



MDAT-GOG Monthly Report November - 11/2020

Number of events reported:
18



BMP
West Africa



Global Counter
Piracy Guidance

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 when their vessel will be 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 [Best Management Practices West Africa \(BMP WA\)](#) and [Global Counter Piracy Guidance](#) and with during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

Eighteen events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for November 2020, Serials 099/20 to 116/20.

Fair winds and following seas!

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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.

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

MONTHLY STATISTICS : NOVEMBER 2020

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7 issued

	Date of issue	Classification and comments
001	07/11/20	Suspicious Approach
002	09/11/20	Suspicious Approach
003	09/11/20	Suspicious Approach
004	09/11/20	Attack
005	16/11/20	Boarding
006	17/11/20	Irregular Activity
007	30/11/20	Boarding

WARNINGS
21 issued

	Date of issue	Classification and comments
01	04/11/20	Attack in progress
01 – Update 1	04/11/20	Boarding
02 + Update 1	07/11/20	Boarding
03 – Update 1 + 2	11/11/20	Attack
04	13/11/20	Boarding
04 – Update 1	14/11/20	Boarding
05	17/11/20	Suspicious Approach
06	17/11/20	Boarding (supersedes Advisory 006)
06 – Update 1 - 8	18/11/20 – 23/11/20	Boarding
007	26/11/20	Boarding
007 – Update 1	27/11/20	Boarding

NOTICES
0 issued

Date of issue

Source

DRILL EXERCISE
12 issued

Date

Company

	Date	Company
1	02/11/20	AIMS SHIPPING CORP
2	07/11/20	SCORPIO MARINE Management
3	11/11/20	SEASPAN Ship Management LTD
4	12/11/20	MIDEAST Ship Management
5	12/11/20	CARBOFIN SpA
6	15/11/20	SEASPAN Ship Management LTD
7	16/11/20	SEASPAN Ship Management LTD
8	18/11/20	COSCO Shipping Bulk Co LTD
9	19/11/20	Anglo-Eastern Ship Management
10	20/11/20	COSCO Shipping Bulk Co LTD
11	25/11/20	Central Mare Inc
12	27/11/20	COSCO Shipping Bulk Co LTD

INCIDENTS reported

- Hijack: 0
- Attack: 3
- Boarding: 7
- Attempted Boarding: 0
- Susp. approach: 4
- Robbery: 2
- Theft: 2
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 0
- False alarm: 0

NOTICES

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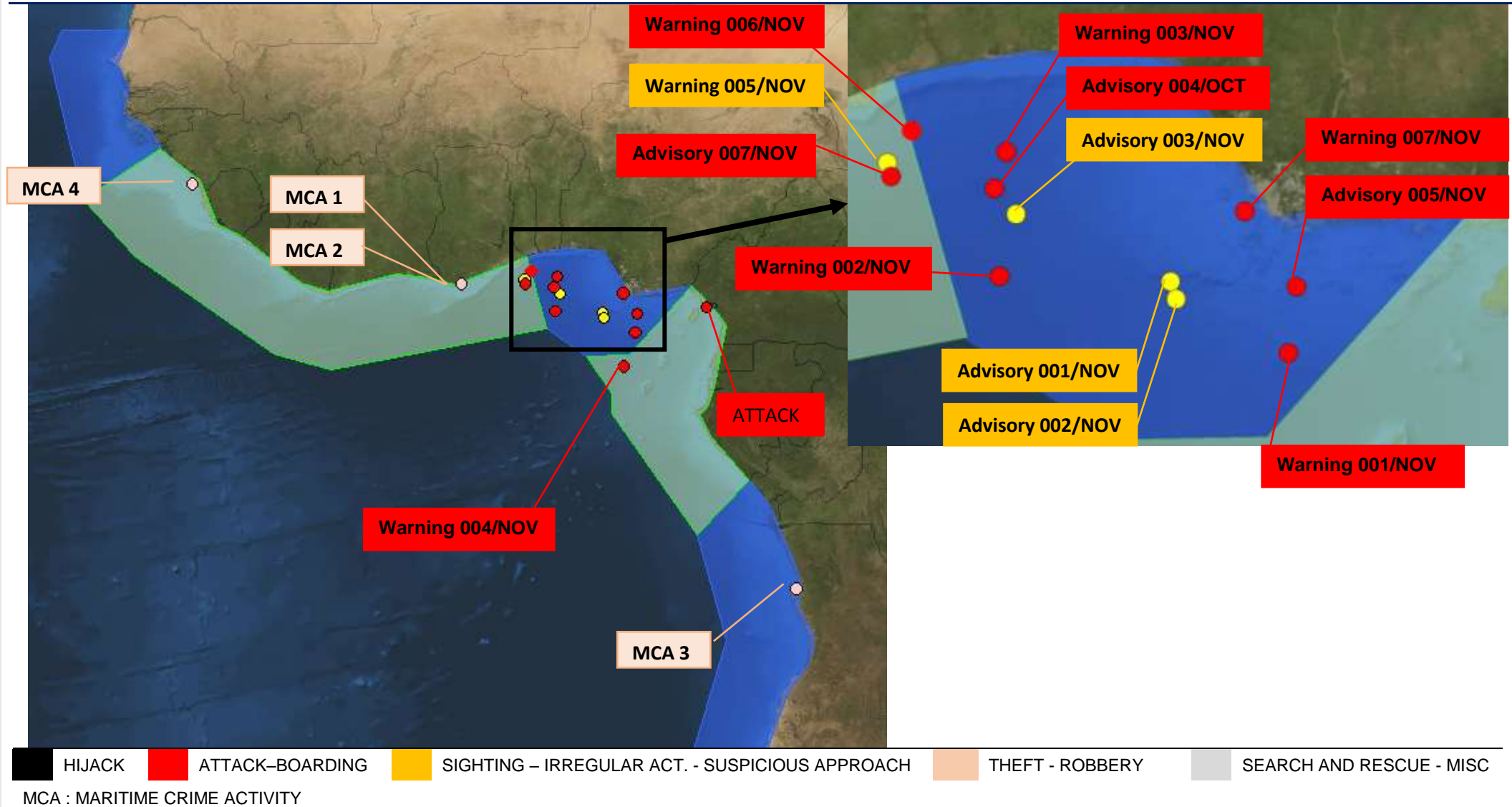
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Incident 099/20

<u>Category Date</u>	Boarding 04 Nov. 20	<u>Status of Incident Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 05:49
<u>Position</u>	02°43N – 006°02E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	214/120NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Calm and clear

Description: On the 04th November at 0549 UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by seven armed attackers. The crew mustered in citadel. The attackers damaged and stole bridge equipment before fleeing. The ship and crew were reported safe and proceeded to their next port of call, escorted by the Nigerian Navy and Cameroonian Navy.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 4 hours 30 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive.

Type of Vessel used: Skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Items damaged and stolen.

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

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/NOV](#), [Warning 001/NOV update 1](#) and [Weekly 45-20](#).

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Incident 100/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 07 Nov. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 06:20
<u>Position</u>	03°40N – 002°30E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	172/170NM off Cotonou, BENIN
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear, Wind S*4; Sea 0.7M

Description: On 07th November at 0640 UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by unknown number of armed attackers. The alarm was quickly raised by the bridge look-out and the crew mustered in the citadel. On the basis of information provided by MDAT-GOG, an Italian Navy Ship sailing in vicinity dispatched helicopters in order to assist and secure the area. The Italian warship reported that the MV and crew were safe. A Nigerian Navy ship was also dispatched in order to escort the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**).

Duration of Attack: Approximately 13 hours 30 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive.

Type of Vessel used: Blue skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Stores and crew's belongings reported stolen.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D, Area E, Italian Navy.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 002/NOV](#), [Warning 002/NOV update 1](#) and [Weekly 46-20](#).

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Incident 101/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Suspicious Approach 07 Nov. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 16:20
<u>Position</u>	03°36N – 004°36E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	253/161NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear Wind Direction: SW Wind Speed: 2 KNT Swell Height: 2.5 M SLIGHT SEA

Description: On 07th November at 1620UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a skiff with seven armed people on board. The crew mustered in the citadel, and the on board security guards fired warning shots on the suspicious skiff, which resulted in the attackers to abort their pursuit. Crew and vessel were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 10 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive.

Type of Vessel used: Black skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area F, Area E, Italian Navy.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 001/NOV and Weekly 46-20.](#)

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Incident 102/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Suspicious Approach 08 Nov. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 21:40
<u>Position</u>	03°23N – 004°40E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	248/160NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear Swell height: 1.3m Wind: 12Kts S/SW

Description: On 08th November at 2140UTC, a Research Vessel (RV) (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a skiff with 4 POB. The Nigerian Navy guard on the escort vessel fired warning shots resulting the suspicious skiff to withdraw. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Few minutes.

Method Of Approach: silent without navigational lights.

Type of Vessel used: Dark colour skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 002/NOV and Weekly 46-20.](#)

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Incident 103/20

<u>Category</u>	Suspicious Approach	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	09 Nov. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	06:30
<u>Position</u>	04°26N – 002°42E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	172/116NM off Cotonou, BENIN
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear

Description: On 09th November at 0630UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported that a skiff with 7-8 armed persons on board approached them to a CPA of 0.7NM. The crew mustered in citadel and the Beninese navy guards on board fired warning shots. After 20 minutes, the skiff left the vicinity.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 20 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Very careful to observe the MV before the approach phase.

Type of Vessel used: Black rigid speed boat (9M length).

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 003/NOV and Weekly 46-20.](#)

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Incident 104/20

<u>Category</u>	Attack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	09 Nov. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	20:28
<u>Position</u>	04°45N – 002°26E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	193/98NM off Cotonou, BENIN

<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear, Wind - SW3, Sea SW2, Swell – 1.0 m
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Description: On 09th November at 2028UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported they were under attack by 1 skiff. The crew mustered in the citadel whilst the Master and bridge team carried out evasive manoeuvring. The skiffs aborted the attack. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 1 hour.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive with shooting several time on bridge area.

Type of Vessel used: Black skiff with one white line.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's damage due to gunshots.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 004/NOV and Weekly 46-20.](#)

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Incident 105/20

<u>Category</u>	Attack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	11 Nov. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	01:00
<u>Position</u>	05°12N – 002°35E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	173/70NM off Cotonou, BENIN

<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear sky, good visibility, Wind - SE3, Sea SE3, Swell – 1.0 m
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Description: On 11th November at 0119UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported that a skiff with approximately 8 armed persons on board, approached them to within 1 NM. The persons fired gunshots at the vessel, and attempted to board it but failed. After 1 hour and 35 minutes the skiff aborted the attack, and left the vicinity. Ship and crew reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 1 hour 35 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive with shooting several time on bridge and accommodation area.

Type of Vessel used: Black skiff.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's damage due to gunshots.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 003/NOV](#), [Warning 003/NOV-Update 1+2](#) and [Weekly 46-20](#).

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Incident 107/20

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	13 Nov. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	14:55
<u>Position</u>	01°11N – 005°33E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	315/77NM off Sao Tome, STP

<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated
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Description: On the 13th November at 1455UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers. During the attack, a crewmember was reported wounded by gunshots. The incident was immediately reported by MDAT-GOG to Sao Tome COAST GUARDS and all concerned authorities. One Portuguese (cease to Sao Tome), one Spanish and one Italian navy ship were dispatched in order to assist and secure the area. The Italian navy ship has proceed to the medical evacuation of the wounded crew member. The ship was after escorted to Luba.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D, Area E, Spanish Navy, Italian Navy, Sao Tome Coast guard.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 004/NOV](#), [Warning 004/NOV-Update 1](#) and [Weekly 47-20](#).

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Incident 108/20

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	16 Nov. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	04:00
<u>Position</u>	03°32N – 006°09E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	192/45NM off Brass, NIGERIA

<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated
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Description: On the 16th November at 0400UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 7-8 armed attackers. The local authorities were informed.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

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

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 005/NOV and Weekly 47-20.](#)

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Incident 109/20

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	16 Nov. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	04:00
<u>Position</u>	05°28N – 001°25E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	097/85NM off Tema, GHANA

<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated
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Description: On the 16th November at 0540UTC, Hellenic coastguards reported the loss of communications with an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). Two days after, the both agencies have received the information that the attackers are still on board of the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst adrift inside the Ghanaian EEZ. Local authorities have been informed about the situation. MDAT-GOG have received on the 23rd November that the attackers have left the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). An Italian frigate (**FEDERICO MARTINENGO**) provided assistance to relocate the MT and a Nigerian Navy ship (**NNS EKULU**) was dispatched in order to secure and escort the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) to Lagos.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area E, Area F, Italian Navy.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 006/NOV](#), [Warning 006/NOV](#), [Warning 006/NOV update 1 to Update 8 and Weekly 47-20](#).

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Incident 110/20

<u>Category</u>	Suspicious Approach	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	17 Nov. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	04:35
<u>Position</u>	05°04N – 001°07E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	117/74NM off Tema, GHANA

<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Cloudy Skies, Good Visibility Wind: SSW/3 Sea: SSW/2
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Description: On the 17th November at 0435UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by one skiff at 0.5NM with an unknown number of people on board. The crew and ship were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

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

MDAT Reference: [Warning 005/NOV and Weekly 47-20.](#)

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Incident 111/20

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	26 Nov. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	12:58
<u>Position</u>	04°28N – 005°31E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	180/53NM off Burutu, NIGERIA

<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated.
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Description: On the 26th November at 1258UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 8 armed attackers. The local authorities have been informed.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E/D, C4I.

MDAT Reference: [Warning 007/NOV and Weekly 48-20.](#)

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Incident 114/20

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	29 Nov. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	21:10
<u>Position</u>	04°54N – 001°10E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	123/82NM off Tema, GHANA

<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Calm.
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Description: On the 29th November at 2110UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by 6 armed attackers. The crew managed to inform MDAT at 0130UTC when the attackers left the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). The Togolese navy has been informed about the incident.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 5 hours.

Method Of Approach: Approach by starboard side at high speed.

Type of Vessel used: Wooden high speed.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Togo, MCC AREA E.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 007/NOV](#) and [Weekly 49-20](#).

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Incident 116/20

<u>Category</u>	Attack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	30 Nov. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	00:50
<u>Position</u>	04°54N – 001°10E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	168/10NM off Limboh, CAMEROON

<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Calm.
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Description: On the 30th November at 0050UTC, a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by a speed boat with armed men on board. The armed security team on board and the assailants have exchanged gunshots fires. Two casualties were reported on the security team and an unknown numbers of attackers were reported injured.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Speed boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: 2 armed security guards wounded.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D, Cameroon Navy.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 49-20.](#)

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft

Event 106/20

GHANA, Takoradi

Description: On the 13th November at 0212UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported theft whilst located in Takoradi Ghana anchorages (04°53N – 001°42W). During a security round, it was noticed that ship's equipment had been stolen by unknown personnel. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Through hawse pipe.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's equipment reported stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 47-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 02: Robbery

Event 112/20

GHANA, Takoradi

Description: On the 27th November at 0140UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported to MDAT an attempted robbery that occurred in Takoradi Anchorage (04°53N – 001°41W). Duty officer found two unknown persons on board during a safety round. The alarm was raised resulting in the intruders leaving the vessel. Nothing was reported stolen. Crew and vessel are reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Nil.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 48-20.

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 03: Theft

Event 113/20

ANGOLA, Luanda

Description: On the 29th November, whilst at Luanda anchorage (08°46S – 013°15E), an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a theft occurred during the night. The theft was discovered after some items were reported missing and was then, confirmed by CCTV review. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's equipment reported stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 49-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 04: Robbery

Event 115/20

GUINEA, Conakry**Description:**

On the 30th November at 0300UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a robbery whilst at Conakry anchorage. Six armed intruders climbed on board and stole crew's belonging before leaving. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Climb on board with the help of hook and ropes.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: The crew was neutralized and crew's belongings were reported stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 49-20.