	03°58'30N - 008°49'42E	Bearing / Range	264/23NM off Limboh,
			CAMEROON

Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	Calm sea

**<u>Description</u>**: On the 17<sup>th</sup> February, a supply vessel (**NAME WITHHELD**) escorted by a security vessel was approaching by a small boat in position 03°58'30N - 008°49'42E). The security vessel has been alerted and took security measures. The small boat aborted its approach and moved away. Ship and Crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach**: Approach to a distance 0.5NM before aborted the approach.

Type of Vessel used: Small details.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: Monthly 20-02.

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## **WARNING 002/MAR**

Incident 032/20

Category	Boarding	Status of Incident	Failed
Date	19 Mar. 20	Time (UTC)	22:24

<u>Position</u> 03°40N – 009°25E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 217/22NM off Douala, CAMEROON

<u>Status of Vessel</u> At Anchorage <u>Weather during the Attack</u> WIND -14Knt SEA 1.5m, Rain

<u>Description</u>: On 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2224UTC, in position 03°40N – 009°25E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) had been attacked by 8 armed people in a boat. Pirates fled after shots was fired between them and the security team. Ship and crew were reported safe

**<u>Duration of Attack:</u>** Approximately 15-20 minutes.

<u>Method Of Approach</u>: Aggressive with use of weapons.

**Type of Vessel used:** One wooden boat.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Gunshots impacts.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: Warning 002/MAR, Weekly 20-12, Monthly 20-03.

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# **WARNING 003/MAR**

Incident 034/20

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	Status of Incident	Successful
Date	22 Mar. 20	Time (UTC)	07:26

<u>Position</u> 00°33'36N – 008°25'11E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 280/62 off Libreville, GABON

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 0726UTC, in position 00°33'36N - 008°25'11E, an unknown number of attackers have boarded an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**).

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, MOC LIBREVILLE, Area D.

MDAT Reference: Warning 003/MAR, Weekly 20-13, Monthly 20-03.

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## HIJACK

<u>Category</u>	Hijack	Status of Incident	Successful
<u>Date</u>	21 Mar. 20	Time (UTC)	05:00
<u>Position</u>	00°42S -008°28'37E	Bearing / Range	270/22NM off Port Gentil, GABON

<u>Status of Vessel</u> En Route <u>Weather during the Attack</u> Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 21<sup>st</sup> March, at approximately 0500UTC, at 22NM off Port Gentil inside Gabonese TTW (approx. position: 00°42S - 008°28'37E), an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by an unknown number of attackers while transiting between Bata to Annobon. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was later hijacked and headed towards Nigeria. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was released on 23<sup>rd</sup> March in position 03°53'7N - 006°50'56E.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

<u>Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:</u> Undisclosed information.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 20-13, Monthly 20-03.

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## **Advisory 005/MAR**

Category	Attack	Status of Incident	Failed
<u>Date</u>	27 Mar. 20	Time (UTC)	17:00

<u>Position</u> 02°45'36N – 006°55'18E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 188/100NM off Bonny, NIGERIA

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not Stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 27<sup>th</sup> March at 1700UTC, in position 02°45'36"N - 006°55'18"E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been attacked by a skiff with 8 to 10 POB. While the vessel was executing evasive manoeuvers, the attackers opened fire on the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). They aborted after 15 minutes of attack and headed East. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**<u>Duration of Attack:</u>** Approximately 15 minutes.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: 10 meters long skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 005/MAR, Weekly 20-14, Monthly 20-03.

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## **Advisory 006/MAR**

CategorySightingStatus of Incident<br/>Time (UTC)Not concerned<br/>09:48

<u>Position</u> 00°13'18N – 007°14'30E <u>Bearing / Range</u> 97/32NM off Ana Chaves, STP

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not Stated

Description: On the 31st March 2020 at 0948UTC, in position 00°13'18N - 007°14'30E, an MV (NAME

WITHHELD) reported a large number of skiffs with 2-3 persons on board.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 15 minutes.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: 10 meters long skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 006/MAR, Weekly 20-14, Monthly 20-03.

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## **Advisory 001/MAY**

Incident 048/20

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	Status of Incident	Successful
Date	03 May 20	Time (UTC)	03:00

Position 00°31N – 009°07E Bearing / Range 330/36NM off

Libreville, GABON

<u>Status of Vessel</u> En Route <u>Weather during the Attack</u> Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 at 0300UTC, two trawlers (**NAME WITHHELD**) in positions 00°30′50″N - 009°06′21″E and 00°55′24″N - 009°08′09″E) were boarded by an unknown number of Person's, a skiff with 13 POB was seen in the area.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: One skiff with 13 POB.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 001/MAY, Weekly 20-19 and Monthly 20-05.

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## **Suspicious Approach**

Incident 051/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Suspicious Approach 09 May. 20	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Failed 00:45
<u>Position</u>	04°05N – 008°33E	Bearing / Range	325/23NM off Malabo, Equatorial Guinea
2			
Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 09<sup>th</sup> May, at approximately 0045UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported that she was pursued by a skiff. The Cameroon's Authorities dispatched a patrol boat. 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: Nil.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 20-20, Monthly 20-05.

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## **Advisory 002/MAY**

Incident 052/20

Category Date	Boarding 09 May. 20	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Successful 01:00
<u>Position</u>	03°47N – 008°46E	Bearing / Range	297/2NM off Malabo, Equatorial Guinea
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Status of Vessel At Anchorage Weather during the Attack Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 09<sup>th</sup> May at approximately 0100UTC, in position 03°47N - 008°46E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers whilst at anchorage.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 002/May, Weekly 20-20, Monthly 20-05.

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## **Advisory 003/MAY**

Incident 053/20

Category Date	Boarding 09 May. 20	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Successful 02:00
Position	03°29N – 008°33E	Bearing / Range	000/2NM off Luba, EQUATORIAL GUINEA
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Status of Vessel	At Anchorage	Weather during the Attack	Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 09<sup>th</sup> May at approximately 0200UTC, in position 03°29'14N - 008°33'12E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers whilst at anchorage.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 003/May, Weekly 20-20, Monthly 20-05.

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## Sighting /Irregular Activity

Incident 065/20

<u>Category</u>	Sighting	Status of Incident	Not concerned
<u>Date</u>	16 Jun. 20	Time (UTC)	11:09

Position 00°13S – 007°16E Bearing / Range 138/45NM off Ana

Chaves, STP

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1109UTC, a MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported to COVAM that she was followed by three small vessels with a CPA of 3 NM. MDAT relayed the information to the relevant authorities. One hour later, the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported that it was not being followed any more. Vessel and crew reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Three small ships.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 25-20, Monthly 20-06.

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## Sighting /Irregular Activity

Incident 066/20

<u>Category</u>	Sighting	Status of Incident	Not concerned
Date	16 Jun. 20	Time (UTC)	19:20

Position 02°21S – 009°05E Bearing / Range 170/100NM off Port

Gentil, GABON

<u>Status of Vessel</u> En Route <u>Weather during the Attack</u> Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1920UTC, a MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported to relevant authorities, that she was followed for two hours by a vessel with no AIS transmitting and no navigation lights visible. When the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) arrived at an oil platform, the suspicious vessel abandoned the pursuit. Vessel and crew reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: One vessel without AIS transmitting and no navigation lights.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

#### Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 25-20, Monthly 20-06.

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## **MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

## **Maritime Crime Activity 01: THEFT**

Event 058/20

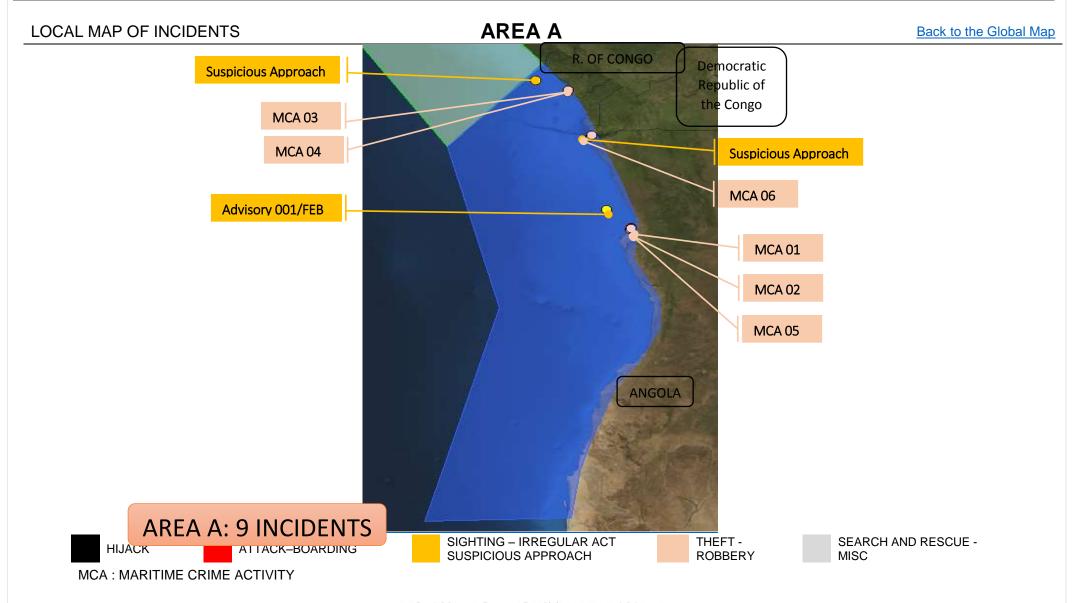
## **CAMEROON**, Douala

**Description:** On the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at night, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a theft in position 04°03'N, 009°41'E (moored at berth Douala, CAMEROON). Crew found the padlock on the forecastle store broken and ship's property was stolen. Crew was reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Store.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 21-20, Monthly 20-05.



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## Advisory 001/FEB/20

Incident 023/20

Category	Suspicious Approach	Status of Incident	Failed
Date	27 Feb. 20	Time (UTC)	08:24
<u>Position</u>	08°10'24S – 012°41'36E	Bearing / Range	317/51 off Luanda, ANGOLA
Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	Gentle breeze, cloudy Sky, good visibility Slight Sea

<u>Description</u>: On 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 0824UTC, in position 08°10,4S – 012°41,6E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a white skiff with 8 people on board. A ladder was sighted. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) took evasive manoeuvres. Skiff stopped then the pursuit. Ship and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 30 minutes.

**Method Of Approach**: Aggressive with the use of weapons.

Type of Vessel used: One speed boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

**Incident reported to:** 

MDAT.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 001/FEB/20, Weekly 20-09, Monthly 20-02.

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## **Suspicious Approach**

Incident 029/20

Category	Suspicious Approach	Status of Incident	Successful
Date	15 Mar. 20	Time (UTC)	16:05
<u>Position</u>	06°04'32S - 012°18'26E	Bearing / Range	327/4NM off Soyo, ANGOLA

Status of Vessel	At Anchorage	Weather during the Attack	Not stated
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<u>Description</u>: On 15<sup>th</sup> March at 1605UTC, in position 06°04'32S - 012°18'26E, while at anchorage, a supply vessel was approached by two skiffs with 4 and 6 persons on board. The alarm was raised and SSAS activated. Noticing the vessel's alerting, the skiffs changed their course to Congo River. The port authorities were informed and a patrol boat was dispatched to the area. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 25 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Two skiffs.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to: MDAT. Port authorities.

**MDAT Reference**: Weekly 20-12, Monthly 20-03.

## **DETAIL OF INCIDENTS**

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# **Suspicious Approach**

<u>Category</u>	Suspicious Approach	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Successful
<u>Date</u>	29 May. 20		15:38
<u>Position</u>	04°25S – 010°59E	Bearing / Range	293/50NM off Pointe Noire, CONGO

Status of Vessel Not Concerned Weather during the Attack Not Stated

<u>Description</u>: On 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at approximately 2250UTC, a speed boat with a red and green hull with 10 masked armed men on board, was reported by two duty crew members, sailing close to an offshore isolated platform. Operations management were informed by the duty crew, before they took refuge in the engine room. A rescue team was dispatched to the platform. When the team arrived on site, the speed boat had disappeared and nothing had been stolen from the platform. It is believed that no persons from the speed boat had boarded the platform.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 23-20, Monthly 20-05.

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## **MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

## **Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft**

Event 030/20

## **REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, Pointe Noire**

**Description:** On the 16<sup>th</sup> January at 0200UTC, in position 04°45'21S - 011°45'17E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was robbed while at anchorage. Ship and crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach**: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Stores stolen

MDAT-GOG Reference: This event was a Time Late Report.

## **Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft**

Event 016/20

## ANGOLA, Luanda

**Description:** On the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 0300UTC, while the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was at Luanda anchorage (08°43'2S -013°17'3E), a duty crew member discovered that the paint store had been broken into and stores stolen. MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and ship were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach**: Silent approach with a small boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Stores stolen

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-08, Monthly 20-02.

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## **MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

## **Maritime Crime Activity 03: Theft**

Event 022/20

ANGOLA, Luanda

**Description:** On the 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2356UTC, while at Luanda anchorage, four intruders boarded an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and stole some paint cans before escaped. Vessel and ship were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Not Stated.

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

MDAT-GOG Reference: Monthly 20-02.

## **Maritime Crime Activity 04: Theft**

Event 033/20

**REPUBLIC OF CONGO, Pointe Noire** 

**Description:** On the 20<sup>th</sup> March between 0130 and 0530UTC, a MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was robbed while at Pointe Noire Anchorage (position 04°43'09S - 011°46'22E).

**Method Of Approach**: The intruders boarded the MV by the anchor chain.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: One mooring rope, paint cans and Thinner cans stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-13, Monthly 20-03.

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## **MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

## **Maritime Crime Activity 05: Robbery**

Event 050/20

#### ANGOLA, Luanda

**Description:** On the 30<sup>th</sup> April at 2315UTC, while at Luanda anchorage, a supply vessel (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been boarded by one man. An on-duty officer spotted the intruder who ran at him with a sharp object. The officer raised the alarm that caused the intruder to flee on a small motorboat with three other persons. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: small motorboat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Monthly 20-04.

## **Maritime Crime Activity 06: Theft**

Event 061/20

#### **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, Banana**

**Description:** On the 25th May at 0502UTC, a duty crew member spotted an intruder while the MV was at anchorage (position: 06°01S – 001°22E). The alarm was raised and the intruder fled on a small motored boat.

Method Of Approach: Use of a small boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

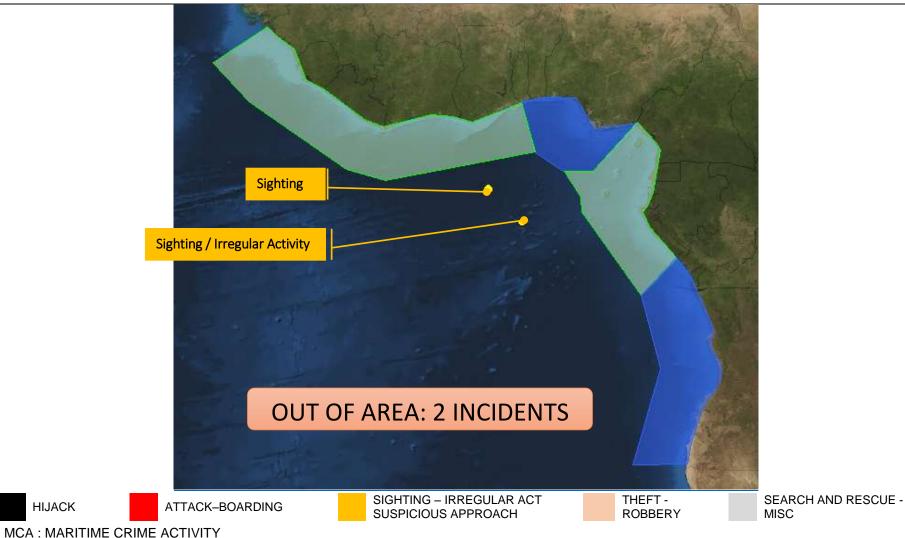
MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 22-20, Monthly 20-05.

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## Sighting

Incident 012/20

Category Date	Sighting 05 Feb. 20	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Not concerned 08:26
<u>Position</u>	00°29'N - 000°58'W	Bearing / Range	167/285 off Takoradi, GHANA ( <u>Out of Area</u> )
Status of Vessel	En Route	Weather during the Attack	Clear Wind: SW 4/3 Sea: Calm, no swell

<u>Description</u>: On the 5th February 2020 around 0826UTC (00°29'N-000°58'W), a suspicious craft kept following a MV (NAME WITHHELD) despite its numerous course alterations. The suspicious ship did not respond to any VHF calls. No weapons or towed skiff were observed. After monitoring the situation with the Captain and the CSO during the next few hours, MDAT and the CSO concluded that the situation had no further risk to the vessel and the crew.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 5 hours.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Fishing vessel with a white hull.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

#### Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area F.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 20-06, Monthly 20-02.

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# Sighting /Irregular Activity

Incident 067/20

<u>Category</u>	Sighting	Status of Incident Time (UTC)	Not concerned
<u>Date</u>	18 Jun. 20		05:40
Position	01°38S – 001°13E	Bearing / Range	263/460NM off Port Gentil, GABON ( <u>Out of</u> <b>Area</b> )

Status of Vessel En Route Weather during the Attack Not stated

<u>Description</u>: On the 18<sup>th</sup> June at 0540UTC, a MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported two vessels with an erratic course and strange information being displayed on AIS (spoofing). After applying BMP5 measures (altering course and increasing speed), the distance between the vessel and the suspicious vessels was relevant to confirm a safe situation.

MDAT-GOG comment: This incident took place well offshore in International waters.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Two detected ship but presence at least of 3-4 more unidentified ships.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D/E.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 25-20.