



# MDAT – GoG

## Weekly Report 03-20

10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### INCIDENT DISPOSITION

### IN THIS ISSUE

## OVERVIEW

### INFORMATION TO READ

MDAT – GoG reports are primarily based upon information sent by vessels using the Voluntary Reporting Scheme. Masters and CSOs are encouraged to report as early as possible, events or sightings with as much detail as possible to allow MDAT-GOG to initiate the appropriate response.

**Sometimes incomplete reports cause delay to the issue of Warnings or Advisories and our ability to contact Local Law Enforcement assets for assistance. Masters are requested to call MDAT-GoG (+33 298 228888) at the time of any incident occurring. This phone number is monitored permanently (24/7).**

It is requested the Masters contact MDAT-GoG as soon as possible to facilitate quick actions by the MDAT-GoG and their regional contacts.

Details can be found on SHOM Chart 8801CSD or UKHO Chart Q6114, 30 June 2016, to allow them 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)

Companies / Ships Exercises: MDAT-GOG would like to extend an invitation to Companies / CSOs to be included in Company led exercises/drills. Please do not hesitate to contact the MDAT-GOG in advance of the exercise. The Exercise telephone number is +33 298 221302. As this keeps the Live Emergency Line free.

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

### CONTACT

Contact the MDAT-GoG:

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Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 88 88 (emergency)

Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 13 02 (exercise)

**Phones and mail are monitored 24/7.**

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

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### ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

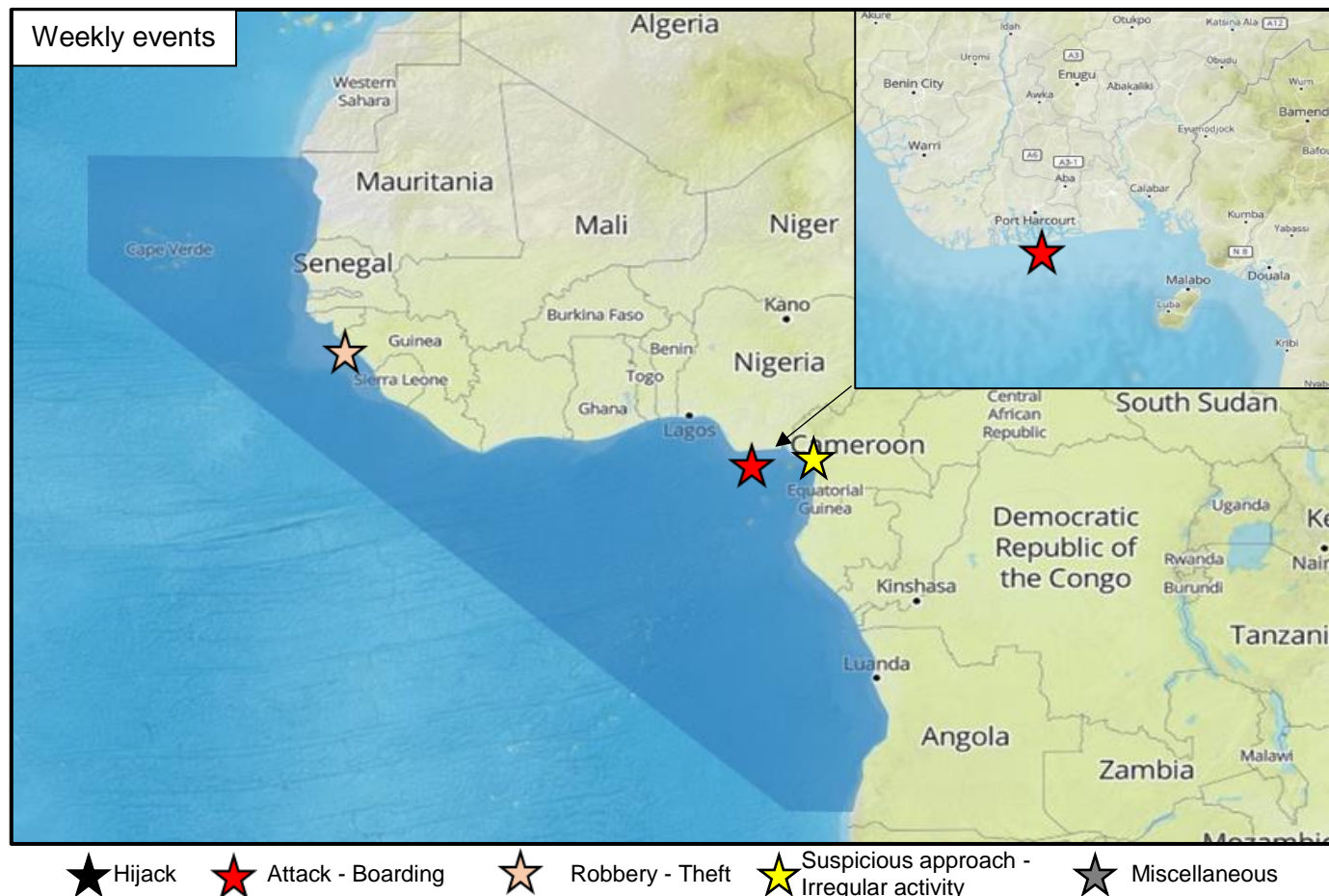
[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)

[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

[Global Counter Maritime](#)

***Fair winds and following seas!***



Type	Date	Brg/Rge from nearest port	Summary of event
Miscellaneous	15 <sup>TH</sup> January 2020	Banjul anchorage, GAMBIA	<p>On arrival in Banjul Gambia from San Pedro Ivory Coast Stowaway discovered a tug (<b>NAME WITHHELD</b>) who was underway with a barge (<b>NAME WITHHELD</b>) in tow.</p> <p>On arrival in Gambia we discovered a stowaway on the unmanned barge. NOT seen during towage of barge on 800 mtr towing length for almost 12 days.</p> <p>Formalities informed in Banjul, They took care of the man and repatriated him back to his country of origin, Ghana.</p> <p>Man foreseen with food, water and clean clothes. Most probably came on board by kano outside port of San Pedro after inspection by Bargemaster who went of the barge at departure.</p> <p><b>MDAT-GOG Comment:</b> Nil</p>
Suspicious approach	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Douala anchorage CAMEROON	<p>On 15th January at 0424Z, as she was anchored in DOUALA inner anchorage in position 03°54'19N 009°33'15E, a tanker (<b>NAME WITHHELD</b>) was approached. The suspicious boat (red hull) and manned by 4 persons, initially made an approach towards the starboard side, amidships of the tanker. Upon seeing the security guard, the boat changed course towards the stern of the vessel.</p>

			<p>The security guard made a number of attempts to signal to the boat to stop approach without success. The security guard then fired a warning shot resulting in the boat aborting its approach. Cameroon navy guard was informed of the incident. The vessel and the crew were reported safe.</p> <p><b>MDAT-GOG Comment:</b> Nil</p>
<b>Attack</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	200/50nm from Bonny, NIGERIA	<p>On 16 JAN 2020 at 2057 UTC in position 03 38.0N 006 40.2E a small craft attacked a tanker vessel (<b>NAME WITHHELD</b>). Five pirates were spotted onboard the skiff and tried to board to the merchant vessel. As the pirate boat came alongside the vessel, the armed guards on board opened warning fire. The intruders then fled away. During attack the vessel activated "SSAS" and "DISTRESS" alerts. The crew and the security team were reported safe. The vessel proceeded to CALABAR port at full speed.</p> <p><b>MDAT-GOG Comment:</b> this event refers to Advisory 001/JAN/20.</p>

## WEEKLY EVENTS

- (1) **Hijack:**  
Nil incidents reported.
- (2) **Attack:**  
One incidents reported.
- (3) **Boarding:**  
Nil incident reported.
- (4) **Suspicious approach:**  
One incidents reported.
- (5) **Robbery – Sea theft:**  
Nil incident reported.
- (6) **Sighting – Irregular activity:**  
Nil incidents reported.

## WARNINGS

Nil WARNING Notice issued this week

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## ADVISORIES

One ADVISORY Notice issued this week

**Advisory 001/JAN/2020**

1. **Category:** ATTACK
2. **Description:** On 16th January 2020 at 2057UTC in position 0338N 00640E (approximately 200/50NM from Bonny, NIGERIA), an MV was attacked by a small boat with 5 POB. AST fired warning shots and the boat retreated. Vessel and crew are SAFE.
3. **Source:** Reported to MDAT-GoG by phone.

## MARITIME CRIME

Nil Maritime Crime Activity reported this week

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## NOTES

Any queries regarding Advisory Notices ring: 0033 298 22 88 88 only, for further information. ADVISORIES are not classified as Maritime Security Events and have not been verified by MDAT-GoG. This information is provided to inform maritime situational

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awareness for mariners operating in the region. MDAT-GoG is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

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Sea State Forecast w/c 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020