



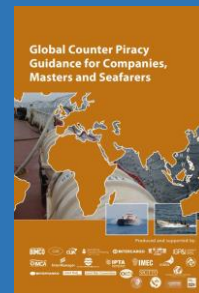
MDAT – GOG Weekly Report 03-21

15th – 22nd January 21
Number of Events reported:

2



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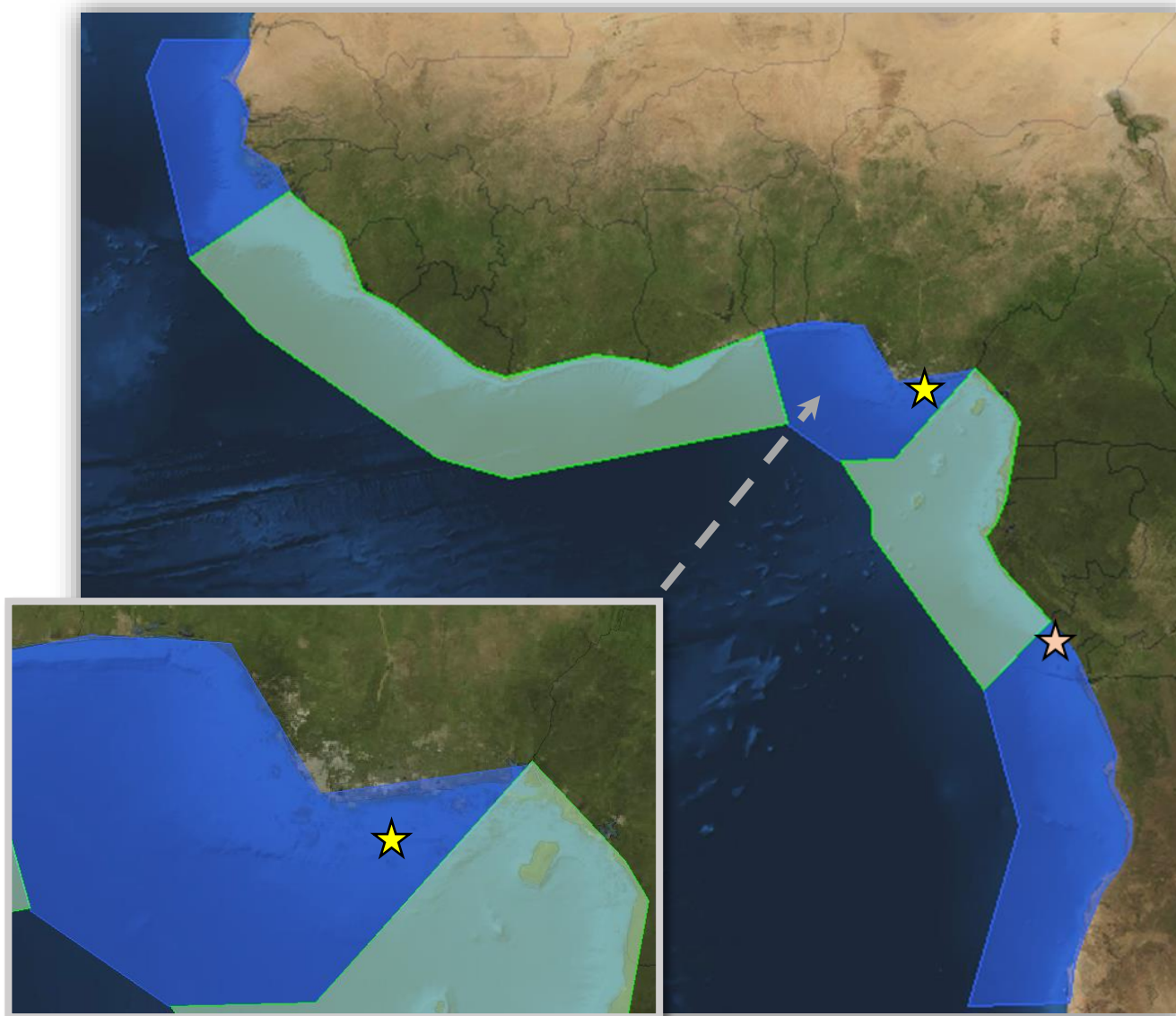


Global Counter
Piracy Guidance

OVERVIEW

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

Hijack: 0 Attack: 0 Boarding: 0 Suspicious Approach: 1 Robbery – Sea theft: 1 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	ARE A	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT	Information reported to coastals authorities
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	E	03°31N- 006°29E	On the 21 st January at 1008UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) reported a SUSPICIOUS APPROACH towards vessel. A small craft came to within 0.3nm, then reduced speed and withdrew. The security team on board fired one warning shot during the incident. Vessel and crew are SAFE. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to ADVISORY NOTICE 001/JAN/2021	MMCC Area E + C4I
THEFT	A	06°02S- 012°21E	On the 18 th January at 0300UTC, a theft occurred on an MV (NAME WITHHELD) whilst anchored at Banana Anchorage (Democratic Republic of the Congo). A duty crew member spotted three intruders in the forecastle stores and informed the Officer of the Watch. The alarm was raised which resulted in the intruders escaping. MDAT GOG Comment: NIL	/

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WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE

Nil WARNING Notices issued this week

ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE

1 ADVISORY Notice issued this week

ADVISORY NOTICE 001/JAN/2021**1. CATEGORY: SUSPICIOUS APPROACH****2. TIME:** 21 Jan 2021 1008UTC.**3. DESCRIPTION:** An MV reported a SUSPICIOUS APPROACH towards vessel. Small craft came to within 0.3nm, then reduced speed and withdrew. Vessel and crew are SAFE.**4. POSITION:** 03 31.15N 006 29.99E (59nm South of BONNY)**5. SOURCE: MASTER****MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE**

1 MDAT-GOG Notice issued this week

MDAT-GOG NOTICE 001/JAN/2021**Source:** Reported to MDAT-GoG by **RELIABLE SOURCES****Description:** MDAT-GOG is aware that there is potential increased threat of piracy activity in the coming hours/days in Areas E / D. We highly recommend to the seafarer community and ships transiting in these areas to exercise a sharp look-out and apply BMP WA procedure.**MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA**

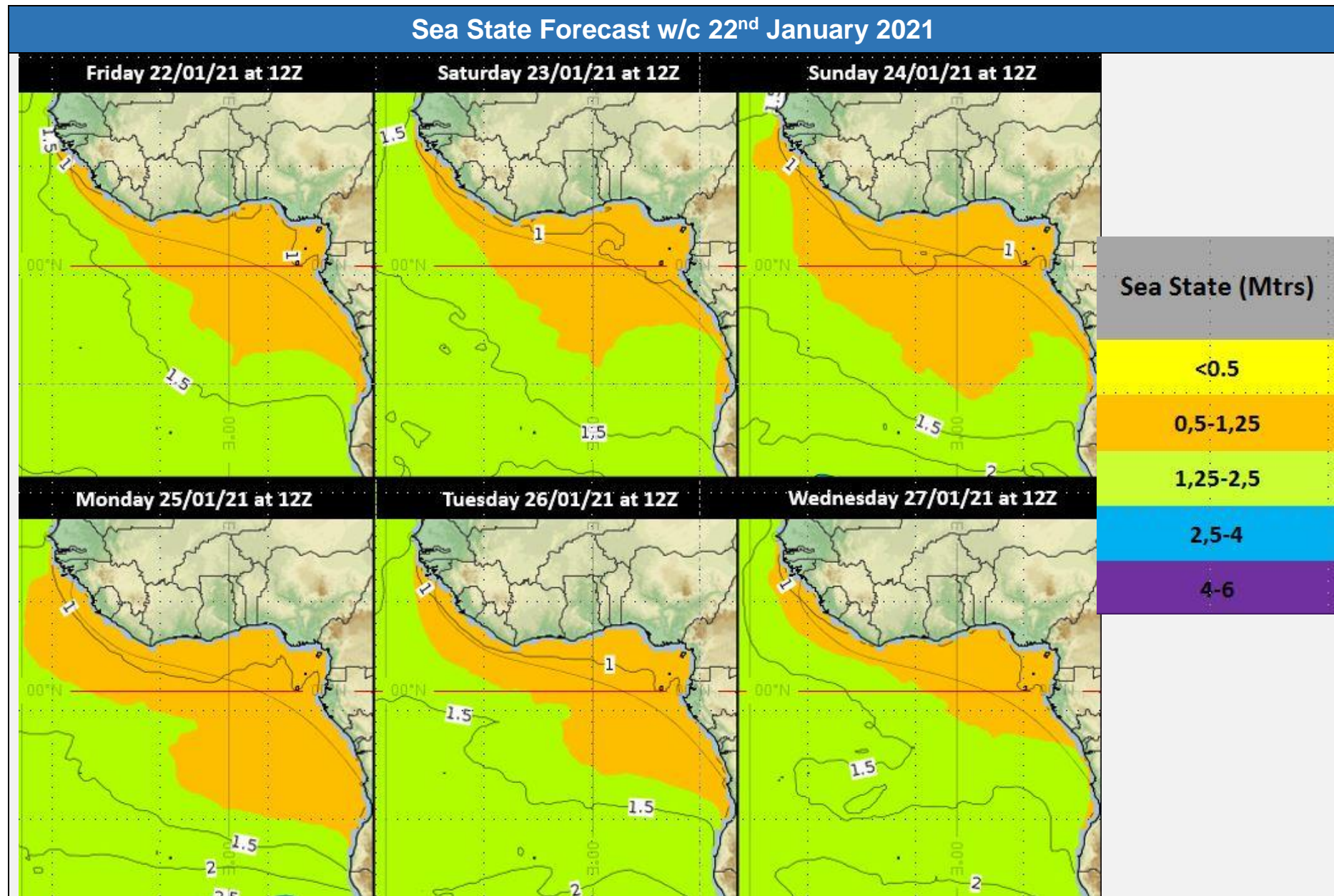
1 Maritime Crime Activity reported this week

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, Banana : 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.

CONTACT

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The MDAT-GOG has been in operation since 20 June 16. It is a virtual reporting mechanism supporting the interregional architecture defined by the Yaounde Code of Conduct. The primary output from the MDAT-GoG is to contribute by maintaining coherent maritime situational awareness in the central and western African Maritime Space, with the ability to inform and support industry, contributing to the safety and security of the Mariner in the regional maritime domain. All vessels are encouraged to report to the MDAT-GoG using the existing reporting formats. The information supplied by vessels will be treated as commercially confidential.

All details can be found on [SHOM Chart 8801CSD](#) or [UKHO Chart Q6114](#), 30 June 2016, to allow vessels to report their vessels when transiting the revised Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA), also described on both security charts with the MDAT-GOG, using the email address watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org. Phone number is monitored permanently (+33 (0)298 22 88 88).

Masters are encouraged to comply with [Best Management Practices West Africa \(BMP WA\)](#) and [Global Counter Piracy Guidance](#) during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

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Definitions

Hijack: Unauthorised persons have illegally boarded the ship and taken control of the vessel against the will of the Master and crew.

Boarding: An illegal boarding is where the attackers have boarded the ship but have not taken control of the vessel.

Attempted Boarding: Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat, but are thwarted by BMP measures, PAST, weather conditions, lack of appropriate equipment, etc.

Attack: The ship has been subjected to an aggressive approach by unidentified craft and weapons have been discharged.

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

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

Theft: Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.

Sightings and Irregular Activity: Suspicious activity not associated with the locality or prevailing conditions.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)
[Global Counter Maritime](#)

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