

# MDAT – GOG Weekly Report 50-20

04<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
Number of Events reported:

4



BMP  
West Africa

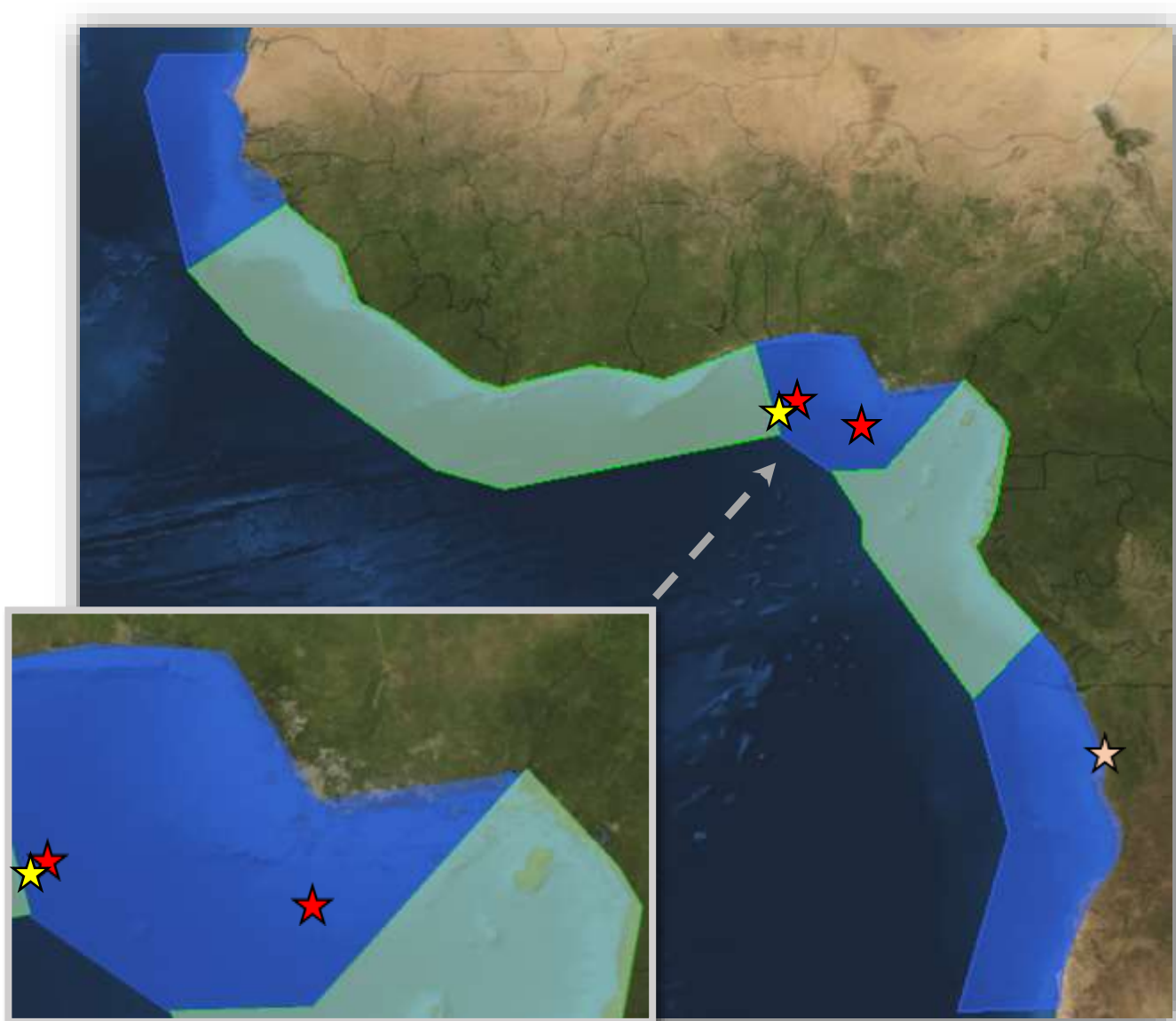


Global Counter  
Piracy Guidance

## OVERVIEW

**Four events have been reported to MDAT-GOG this week.**

Hijack: 0   Attack:0   Boarding: 2   Suspicious Approach: 0   Robbery – Sea theft:1   Sighting/Irregular Activity:1



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

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**IMPORTANT**

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**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).**

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TYPE	AREA	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT	Information reported to coastals authorities
BOARDING	E	03°02N-003°00E-	On 5 <sup>th</sup> December at 0655UTC, an MT ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) was boarded by 8-10 perpetrators. Local authorities were informed. Crew and vessel were reported safe thereafter. <b>MDAT GOG Comment:</b> <i>This event refers to WARNING 003/DEC/20 and WARNING 003/DEC Update 1.</i>	C4I – AREA E
BOARDING	E	02°42N-005°57E	On 6 <sup>th</sup> of December at 0340UTC, an MT ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) was boarded by 4 perpetrators. The crew mustered in the citadel and local authorities were informed. Crew and vessel were reported safe. <b>MDAT GOG Comment:</b> <i>This event refers to WARNING 004/DEC/20 and WARNING 004/DEC/20 Update 01.</i>	C4I – AREA E
THEFT	A	08°44S – 013°17E	On 5 <sup>th</sup> December at 0134UTC, whilst at Luanda anchorage, an MV ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) reported a theft. Two intruders were found on board by the duty officer who raised the alarm immediately. The intruders fled and the crew were reported safe. <b>MDAT-GOG Comment:</b> <i>Nil.</i>	Port Authorities.
IRREGULAR ACTIVITY	E	03°00N – 002°53E	On 5 <sup>th</sup> December at 0625UTC, an MV ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) reported irregular activity. A skiff approached to within 3NM of her position. The escort vessel altered her course in order to investigate and secure the MV, causing the skiff to move away. Crew and ship were reported safe. <b>MDAT-GOG Comment:</b> <i>Nil</i>	-

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**WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE**

4 WARNING Notices issued this week

**WARNING NOTICE 003/DEC/2020**

1. **CATEGORY:** Boarding
2. **TIME:** 06 DEC 2020 0330UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** An MT has been boarded in position 0242N 00557E at 0655UTC. Incident is still on going.
4. **POSITION:** 0242N 0057E 210 125nm from BONNY
5. **SOURCE:** CSO

**WARNING 003/DEC/2020 UPDATE 01**

1. **CATEGORY:** Boarding
2. **TIME:** 05 DEC 2020 0655UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** MDAT GoG has received an update regarding the last position of the boarded MT. The attackers have left the MT. Local authorities have been informed. vessel and crew are SAFE.
4. **POSITION:** 0302N 00300E 220Nm South of LAGOS
5. **SOURCE:** Industrial Partner

**WARNING NOTICE 004/DEC/2020**

1. **CATEGORY:** Boarding
2. **TIME:** 06 DEC 2020 0340UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** An MT has been boarded in position 0242N 00557E at 0300UTC. Incident is still on going.
4. **POSITION:** 0242N 00557E 210° 125nm from BONNY.
5. **SOURCE:** CSO

**WARNING NOTICE 004/DEC/2020 - Update 01**

1. **CATEGORY:** Boarding
2. **TIME:** 06 DEC 2020 0744 UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** Incident finished. Vessel and crew safe.
4. **POSITION:** 024610N 0070038E (100nm from BONNY).
5. **SOURCE:** CSO

**ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE**

Nil ADVISORY Notices issued this week

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**MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE**

Nil MDAT-GOG Notices issued this week

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

One Maritime Crime Activity reported this week

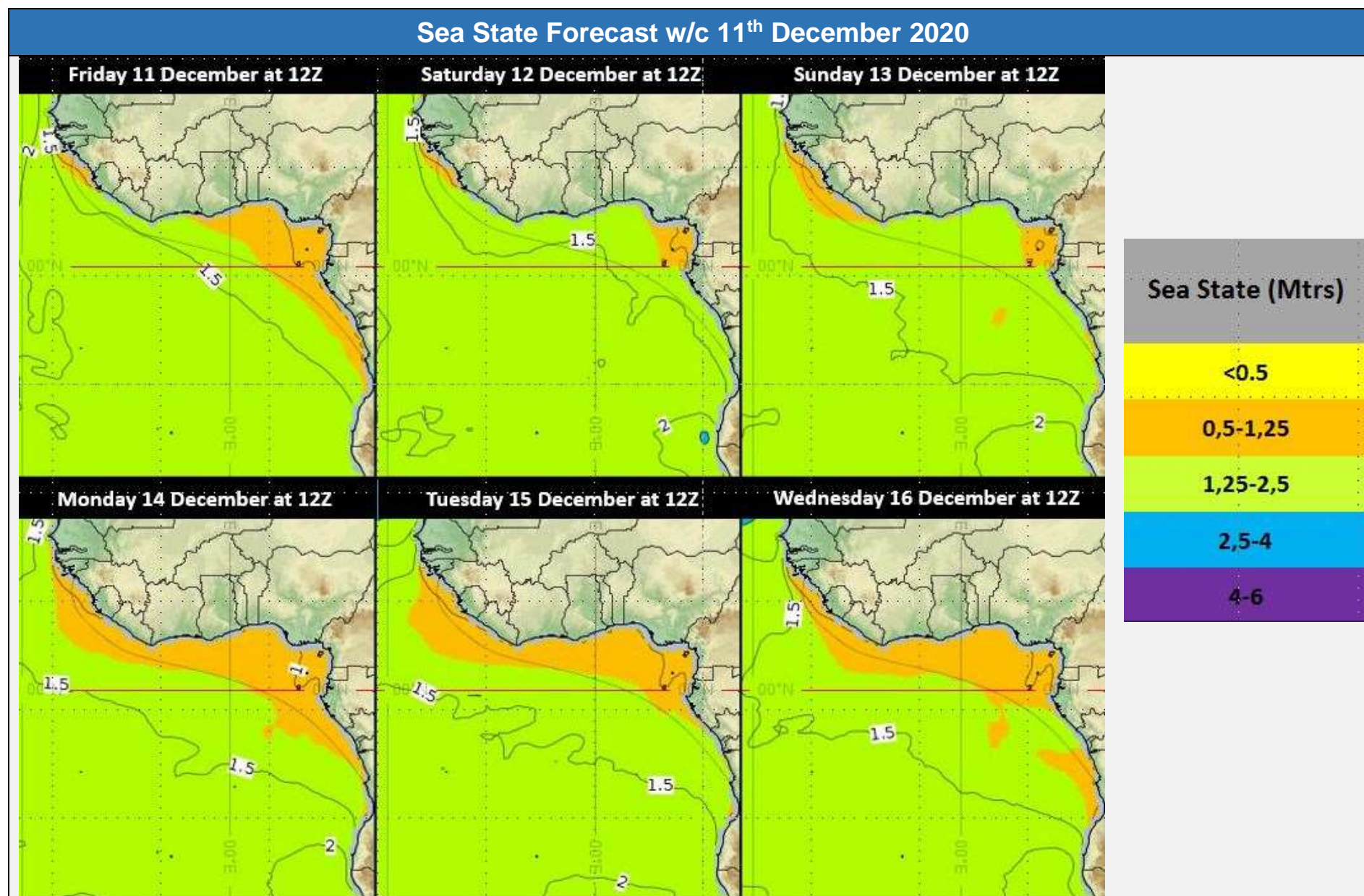
**ANGOLA, Luanda:** Theft**NOTES**

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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## 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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