



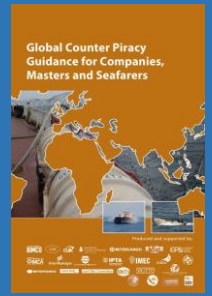
# MDAT – GOG Weekly Report 04-21

22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January 21  
Number of Events reported:

1



BMP  
West Africa



Global Counter  
Piracy Guidance

## OVERVIEW

**1 event** has been reported to MDAT-GOG this week.

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



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

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**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.

TYPE	AREA	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT	Information reported to coastals authorities
BOARDING	E	01°04'13N 005°04'22E.	On the 23 <sup>rd</sup> January at 0538UTC, an MV( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) was boarded by at least 4 armed attackers in the south of Sao Tome (96 NM). The local authorities were informed. <b><u>MDAT GOG Comment:</u></b> This event refers to WARNING 003/JAN/21 and WARNING 003/JAN Update 1.	MMCC Area D + Area E + C4I

**WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE**

2 WARNING Notices issued this week

**WARNING 003/JAN/2021****1. CATEGORY: BOARDING****2. TIME: 23 JAN 2021 at 0535UTC****3. DESCRIPTION:** A MV has been reportedly boarded in position 0104.13N 00504.22E, incident still ongoing. Crew are mustered in citadel.**4. POSITION:** 0104.13N 00504.22E (98 NM Northwest of SAN TOME)

Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution

**5. SOURCE:** CSO**WARNING 003/JAN/2021 UPDATE 001****1. CATEGORY: BOARDING****2. TIME: 23 JAN 2021 at 0535UTC****3. DESCRIPTION:** A MV has been reportedly boarded in position 0104.13N 00504.22E. Boarders have departed the vessel. Incident is complete.**4. POSITION:** 0104.13N 00504.22E (98 NM Northwest of SAO TOME)

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**5. SOURCE:** CSO**ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE**

Nil ADVISORY Notices issued this week

**MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE**

1 MDAT-GOG Notice issued this week

**NOTICE 002/JAN/2021****Source: Reported to MDAT-GoG by Nigerian sources****Description:** MDAT-GoG has been made aware that responsibility of security coverage at Lagos Anchorage, NIGERIA, has changed on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Responsibility of security has been passed to the Nigerian Maritime &amp; Safety Agency (NIMASA).

**MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA**

Nil Maritime Crime Activities reported this week

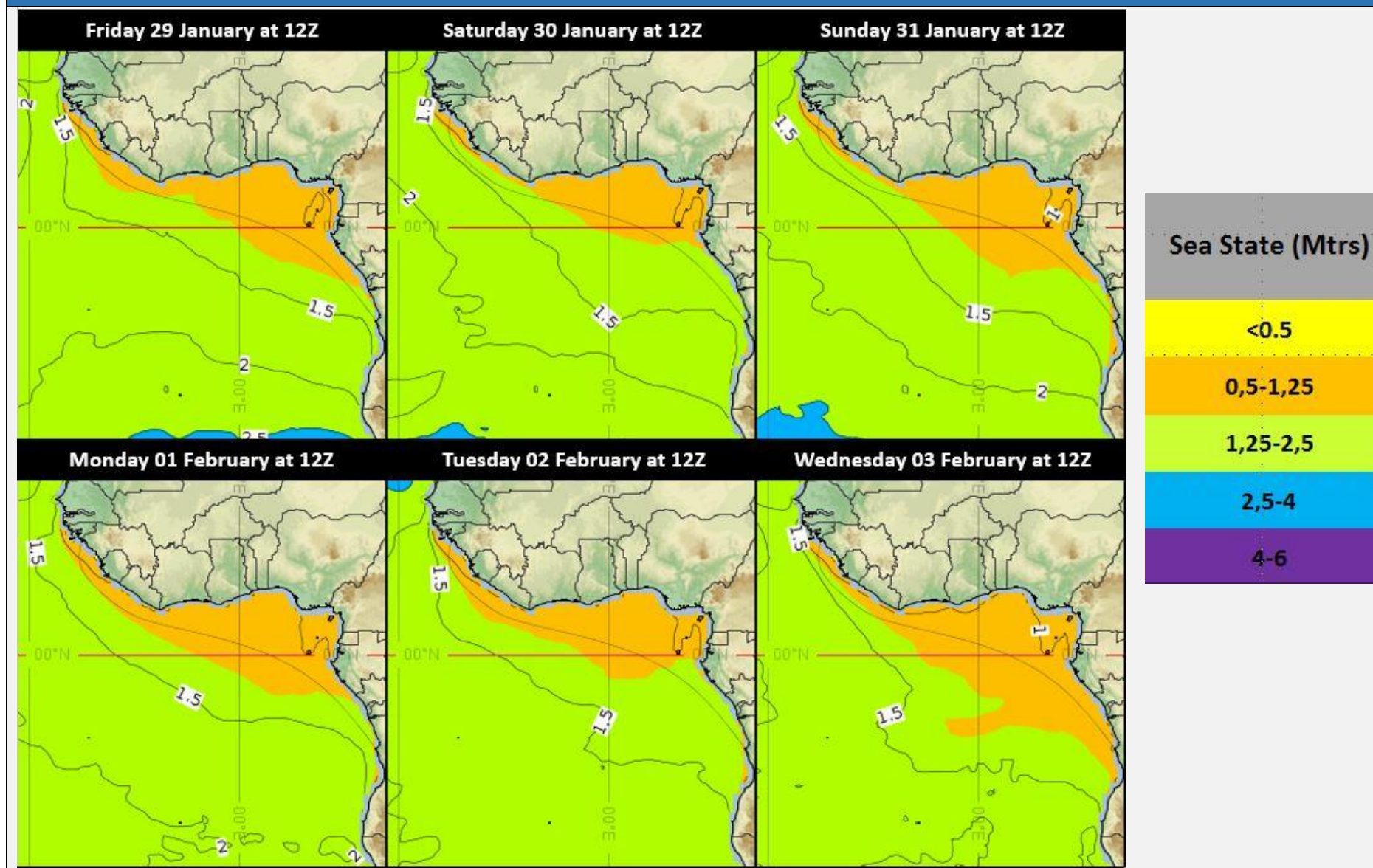
**NOTES**

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.

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Sea State Forecast w/c 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## 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](mailto: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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