



MDAT-GoG Monthly Report 11/2019 November

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. Phone number is monitored permanently (+33 (0)298 22 88 88).

Any queries regarding ADVISORY NOTICES ring: +33 (0)298 22 88 88, 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.

Masters are encouraged to comply with [Global Counter Piracy Guidance](#) during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

8 events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for November 2019, Serials 88/19 to 95/19.

Fair winds and following seas!

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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.

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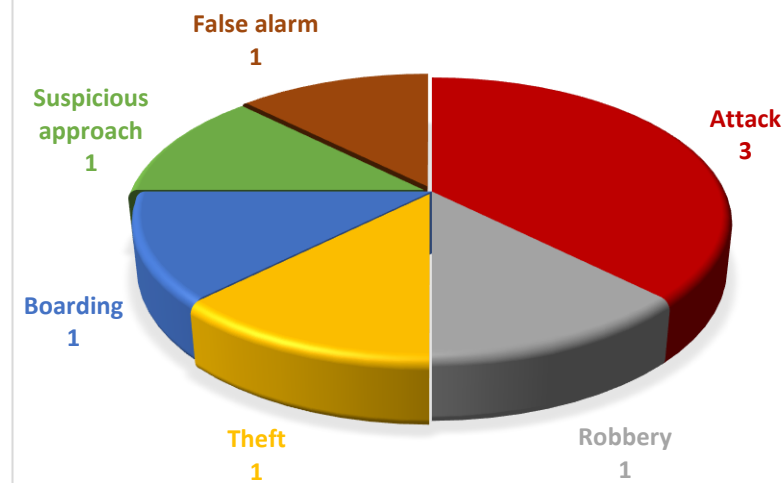
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Phones and mail are monitored 24/7. Both French and English are spoken.

MONTHLY STATISTICS: NOVEMBER 2019

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INCIDENTS

**INCIDENTS reported**

- Hijack: 0
- Attack: 3
- Boarding: 1
- Susp. approach: 1
- Robbery: 1
- Theft: 1
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 0
- False alarm: 1

NOTICES

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ADVISORIES:	Date of issue	Classification and comments
4 issued		

001/NOV/19	02/11/2019	Attack
002/NOV/19	04/11/2019	Attack
003/NOV/19	20/11/19	Attack
003/NOV/19 update 1	20/11/19	Boarding

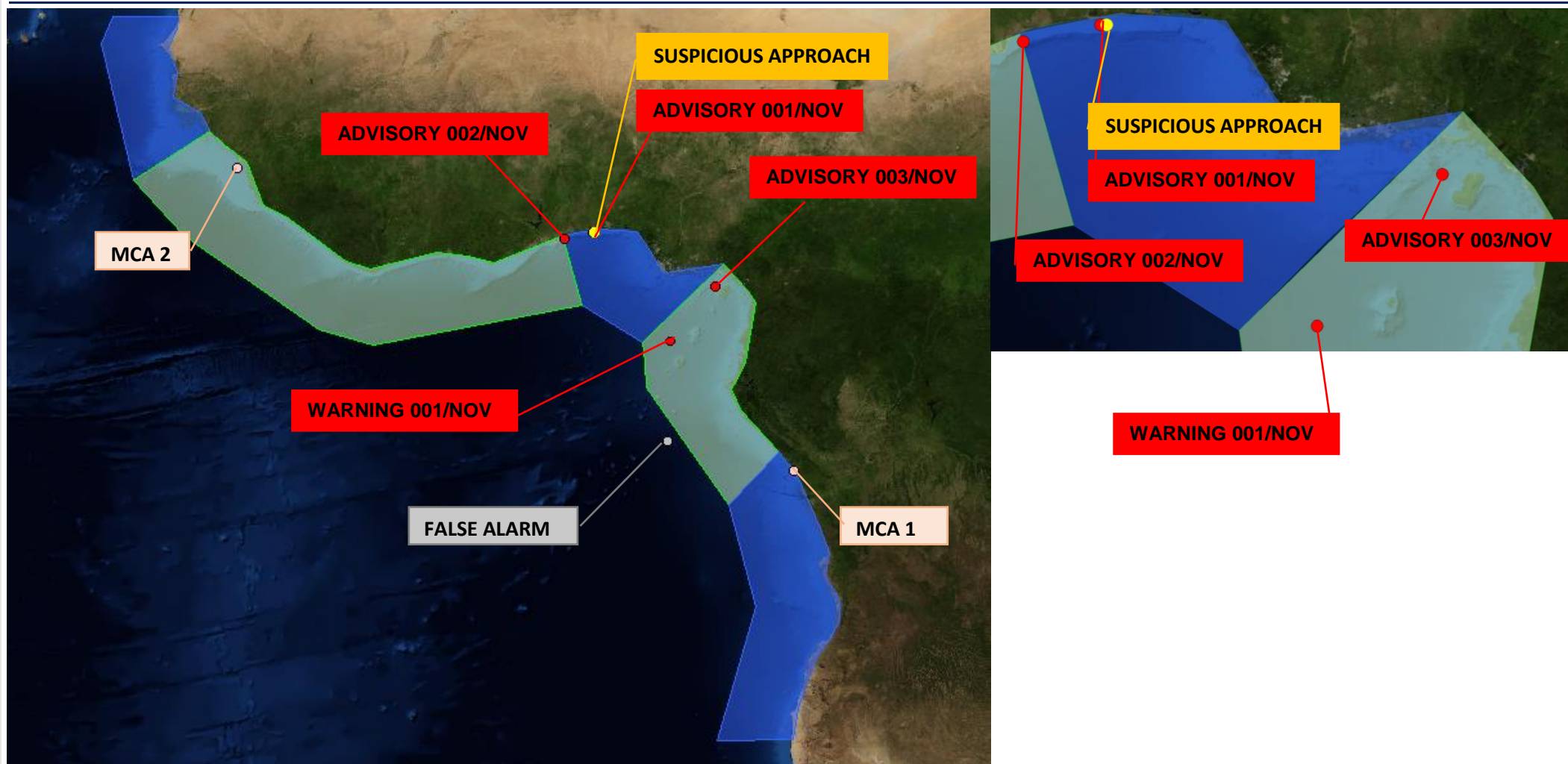
WARNINGS	Date of issue	Classification and comments
1 issued		

01/NOV/19	07/11/19	Attack
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DRILL EXERCISE	Date	Company
6 issued		

001	05/11/19	PRIME MARINE
002	14/11/19	MARINE TRUST LTD
003	15/11/19	PRIME MARINE
004	19/11/19	MEGUSTA SHIPPING
005	25/11/19	COSCO BULK
006	29/11/19	COSCO BULK

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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MCA : MARITIME CRIME ACTIVITY

UNCLASSIFIED – INDUSTRY RELEASE

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

DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 19/088

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

Description: On 02nd November 2019 at 0320UTC, an attack occurred on the bulk carrier (**NAME WITHHELD**) in position 06°14'54"N – 002°32'54"E (126°/Cotonou, BENIN/9NM). 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: Not stated.

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.](#)

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Incident 19/089

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

Description: On 04th 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: Not stated.

Incident reported to:

.MDAT, MOC LOME, Togolese navy.

MDAT Reference: [ADVISORY 002/Nov/19 - Weekly 19/45.](#)

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Incident 19/090

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

Description: On the 07th 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 and Weekly 19/45](#)

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Incident 19/092

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

Description: On the 20th 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: Two skiffs.

Type of Vessel used: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Unknown.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, CRESMAC, MCC AREA D.

MDAT Reference: [ADVISORY 003/NOV- ADVISORY 003/NOV Update1 and Weekly 19/47](#)

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Incident 19/094

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

Description: On 23rd 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](#)

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Incident 19/095

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

Description: On the 30th 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**). MV 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](#)

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY REPORT

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01

Event 19/91

CONGO, Pointe Noire

Description: On the 13th 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: Nil.

Maritime Crime Activity 02

Event 19/93

GUINEA, Conakry

Description: On the 21st 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