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# 2019

## Maritime Domain Awareness for Trade Gulf Of Guinea



Biannual Report

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# MDAT-GoG

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#### 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 [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 [Global Counter Piracy Guidance](#) 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).**

**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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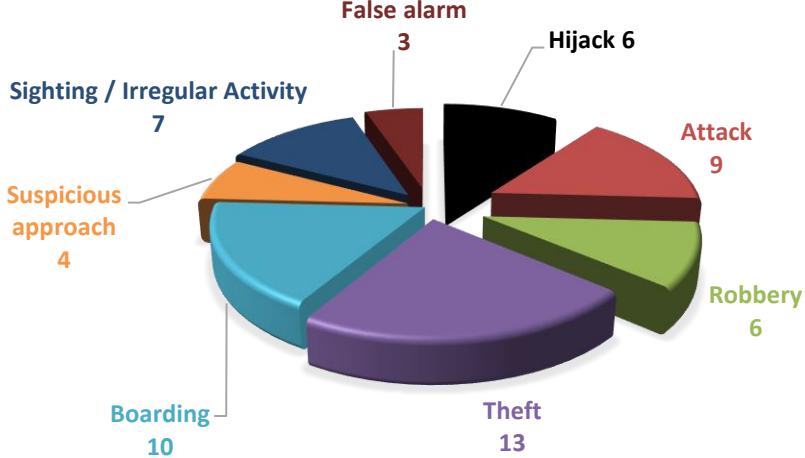
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## BIANNUAL STATISTICS

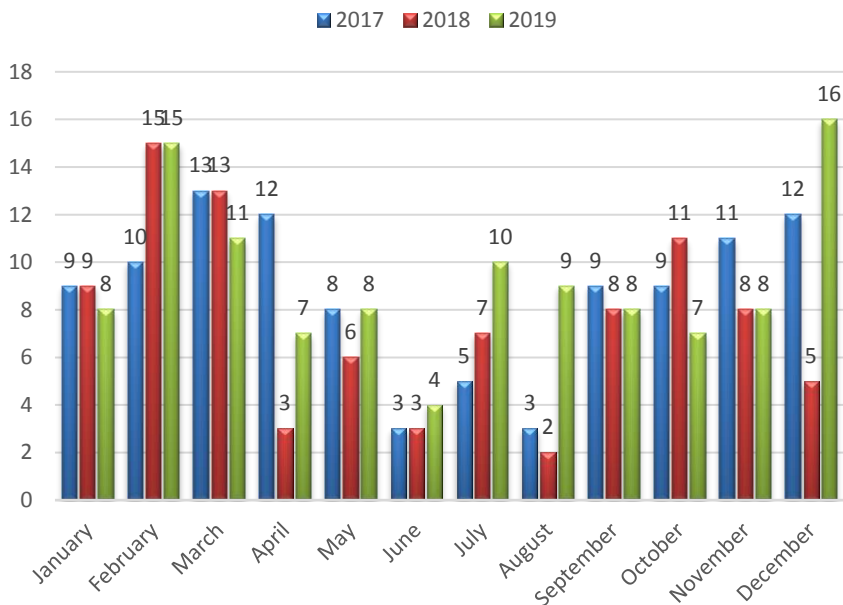
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58 events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for the second part of 2019, Serials 054/19 to 111/19.

## INCIDENTS REPORTED JULY - DECEMBER 2019



## Total Incident reported to MDAT-GoG



## CLASSIFICATIONS

**Hijack:** Vessel taken by attacker, no longer under the control of the Master.

**Attack:** Use of weapons by assailants at vessel or boarding with intent to take-control of the vessel.

**Boarding:** Assailants board a vessel with intention to take control of the vessel.

**Suspicious approach:** Close approach with unknown-

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

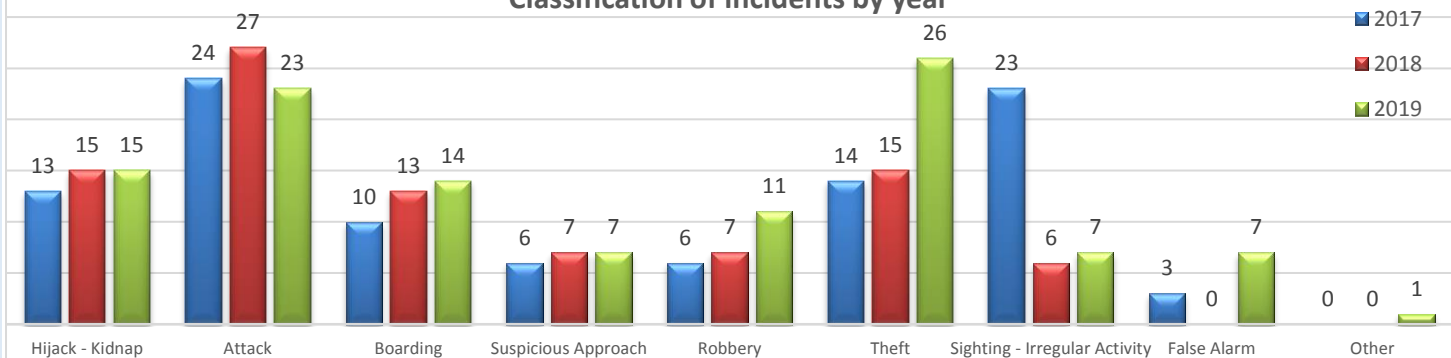
**Theft:** Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.

**Sighting and Irregular activity:** All suspicious information with no proof of intent to board the vessel.

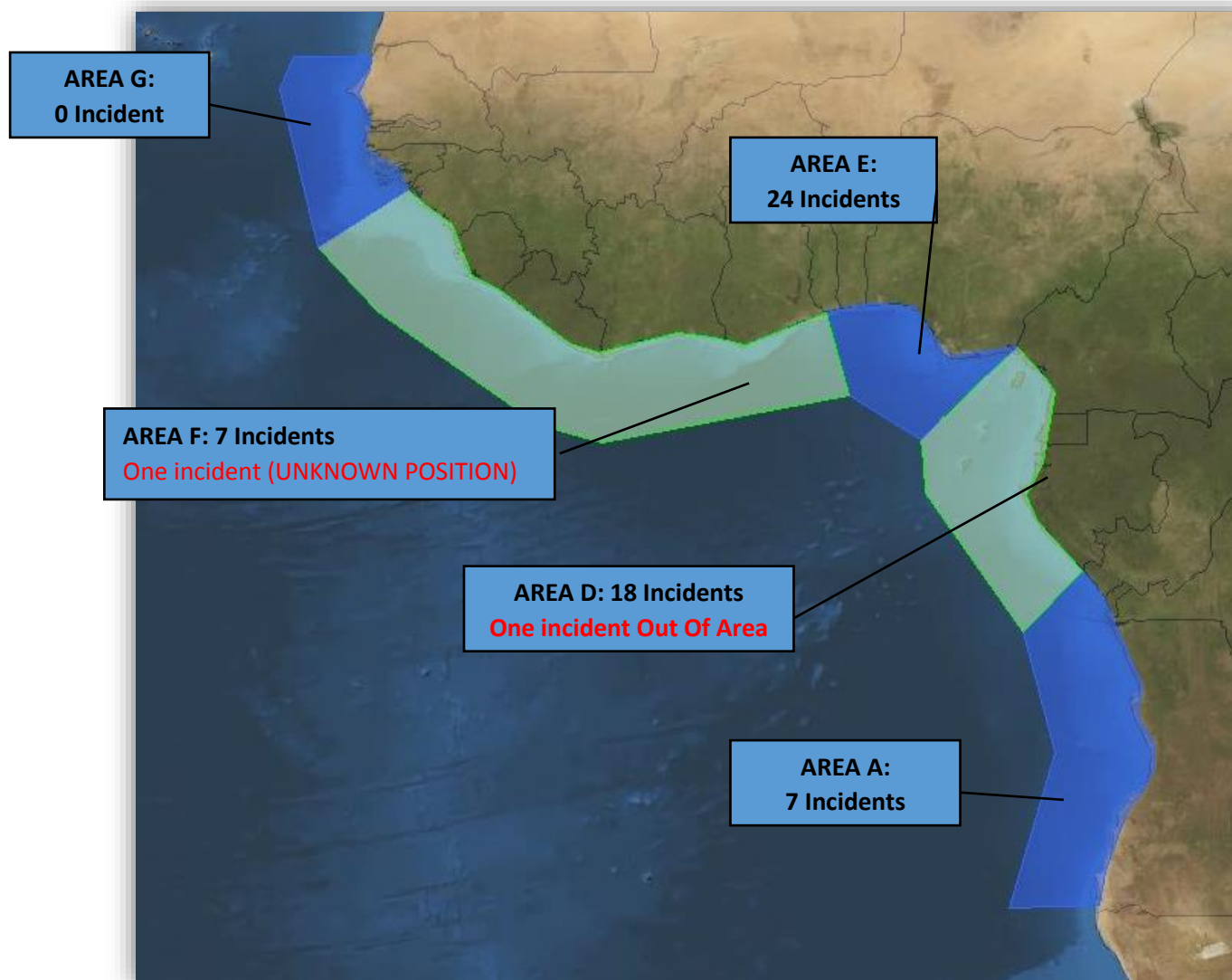
## INCIDENTS reported

- Hijack: 6
- Attack: 9
- Boarding: 10
- Susp. approach: 4
- Robbery: 6
- Theft: 13
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 7

## Classification of incidents by year



## GLOBAL MAP OF INCIDENTS

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## LOCAL MAP OF INCIDENTS

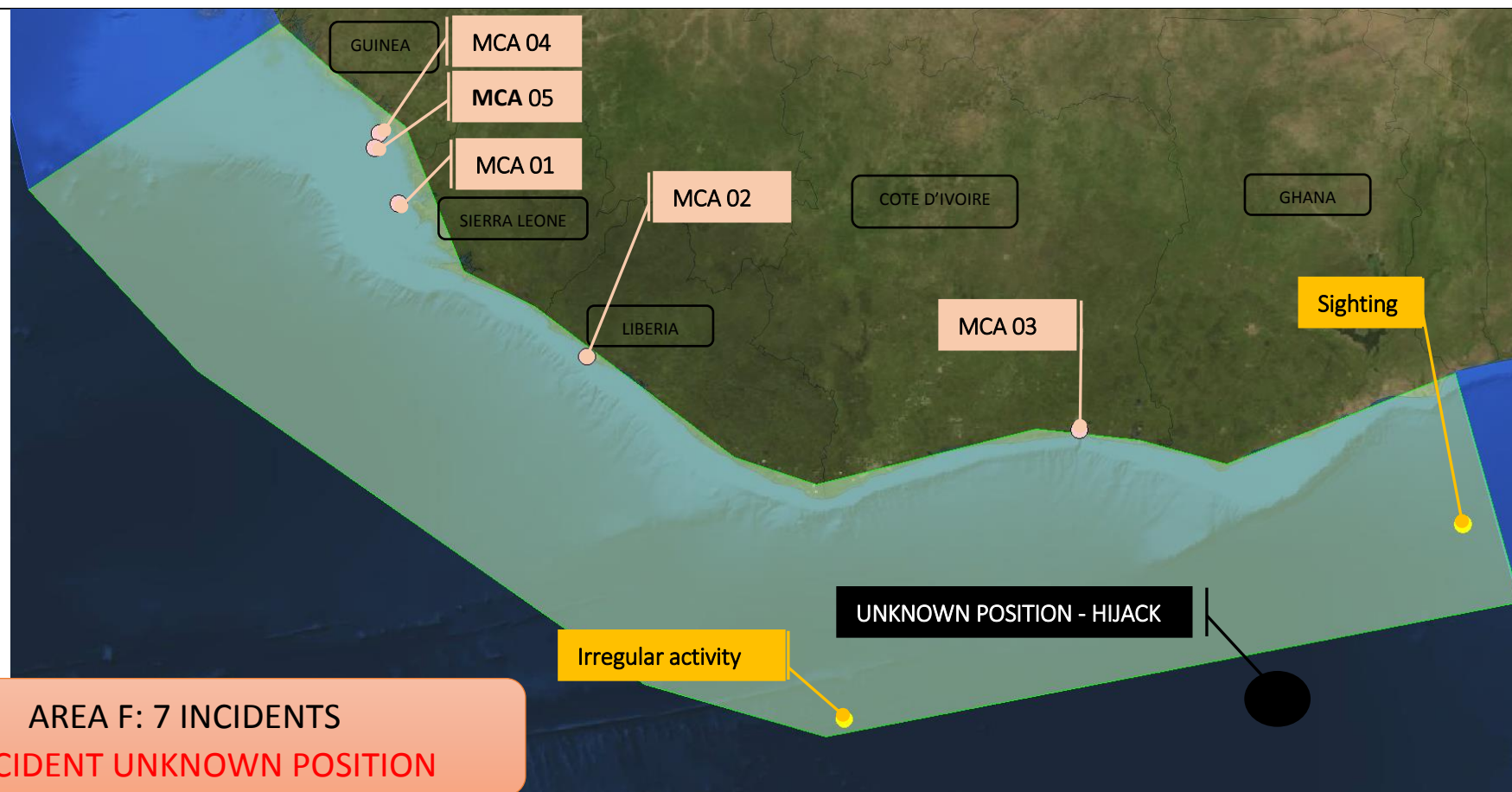
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	HIJACK		ATTACK-BOARDING		SIGHTING – IRREGULAR ACT SUSPICIOUS APPROACH		THEFT - ROBBERY		SEARCH AND RESCUE - MISC
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	HIJACK		ATTACK-BOARDING		SIGHTING – IRREGULAR ACT SUSPICIOUS APPROACH		THEFT - ROBBERY		SEARCH AND RESCUE - MISC
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## DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 65/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Hijack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Undefined
<b><u>Date</u></b>	12 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	01:30
<b><u>Position</u></b>	NOT DEFINED	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	NOT DEFINED
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Undetermined

**Description:** On the 13<sup>th</sup> August at 0835UTC, MDAT-GOG received a report from official source of a possible HIJACK of the **MV DANMAN**. This HIJACK was initially reported to have taken place in Togolese waters close to the Ghanaian borders but after investigation was located close Côte d'Ivoire border. However after further investigation, and despite the lack of information such as a coherent position and an IMO number, this incident is classified as UNCONFIRMED by local authorities.

*From NATIONAL SOURCE, the **MV DANMAN** should be considered as being involved into illegal activities. The owner of the **MV DANMAN** tried to contact some Security agencies based in Côte d'Ivoire specialized in this type of case to find the missing ship. The owner seemed to hope that this incident should remain quite confidential and not being released to official authority or to the public. It confirmed that the chronology of this incident and the ship are unclear.*

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Unknown.

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, MMCC AREA F, MOC LOME, MMCC AREA E, CRESMAO, MOC COTE D'IVOIRE.

**MDAT Reference:** [Advisory 001/AUG/19, Weekly 19-33, Monthly August 2019.](#)

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## DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 82/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Sighting	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	03 Oct. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	14:00
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°00'N – 001°18'E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	180/108NM off Lome Togo
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not stated

**Description:** As she was sailing south from TOGO to SOUTH AFRICA, a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) noticed at 1400UTC in position 04°00'N 001°18'E two medium size skiffs at approx. 5 NM (each one possibly manned by 6 to 8 persons). The two skiffs were approaching rapidly from port beam. The MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) took evasive manoeuvres, altering course and increasing to full speed. The two skiffs also increased their speed trying to chase the vessel. After 30 min of chasing the skiffs stopped as they were at around 3.5 NM from the tanker.

**Duration of Attack:** 30 NM

**Method Of Approach:** Purchasing course

**Type of Vessel used :** 2 small skiffs

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil

**Incident reported to:**

.MDAT, CRESMAO, MMCC AREA F, MOC ACCRA, MOC LOME, MOC COTONOU, MOC LAGOS, MMCC AREA E

**MDAT Reference:** [Monthly October 2019.](#)

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Incident 104/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Sighting	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Undefined
<b><u>Date</u></b>	21 Dec. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	22:40
<b><u>Position</u></b>	00°17'00N – 007°17'00W	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	185/205NM off San Pedro, COTE D'IVOIRE
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear

**Description:** An MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a suspicious boat in position 01°17'00N - 007°17'00W. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) changed course and increased speed, the suspicious boat continued heading towards the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and closed to within 3.2 Nm. After one hour, the suspicious boat reduced speed and left the area. Crew and vessel were reported safe.

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

**Method of Approach:** Not stated.

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

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT.

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 19-52, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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## MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

## Maritime Crime Activity 01: Robbery

Event 57/19

## LIBERIA, Freetown

**Description:** On the 21<sup>st</sup> July in position 08°27N - 0013°28W at 0240UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 5 men armed with knives. The crew members on board raised quickly the alarm and a Sierra Leonean Navy ship was dispatched. The attackers fled the scene in a speed boat. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Use of a skiff and rope with hook.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** One crew injured and ships equipment/crew's belonging stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Advisory 003/JUL, weekly 19-30, Monthly July 2019.

## Maritime Crime Activity 02: Robbery

Event 63/19

## LIBERIA, Monrovia

**Description:** On the 29<sup>th</sup> July at approximately 0330UTC, the duty AB spotted one man armed with a possible knife on board the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The alarm was raised and the robber fled away. The Liberian authorities are conducting investigations. Ship and crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Small wooden boat.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** One life ring stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-31, Monthly July 2019.

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## Maritime Crime Activity 03: Theft

Event 72/19

**COTE D'IVOIRE, Abidjan**

**Description:** On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019, at about 0400UTC, unauthorised men were able to board an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) anchored at ABIDJAN port, Ebrie Lagune. The men collected one rope then escaped. Alarm raised by AB on ISPS and Port authorities were informed. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** One rope stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Monthly August 2019.

## Maritime Crime Activity 04: Robbery

Event 76/19

**GUINEA, Conakry**

**Description:** On the 16<sup>th</sup> September at approximately 0145UTC, in position 09°25N - 013°44'06W, 4 armed robbers boarded a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) while at anchorage. They have stolen ship's stores, personal belongings and fled away around 0250UTC.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-38, Monthly September 2019.

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## Maritime Crime Activity 05: Robbery

Event 93/19

**GUINEA, Conakry**

**Description:** On the 21<sup>st</sup> November at 0100UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 5 armed men at Conakry anchorage. Investigation is ongoing by local authorities. Ship and Crew were reported safe.

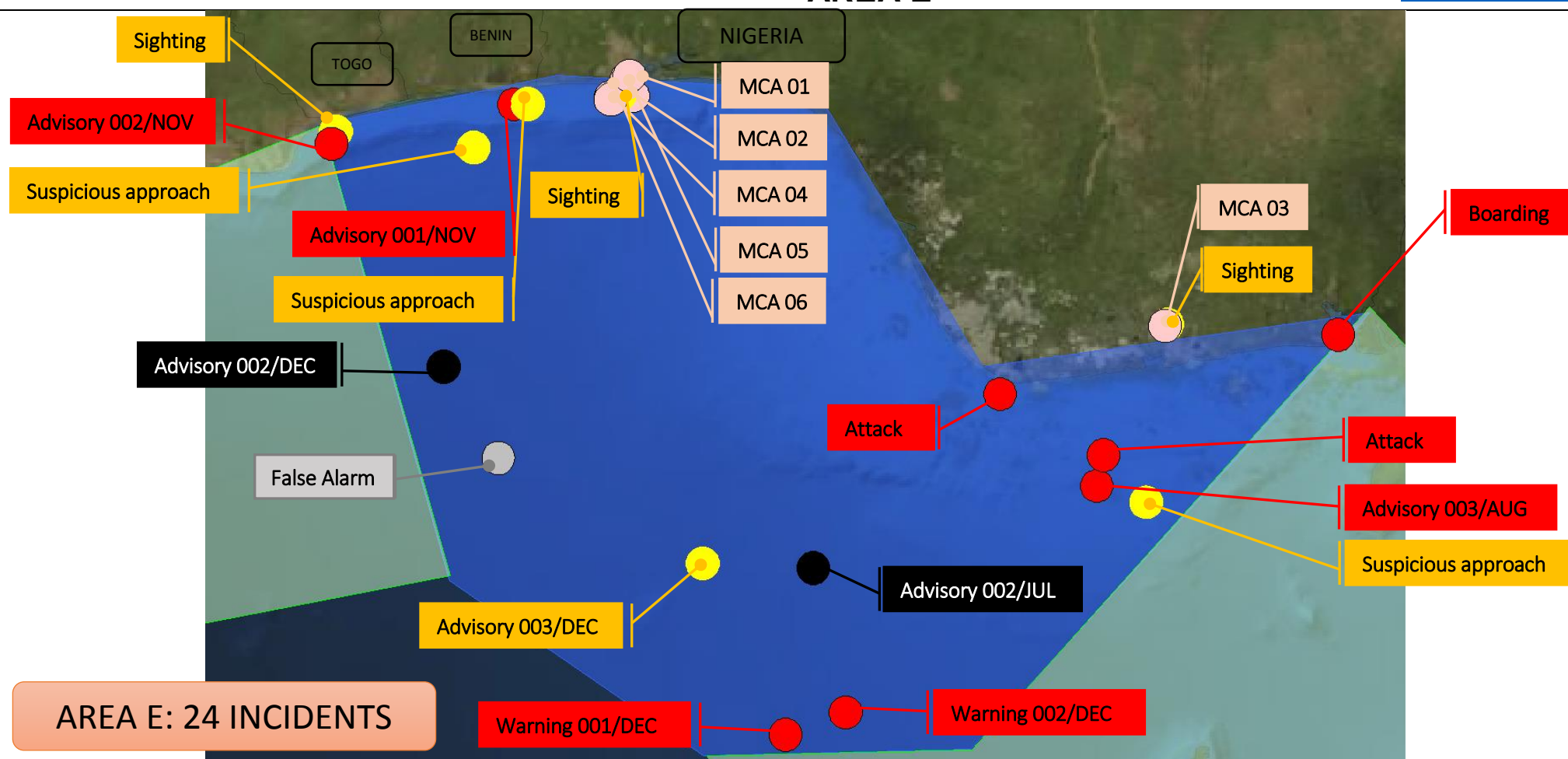
**Method Of Approach:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Personal Belongings and equipment stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-47, Monthly November 2019.

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Incident 56/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Hijack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	13 Jul. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	22:50
<b><u>Position</u></b>	02°58N – 004°40E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	236/11NM off Brass, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On the 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2250UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by one skiff with 6 armed POB in position 02°58N - 004°40E. They boarded the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and damaged all the navigational and communication equipments. After the leaving of the pirates, the crew managed to take back the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) to Tema Anchorage where it has been taken over by the Ghana Navy. Investigation are still ongoing.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Aggressive with one skiff

**Type of Vessel used:** Skiff.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Navigational and communication equipments damaged by gunshots.

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, CMC Area F, CMC AREA E, NIMASA, CRESMAO, GHANA NAVY HEAQUARTERS.

**MDAT Reference:** [Advisory 002/JUL/19, Weekly 19-29, Monthly July 2019.](#)

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Incident 58/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Sighting	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Undefined
<b><u>Date</u></b>	25 Jul. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	02:15
<b><u>Position</u></b>	06°03'35N – 001°17'36E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	173/4NM off Lome, TOGO
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On the 25<sup>th</sup> July at 0215UTC, whilst at anchorage, a duty officer noticed the approach of a fishing vessel with six persons on board and ropes inside the craft. He raised the alarm and the fishing vessel on hearing it moved away from the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Approach by night.

**Type of Vessel used:** Fishing vessel.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, CMC Area E, TOGO NAVY HEADQUARTERS.

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 19-31, Monthly July 2019.](#)

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Incident 60/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Boarding	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	28 Jul. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	14:45
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°37'12N – 008°22'24E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	171/24NM off Calabar, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On the 28<sup>th</sup> July, around 1445UTC, a passenger boat (**NAME WITHHELD**) sailing to Limbe from Calabar was attacked by 7 armed men around the position 04°37'12N - 008°22'24E. They robbed the passengers and moved away to the creeks. Crew and ship were reported safe.

**MDAT-GoG comment:** *This event happened in an area frequented by international maritime traffic. However, due to the type of incident and its location inside the Nigerian Territorial Waters, it is classified as a Maritime Crime Activity.*

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Approach by night.

**Type of Vessel used:** Fishing vessel.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, CMC Area D, Nigerian Navy.

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 19-31, Monthly July 2019.](#)

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Incident 61/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Sighting	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Undefined
<b><u>Date</u></b>	29 Jul. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	01:41
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°41'43N – 007°09'58E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	Onne Port, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	Berthed	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On the 29<sup>th</sup> July, at approx 0142 UTC, a supply vessel (**NAME WITHHELD**) berthed at Onne Port (FLT), was approached by a canoe with 2 POB (no weapons visible). The officer on duty detected the canoe and raised the alarm. The AB on duty on the deck moved towards the direction of the canoe and the canoe moved away. Port authority was informed. Vessel and ship were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Approach by night.

**Type of Vessel used:** Fishing vessel.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT.

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 19-31, Monthly July 2019.](#)

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Incident 70/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	17 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	04:45
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°33N – 006°40E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	210/60NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On the 17<sup>th</sup> August at 0415UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 03°33N-006°40E. Crew mustered in citadel. At 1848UTC, a Nigerian Navy ship arrived on scene, boarded the vessel and freed the crew.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Damage on the bridge window, cabin door breached, communication equipment stolen.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, Nigerian Authorities.

**MDAT Reference:** [Advisory 003/AUG](#), [Advisory 003/AUG Update 1](#), [Weekly 19-34](#) and [Monthly August 2019](#).

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Incident 71/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	22 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	Unknown
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°12N – 005°59E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	032/07NM off Akassa, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	Unknown	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On the 22<sup>nd</sup> August, the **AUNTY JULIE OIL PLATFORM** was attacked by four speed boats with armed men and ladders on board. An exchange of gunfire was reported between the assailants and the military personnel on board the platform. The pirates fled away. No damage or casualties were reported.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Aggressive with 4 boats.

**Type of Vessel used:** 4 speed boats.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, Nigerian Authorities.

**MDAT Reference:** [Monthly August 2019.](#)

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Incident 74/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Sighting	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	07 Sep. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	17:20
<b><u>Position</u></b>	06°19N – 003°17E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	180/5nm off Lagos Nigeria
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On the 07<sup>th</sup> September at 1720UTC the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) received instructions to await cargo surveyors to board (06°19'06"N 003° 17'49E). Later after a small vessel arrived at the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) vicinity with a small group of persons claiming to be the surveyors. The crew checked the ID, discovered that the documents were false. Their access was denied. Soon afterwards, the legitimate surveyor arrived. Ship and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown

**Method Of Approach:** Try to board with false documents

**Type of Vessel used :** Small vessel

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, RMRCC NIGERIA, RMRCC LAGOS, MMCC AREA E.

**MDAT Reference:** [Monthly September 2019.](#)

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<b><u>Category</u></b>	False Alarm	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	08 Sep. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	20:08
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°44'N – 002°27'E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	180/160nm off Cotonou Benin
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On the 08<sup>th</sup> September at 2008UTC the supply vessel (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a small boat in position 03°44'48N / 002°26'25E. The Captain established VHF contact with the suspicious boat, which informed him about their engine failure. The supply vessel continued her course without issue. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown

**Type of Vessel used:** Small boat not further specified

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, ICC, MMCC AREA D

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 19-37, Monthly September 2019.](#)

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Incident 79/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Suspicious Approach	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	21 Sep. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	08:55
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°26N – 003°26E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	1860/65nm off Bonny Nigeria
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not stated

**Description:** On the 21<sup>st</sup> September at 0855UTC, in position 03°25'39"N - 007°01'03"E, a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) spotted a skiff with 5 to 6 armed persons on board and bringing a ladder. While skiff failed to approach successfully, he left the area.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown

**Type of Vessel used :** Skiff

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, MOC Calabar, MOC Bonny, Port Harcourt

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 19-39, Monthly September 2019.](#)

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Incident 88/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	02 Nov. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	03:20
<b><u>Position</u></b>	06°15N – 002°33E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	126/9NM off Cotonou Benin
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not stated

**Description:** On the 02<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 at 0320UTC, an attack occurred on the bulk carrier (**NAME WITHHELD**) in position 06°14'54"N – 002°32'54"E. Once informed, Benin Navy sent a patrol to secure the MV.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Information withheld.

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, Local authorities of Benin, MOC Benin.

**MDAT Reference:** [ADVISORY 001/NOV/19 – ADVISORY 001/NOV/19 Update 1, Weekly 19-45, Monthly November 2019.](#)

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Incident 89/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	04 Nov. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	02:15
<b><u>Position</u></b>	05°58N – 001°16E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	030/10 nm Lome Anchorage, Togo
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Wind: NE – 3 Sea: NE - 2 SWELL: S 1.5 Meters

**Description:** On the 04<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 0215UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) in position 05°58.22N - 001°15.70E (Lome anchorage). During the attack, one armed guard has been injured by a gunshot (leg minor injury). Togolese Navy was informed and conducted a search by patrol boat in area.

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

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

**Type of Vessel used:** Wooden fishing boat.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Information withheld.

**Incident reported to:**

.MDAT, MOC LOME, Togolese navy.

**MDAT Reference:** [ADVISORY 002/Nov/19, Weekly 19-45, Monthly November 2019.](#)

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Incident 95/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Suspicious Approach	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	30 Nov. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	14:40
<b><u>Position</u></b>	06°15'06N – 002°38'45E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	114/14NM off Cotonou, BENIN
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 1440UTC, in position 06°15'06N-002°38'54E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by one skiff with 5 POB. After evaluating the ship's hardening measures and following the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**), they left the vicinity of the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The ship and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of event:** Approximately 1h20.

**Method Of Approach:** Aggressive.

**Type of Vessel used:** One skiff with 5 POB.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** None.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, MOC COTONOU, MCC AREA E, ICC.

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 19-49, Monthly November 2019.](#)

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Incident 97/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Hijack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	15 Dec. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	08:00
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°23'35N – 002°04'08E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	190/120NM off Cotonou, BENIN
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear

**Description:** On the 15th December at 0800UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) 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 (**NAME WITHHELD**).

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Information withheld.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, MOC LOME, MOC COTONOU.

**MDAT Reference:** [ADVISORY 002/DEC/19, Weekly 19-51, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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Incident 99/19

<b><u>Category</u></b> <b><u>Date</u></b>	Sighting 19 Dec. 19	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b> <b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	Not concerned 02:30
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°45'53S – 011°46'36E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	245/212NM off Bonny NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not stated

**Description:** On the 19th December at 0930UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a suspicious vessel towing a fast boat close to the position: 03°00N-003°53E.

**Duration of Attack:** Not concerned.

**Method Of Approach:** Not concerned.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, Area E.

**MDAT Reference:** [ADVISORY 003/DEC/19, Weekly 19-51, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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Incident 105/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	24 Dec. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	06:55
<b><u>Position</u></b>	00°47'00N – 004°28'00W	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	230/230NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear

**Description:** On the 24<sup>th</sup> December at 0655UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a skiff with 9 armed pirates on board in position 01°47'00N/004°28'00E. The MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) increased speed and after 30 minutes skiff left the area. Crew and vessel were reported safe.

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

**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:** [Warning 001/DEC/19, Weekly 19-52, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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Incident 107/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Suspicious Approach	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	29 Dec. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	19:48
<b><u>Position</u></b>	05°56'37N – 002°15'54E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	190/24NM off Cotonou, BENIN
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear

**Description:** On 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 1948UTC in position 05°56'37N 002°15'54E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported two speed boats with no light drifting in the area. While at 2NM distance, they began to chase and pursue the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) altered course and speed up in order to get opening bearing and distance. Ship 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:** [Weekly 20-01, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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Incident 108/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Boarding	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	30 Dec. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	00:50
<b><u>Position</u></b>	05°56'37N – 002°15'54E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	217/185NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear

**Description:** On 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 0050UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded in position 01°56'30N - 004°53'37E. The crew mustered in their locked cabins and later, the stowaway search showed no intruders were on board. 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:** Not stated.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, Area E.

**MDAT Reference:** [Warning 002/DEC, Weekly 20-01, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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<b><u>Category</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	30 Dec. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	01:14
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°46'00N – 006°43'43E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	192/35NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear

**Description:** On 30<sup>th</sup> December 19 at 0114UTC, a MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a skiff at position 03°46N - 006°43'43E. There was an exchange of fire between the security guards and pirates. After the exchange, the skiff moved away. 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:** Not stated.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, Area E.

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 20-01, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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## MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

## Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft

Event 59/19

**NIGERIA, Lagos**

**Description:** On the 26<sup>th</sup> July, during a routine round at 0330UTC, the duty officer had noticed an unauthorised person jumping overboard with a hose. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. The incident was reported to the Navy patrol boat in the vicinity. Ship (**NAME WITHHELD**) and crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-31, Monthly July 2019.

## Maritime Crime Activity 02: Robbery

Event 62/19

**NIGERIA, Lagos**

**Description:** On the 29<sup>th</sup> July, in position 06°25'56N - 003°20'56E at approximately 0310UTC, an AB has noticed the presence of 3 men armed with metal sticks on board the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). Once spotted, they threatened and slightly injured the AB and stole his personal belongings. They tried to open the store without success and decided to flee away. The alarm was raised after the 3 men left the vessel. Crew and ship were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Small boat.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** One crew injured and crew's belonging stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-31, Monthly July 2019.

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## Maritime Crime Activity 03: Theft

Event 66/19

**NIGERIA, Onne**

**Description:** On the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 0200UTC as she was in port in ONNE, NIGERIA, a supply vessel (NAME WITHHELD) was approached by two men on board a canoe. One of them managed to climb on board but was immediately spotted by the duty officer who raised the alarm. The Port security authorities were immediately informed. The first man ran away with the canoe and left the second alone on board the vessel which lead to his arrest by the local authorities.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-33, Monthly August 2019.

## Maritime Crime Activity 04: Theft

Event 80/19

**NIGERIA, Lagos**

**Description:** On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, while anchored in Lagos area, MT (NAME WITHHELD)'s duty watchman spotted 2 persons with a small hose on the deck and raised the alarm. One of the persons shouted and made a throwing action toward watchman who ran to accommodations. The Nigerian navy patrol boat, who was in area, was informed and immediately proceeded toward the vessel.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-39, Monthly September 2019.

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## Maritime Crime Activity 05: Theft

Event 81/19

**NIGERIA, Lagos**

**Description:** On the 05<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 0200UTC, while anchored in Lagos secured anchorage, three persons boarded a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) and were immediately spotted by the duty team. As soon as alarm was raised, persons escaped jumping over board. Tanker informed local authorities and a Nigerian patrol ship came for investigations around the vessel. Nothing found around, crew and tanker are safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-41, Monthly October 2019.

## Maritime Crime Activity 06: Robbery

Event 83/19

**NIGERIA, Apapa**

**Description:** On the 06<sup>th</sup> October at 2230UTC, while at berth in APAPA BOP TERMINAL, a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached from jetty side by two wooden boats manned with approx. 7/8 persons. The crew reacted immediately and raised the alarm. During their escape from the jetty one of the robbers shot at the crew with a firearm. A few hours later, on 07<sup>th</sup> October at 0212UTC, they tried a second attempt. Once again, the crew and jetty security guard pressured the thieves to retreat. No crew member was injured and the vessel was reported safe.

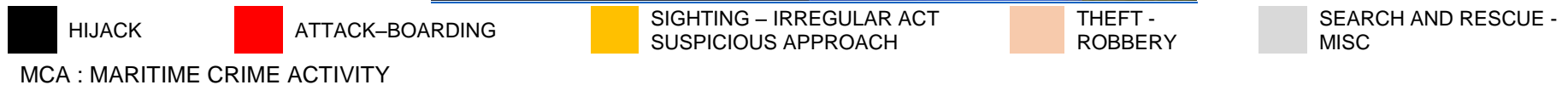
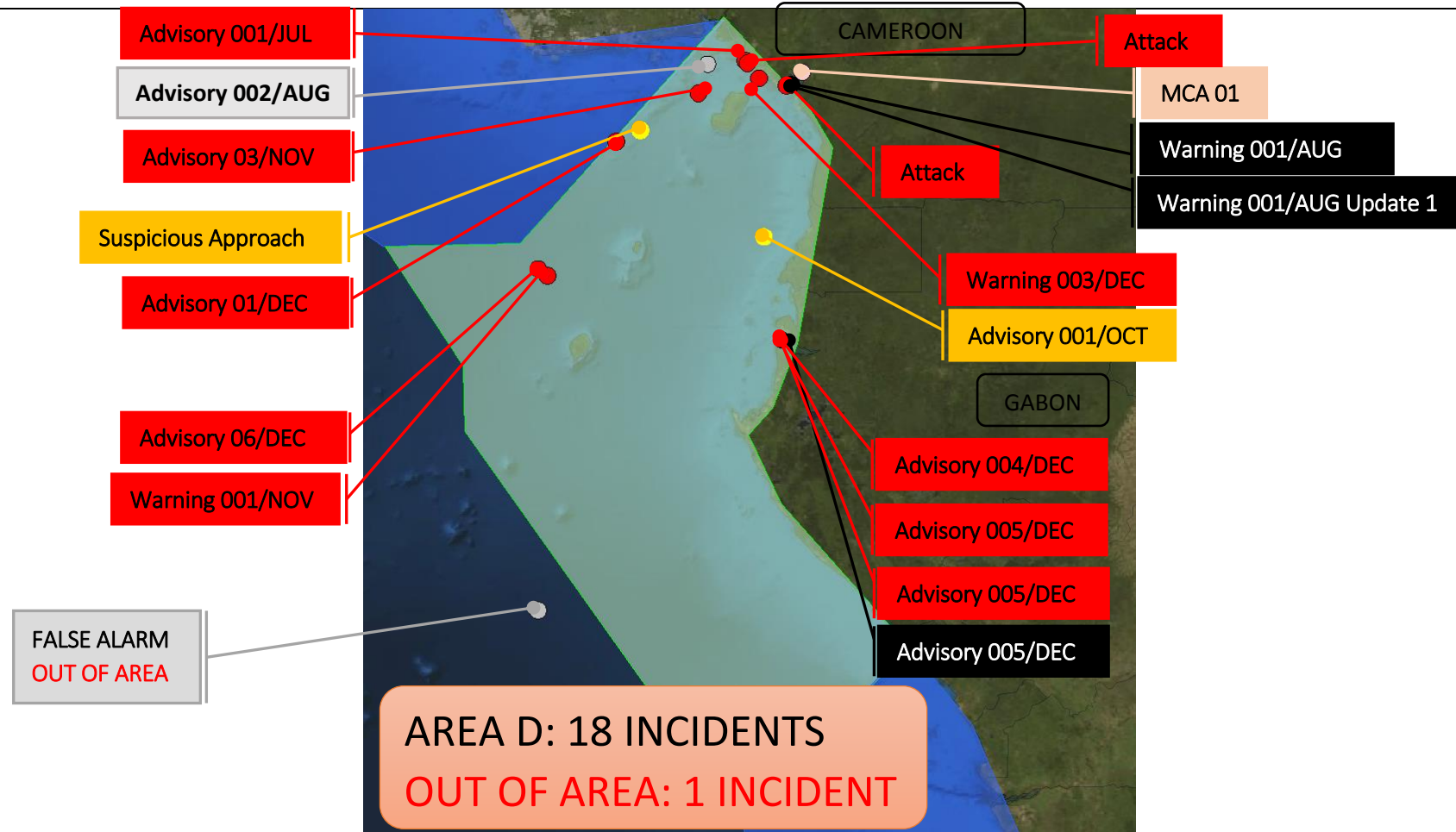
**Method Of Approach:** Small skiff

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-41, Monthly October 2019.

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Incident 55/19

<b><u>Category</u></b> <b><u>Date</u></b>	Boarding 08 Jul. 19	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b> <b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	Successful 19:15
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°12'30N – 008°53'24E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	302/22NM off Limbe, CAMEROON
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On the 08<sup>th</sup> July at 1915UTC, a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked at Bibundi Bay (position: 04°12.5N-008°53.4E) inside the Cameroon TTW. Vessel and crew were escorted by a Navy patrol boat to Bota harbour via Limbe.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Information withheld.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, CMC Area D, CRESMAC.

**MDAT Reference:** [Advisory 001/JUL/19, Weekly 19-28, Monthly July 2019.](#)

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Incident 64/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Suspicious Approach	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	07 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	15:00
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°14'42N – 007°26'40E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	171/85NM off Onne, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Undetermined

**Description:** At 1500UTC, in position 03°14'42N-007°26'40E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a speed boat. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**), immediately, raised the alarm and the armed guards closed up. Warning shot from armed guards. The speed boat came to stern and kept following for a while then stopped at range of 1NM before moving away from the MV. Ship and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Approach by the port quarter.

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

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT.

**MDAT Reference:** [Monthly August 2019.](#)

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Incident 67/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	False Alarm	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Not concerned
<b><u>Date</u></b>	14 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	10:50
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°09'36N – 008°22'30E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	175/50NM off Calabar, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear, Wind: SW-09KN, Sea: SW 5MT

**Description:** On the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 1050UTC, as she was sailing 50NM to the south of CALABAR, NIGERIA, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported to have sighted a suspicious craft approaching which opened fire on the vessel. The alarm was raised and all crew mustered in citadel. The tanker immediately increased to maximum speed. The craft finally aborted the approach. All crew and vessel was reported safe.

**MDAT-GoG comment:** After further investigation, the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was sailing in a restricted area for the navigation. The vessel may have been victim of friendly fire due to communication problems encountered by MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). A patrol vessel may have been considered as pirate boat as it was trying to get the merchant vessel to clear the area. This incident is declassified as FALSE ALARM.

**Duration of Attack:** 30 minutes.

**Method Of Approach:** Aggressive with gunshots fired.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Unknown.

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, CMC AREA D, MOC DOUALA, ERCC CALABAR, CRESMAO, MOC CALABAR.

**MDAT Reference:** [Advisory 002/AUG/19, Weekly 19-33, Monthly August 2019.](#)

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<b><u>Category</u></b>	Hijack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	15 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	01:18
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°52'40N – 009°31'12E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	Douala Anchorage, CAMEROON
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On 15<sup>th</sup> August at 0118UTC, at anchorage in position 03°52'40N-009°31'12E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by an unknown number of armed men (with AK47). The Cameroon Navy launched an operation to provide assistance to the MV.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Laptops stolen and gunshots impact found on the structure.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, MOC DOUALA, CMC AREA D.

**MDAT Reference:** [Warning 001/AUG, Weekly 19-33, Monthly August 2019.](#)

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Incident 69/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Hijack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	15 Aug. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	02:32
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°52'40N – 009°31'12E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	Douala Anchorage, CAMEROON
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On 15<sup>th</sup> August at 0232UTC, at anchorage in position 03° 52'40N-009°31'12E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was reported sending distress call on VHF 16. This distress call was relayed to MDAT-GOG. Shortly after the distress call, the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) didn't respond any more on VHF. The Cameroon Navy launched an operation to provide assistance to the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**).

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Unknown.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, MOC DOUALA, CMC AREA D.

**MDAT Reference:** [Warning 001/AUG Update 1, Weekly 19-33, Monthly August 2019.](#)

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<b><u>Category</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	13 Sep. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	22:00
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°10N – 008°55E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	298/21nm off Limboh Cameroon
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On the 13<sup>th</sup> September at about 2200UTC, in position 04°10'30N / 008°55'30E, while in fishing operation, the trawler (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been attacked by a skiff with 8 armed persons on board. Investigation by Cameroon authorities ongoing.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown

**Type of Vessel used:** Skiff

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Information withheld.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, ICC, MMCC AREA D

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 19-38, Monthly September 2019.](#)

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Incident 85/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	13 Oct. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	00:10
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°52N – 009°28E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	Douala anchorage, Cameroon
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 0010 UTC, a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by an unknown number of pirates on board a speed boat at the entrance of Wouri river in position 03°52N 009°28E. The pirates managed to board the vessel but the embarked Cameroonian Navy Armed Security Team confronted them. Gunfire were exchanged. The crew and the Armed security team were reported safe, without casualties.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown

**Type of Vessel used:** Skiff

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, MMCC AREA D, MOC DOUALA, CMC DOUALA

**MDAT Reference:** WEEKLY 19-42, Monthly October 2019.

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<b><u>Category</u></b> <b><u>Date</u></b>	Sighting 24 Oct. 19	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b> <b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	Not concerned 14:45
<b><u>Position</u></b>	01°46N – 009°09E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	152/70nm off Port Gentil Gabon
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not stated

**Description:** On the 24<sup>th</sup> October, the preliminary report received concerning a MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) suggested a possible hijack. However, after investigations by the relevant authorities and the deployment of Gabonese Patrol vessel, it was revealed that what had been presented at first as a piracy incident was an attempt by the crew to help some intruders to perpetrate an act of piracy on board.

**Duration of event :** 24 hours

**Method Of Approach :**Not applicable

**Type of Vessel used:** Not applicable

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, MOC LIBREVILLE

**MDAT Reference:** [Advisory 001/OCT/19, WEEKLY 19-43, Monthly October 2019.](#)

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Incident 90/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	07 Nov. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	00:28
<b><u>Position</u></b>	01°13'35N – 006°09'35E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	007/54nm off Sao Tome
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear, Wind: SW, 5-8kts, Smooth sea, Low swell

**Description:** On the 07<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 0015UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been attacked in position 01°13'35N – 006°09'35E (Sao Tome Island/ Northwest 54 nm) by a skiff with 5 to 6 armed men. After one hour of boarding tries and gunshots fire again the MT, the skiff ceased approach and escaped.

**Duration of event:** Approximately one hour.

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

**Type of Vessel used:** Dark colour hull, long aluminium ladder fixed on the deck.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Ships damage due to gunshot impacts.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, MOC SAO TOME.

**MDAT Reference:** [WARNING 001/NOV, Weekly 19-45, Monthly November 2019.](#)

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Incident 92/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Boarding	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	20 Nov. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	03:20
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°45'33N – 008°14'5E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	270/33NM off Malabo, EQUATORIAL GUINEA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On the 20<sup>th</sup> November at 0320UTC, an MV(**NAME WITHHELD**) had been attacked by two skiffs and boarded by an unknown number of pirates in position 03°45'33N- 008°14'5E. One Equatoguinean Navy ship was dispatched on scene and escorted the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) to Malabo Port.

**Duration of event:** Approximately one hour.

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

**Type of Vessel used:** Dark colour hull, long aluminium ladder fixed on the deck.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Ships damage due to gunshot impacts.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, MOC SAO TOME.

**MDAT Reference:** ADVISORY 003/NOV- ADVISORY 003/NOV Update1, Weekly 19-47, Monthly November 2019.

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Incident 94/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	False Alarm	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Not concerned
<b><u>Date</u></b>	23 Nov. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	19:10
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°25S – 006°01E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	225/200NM off Port Gentil, GABON (OUT OF AREA)
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 at 1910UTC, in position 03°25'42S - 006°01'36E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has reported a suspicious activity involving an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and 2 skiffs. It appeared after investigation, that the two skiffs were carrying lanterns, but no evidence of piracy equipment such as ladders or weapons were seen. The skiffs did not sustain their approach, and therefore MDAT assessed that they were part of a fishing group. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) closest to the skiffs did not report any suspicious activity, and was surprised to hear of the other MV's report. This event was classified as a false alarm.

**Duration of event:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach:** Not stated.

**Type of Vessel used:** Two skiffs carrying lanterns.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** None.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT.

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 19-48, Monthly November 2019.](#)

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Incident 96/19

<b><u>Category</u></b> <b><u>Date</u></b>	Boarding 03 Dec. 19	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b> <b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	Successful 18:20
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°05'30N – 007°06'40E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	180/80NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear

**Description:** On the 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 1820UTC, in position 03°05'30N – 007°06'40E, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been boarded by 10 armed pirates. The MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was escorted by a security vessel after the incident, while waiting to receive a crew complement.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown.

**Type of Vessel used:** Unknown.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Information withheld.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, RMRCC Lagos, Nigerian Navy.

**MDAT Reference:** [ADVISORY 001/DEC/19, Weekly 19-49, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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Incident 100/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Boarding	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	21 Dec. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	22:30
<b><u>Position</u></b>	00°19'30N – 009°23'42E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	Owendo Anchorage GABON
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear

**Description:** On the 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2230UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a skiff with armed pirates on board. They tried to board the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) without success. Ship and crew were reported safe.

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

**Method Of Approach:** Not stated.

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

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, Area D.

**MDAT Reference:** [ADVISORY 004/DEC/19, Weekly 19-52, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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Incident 101/19

<b><u>Category</u></b> <b><u>Date</u></b>	Boarding 22 Dec. 19	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b> <b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	Successful 02:00
<b><u>Position</u></b>	00°19'30N – 009°23'42E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	Owendo Anchorage GABON
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear

**Description:** On the 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 0200UTC, two fishing trawlers (**NAME WITHHELD**) were boarded by 6 or 7 armed pirates at Owendo Anchorage, GABON.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach:** Not stated.

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

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Information withheld.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, Area D.

**MDAT Reference:** [ADVISORY 005/DEC/19, Weekly 19-52, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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Incident 102/19

<b><u>Category</u></b> <b><u>Date</u></b>	Boarding 22 Dec. 19	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b> <b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	Successful 02:00
<b><u>Position</u></b>	00°19'30N – 009°23'42E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	Owendo Anchorage GABON
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear

**Description:** On the 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 0200UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 6 or 7 armed pirates at Owendo anchorage, GABON.

**Duration of Attack:** Not stated.

**Method Of Approach:** Not stated.

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

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Information withheld.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, Area D.

**MDAT Reference:** [ADVISORY 005/DEC/19, Weekly 19-52, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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Incident 103/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Hijack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Successful
<b><u>Date</u></b>	22 Dec. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	02:00
<b><u>Position</u></b>	00°19'30N – 009°23'42E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	Owendo Anchorage GABON
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear

**Description:** On 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 at approximately 0515 UTC, in position 0019.5N, 00923.7E, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was hijacked by the same group of pirates who has perpetrated the attack in Libreville. The ship was released the 23rd December at approximately 1935UTC in vicinity of CAMEROON.

**Duration of Attack:** More than 24 hours.

**Method of Approach:** Not stated.

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

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Information withheld.

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, Area D

**MDAT Reference:** [ADVISORY 005/DEC/19, Weekly 19-52, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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Incident 106/19

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	28 Dec. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	09:05
<b><u>Position</u></b>	01°19'00N – 006°02'00E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	230/230NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated

**Description:** On 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 0905UTC, in position 01°19N – 006°02E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a skiff with 10 armed pirates. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) performed evasive manoeuvres and both the ship and crew were reported safe.

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

**Method of Approach:** Aggressive with gun fires.

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

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, Area E.

**MDAT Reference:** [Advisory 006/DEC/19, Weekly 20-01, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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Incident 110/19

<b><u>Category</u></b> <b><u>Date</u></b>	Boarding 30 Dec. 19	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b> <b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	Successful 22:55
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°58N – 009°05E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	235/3NM off Limboh, CAMEROON
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not stated

**Description:** On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 at 0107 UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 03°58N - 009°05E, while at anchorage, by a speedboat manned by 6 armed men. During the attack, a crew member received a gunshot injury. The Cameroon Navy responded by sending a vessel to the anchorage.

**Duration of Attack:** Not Stated.

**Method of Approach:** Not Stated.

**Type of Vessel used:** One speedboat.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Information withheld.

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT, Area D.

**MDAT Reference:** [Warning 003/DEC/19, Weekly 20-01, Monthly December 2019.](#)

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## MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

## Maritime Crime Activity 01

Event 78/19

**CAMEROON, Douala**

**Description:** On the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 early in the morning and in night time, as the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was berthed in Douala, Cameroon, an unknown number of thieves managed to steal ship's properties in two ship stores. The facts were discovered during a routine round in the morning. An official protest was made by the ship to the authorities.

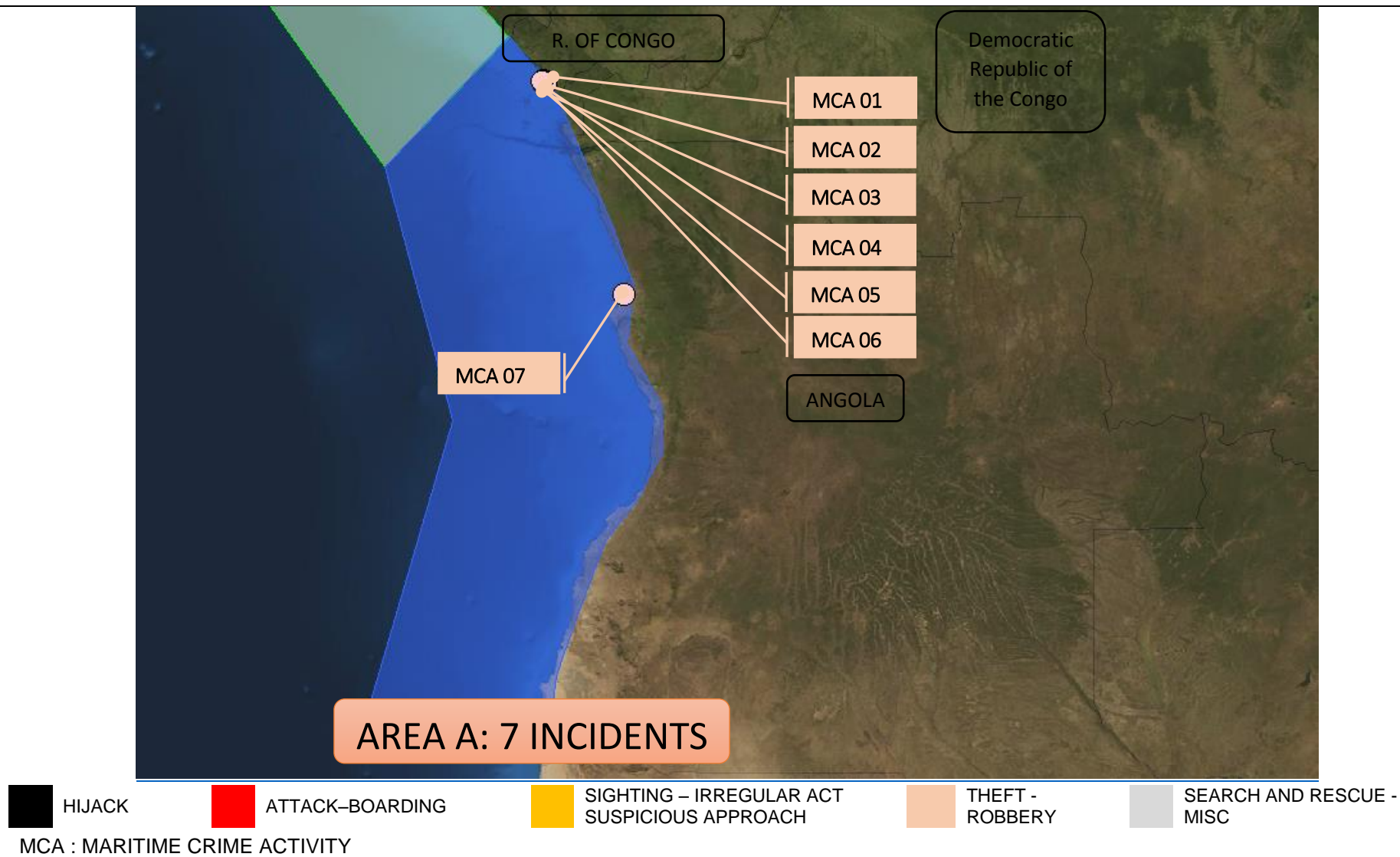
**Method Of Approach:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Some ship's properties have been stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Monthly September 2019.

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## Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft

Event 54/19

## REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, Pointe Noire

**Description:** On the 07<sup>th</sup> July at 0330UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by two unarmed persons while at Pointe-Noire anchorage (04°44S - 011°47E). They stole two ropes and fled in a white skiff. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Use of white skiff armed with Yamaha motors.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Two ropes stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-28, Monthly July 2019.

## Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft

Event 73/19

## REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, Pointe Noire

**Description:** On the 04<sup>th</sup> September at 0400UTC at Pointe Noire anchorage (04°47'28S - 011°47'40E) unauthorised men were observed on board an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) by the security team. The alarm was raised and a search investigation was set by the crew without finding any intruder. Crew and ship were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Crew and vessel were reported safe.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-36, Monthly September 2019.

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## Maritime Crime Activity 03: Theft

Event 84/19

**REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, Pointe Noire**

**Description:** The 08<sup>th</sup> October at 2240UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a theft while at anchorage in Pointe Noire. Duty team spotted a robber on fore deck and raised alarm, causing the person to flee. A second robber was waiting in a small wooden fishing vessel without engine. Some properties of the ship have been reported missing.

**Method Of Approach:** small wooden fishing boat without engine

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Crew reported safe and some vessel properties stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-42, Monthly October 2019.

## Maritime Crime Activity 04: Theft

Event 86/19

**REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, Pointe Noire**

**Description:** On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at about 0320 UTC, while at Pointe Noire Anchorage area, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been boarded by unknown sea robbers. The robbery was discovered during a rounding security patrol.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** An old mooring rope and other ship's equipment were reported stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-43, Monthly October 2019

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## Maritime Crime Activity 05: Theft

Event 91/19

**CONGO, Pointe Noire**

**Description:** On the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019, at 0230UTC, at POINTE NOIRE anchorage area, CONGO, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by one person. The crew sighted a small skiff drifting close to the vessels port side and manned by one single person. A subsequent search made on the vessel found that two mooring ropes were missing from the poop deck.

**Method Of Approach:** Small Skiff with two persons.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Two mooring ropes stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Monthly November 2019.

## Maritime Crime Activity 06: Theft

Event 98/19

**CONGO, Pointe Noire**

**Description:** On the 17<sup>th</sup> December at 0230UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) 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.

**Method Of Approach:** silent approach with a wooden boat (canoe like) equipped with an outboard engine.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Portable grinder, welding machine and deck rope stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 19-51, Monthly December 2019.

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## Maritime Crime Activity 07: Theft

Event 111/19

**ANGOLA, Luanda**

**Description:** On the 31<sup>st</sup> December at 0630UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 3 thieves in position 08°42'30S – 013°16'50E. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Not stated.

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

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 20-01, Monthly December 2019.