



# MDAT – GoG

## Weekly Report 51-19 UPDATE

13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### INCIDENT DISPOSITION

### IN THIS ISSUE

## OVERVIEW

### INFORMATION TO READ

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).**

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

Details can be found on SHOM Chart 8801CSD or UKHO Chart Q6114, 30 June 2016, to allow them 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)

Companies / Ships Exercises: MDAT-GOG would like to extend an invitation to Companies / CSOs to be included in Company led exercises/drills. Please do not hesitate to contact the MDAT-GOG in advance of the exercise. The Exercise telephone number is +33 298 221302. As this keeps the Live Emergency Line free.

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

### CONTACT

Contact the MDAT-GoG:

E-mail: [watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org](mailto:watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org)

Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 88 88 (emergency)

Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 13 02 (exercise)

**Phones and mail are monitored 24/7.**

**Website:** <https://gog-mdat.org>

### ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)

[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

[Global Counter Maritime](#)

***Fair winds and following seas!***



Type	Date	Brg/Rge from nearest port	Summary of event
HIJACKING	16/12/19	190/120NM off, Cotonou BENIN	On the 15 <sup>th</sup> December at 0800UTC, an MT ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) 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 ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ). <b>MDAT-GoG comment:</b> This event refers to ADVISORY 002/DEC/19.
THEFT	17/12/19	285/4.6NM off Pointe Noire, REPUBLIC CONGO	On the 17 <sup>th</sup> December at 0230UTC, an MV ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) 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. <b>MDAT-GoG comment:</b> Nil
IRREGULAR ACTIVITY	19/12/19	245/212NM off Bonny, NIGERIA	On the 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 0930UTC, an MV ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) reported a suspicious vessel towing a speed boat in position 03°00N – 003°53E. Vessel and crew were reported safe. <b>MDAT-GoG comment:</b> This event refers to ADVISORY 003/DEC/19.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

- (1) **Hijack:**  
One incident reported.
- (2) **Attack:**  
Nil incidents reported.
- (3) **Boarding:**  
Nil incidents reported.
- (4) **Suspicious approach:**  
Nil incidents reported.
- (5) **Robbery – Sea theft:**  
One incident reported.
- (6) **Sighting – Irregular activity:**  
One incident reported.

## WARNINGS

Nil WARNING Notice issued this week

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## ADVISORIES

Three ADVISORY Notices issued this week

**Advisory 002/DEC/2019:** On 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 approximately, 0800 UTC an MV was attacked in position 0423 N – 00203E, approximately 110 NM south of Cotonou (Benin). Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

**Advisory 003/DEC/2019:** On the 19<sup>th</sup> of December a suspicious Mother vessel towing a speed boat was reported at 0930UTC in position 0300N / 00353E. Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

**Advisory 003/DEC/2019 – AMEND 01:** A **suspicious vessel** towing a speed boat was reported at 0930UTC in position 0300N / 00353E. Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

## MARITIME CRIME

One Maritime Crime Activity reported this week

**Republic Congo, Pointe Noire:** Theft

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019