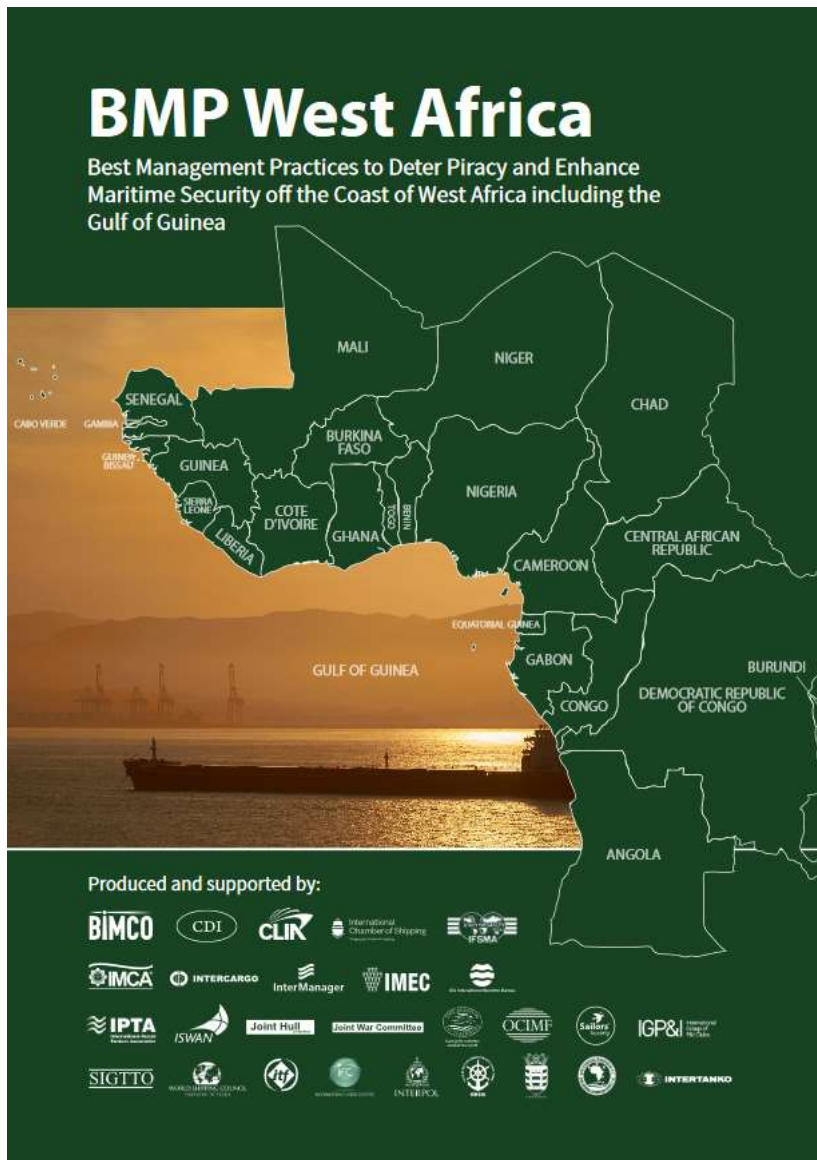


BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTISES WEST AFRICA



Industry organisations, supported by government and military organisations, have worked together to produce a new publication **“Best Management Practises West Africa”**.

This document will help maritime companies and mariners to risk assess voyages and detect/deter/delay external threats to their safety during their presence in West Africa including the Gulf of Guinea.

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MDAT-GoG Monthly Report 05/2020 May

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

14 events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for May 2020, Serials 48/20 to 62/20.

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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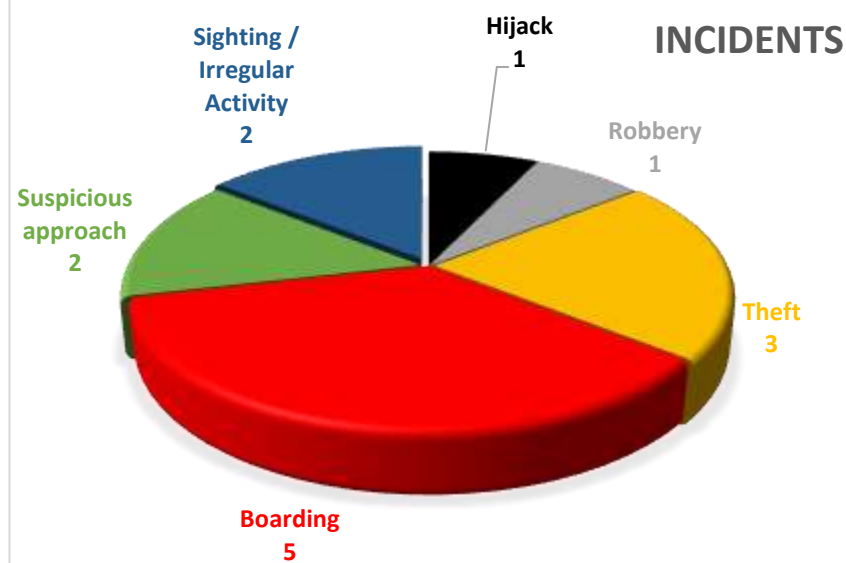
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MONTHLY STATISTICS: MAY 2020

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- Hijack: 1
- Attack: 0
- Boarding: 5
- Susp. approach: 2
- Robbery: 1
- Theft: 3
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 2
- False alarm: 0

NOTICES

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ADVISORIES:

4 issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

001

03/05/2020

Boarding

002

09/05/2020

Boarding

003

09/05/2020

Boarding

004

16/05/2020

Hijacking

WARNINGS

1 issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

001

21/05/2020

Boarding

DRILL EXERCISE

3 issued

Date

Company

001

13/05/2020

COSCO Shipping

002

16/05/2020

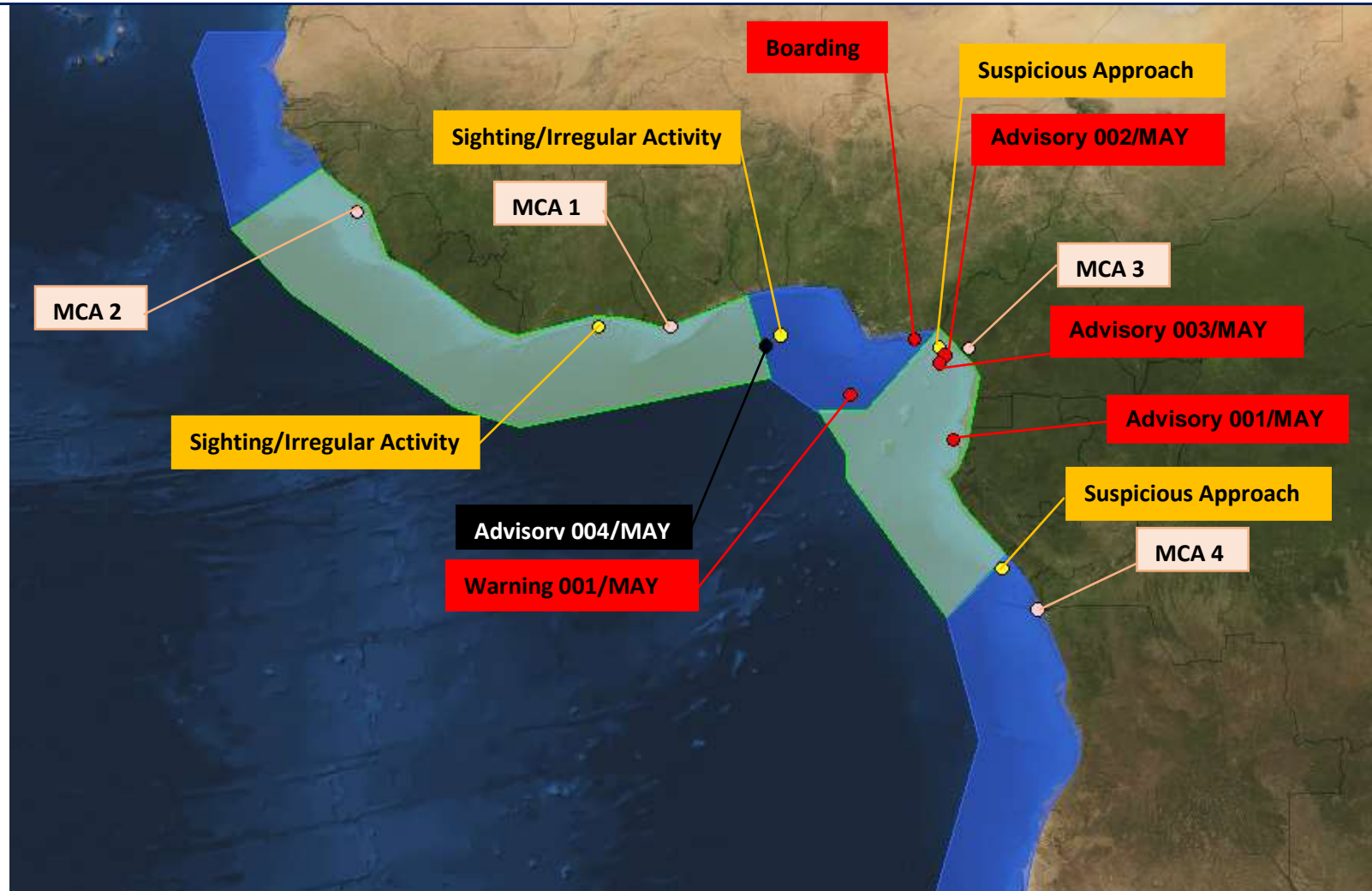
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Incident 048/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 03 May. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 03:00
<u>Position</u>	00°31N – 009°07E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	330/36NM off Libreville, GABON
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 3rd May 2020 at 0300UTC, two trawlers (**NAMES WITHHELD**) in positions 00°30'50"N - 009°06'21"E and 00°55'24"N - 009°08'09"E) were boarded by an unknown number of Person's, a skiff with 13 POB was seen in the area.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: One skiff with 13 POB.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 001/MAY](#) and [Weekly 20-19](#).

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Incident 049/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Sighting 04 May. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Not concerned 15:20
<u>Position</u>	04°54'12N – 004°30'54W	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	118/30 off Abidjan, COTE D'IVOIRE
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 04th May at 1520UTC, in position 04°54'12N - 004°30'54W, a skiff with three outboard engines and 10 POB, approached an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) closing to 0.5 NM and followed her for approximately 40 minutes. No weapons or ladder or fishing equipment were observed inside the skiff.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 40 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: A skiff with three outboard engines

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT.

MDAT Reference: Nil.

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Incident 051/20

<u>Category</u>	Suspicious Approach	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	09 May. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	00:45
<u>Position</u>	04°05N – 008°33E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	325/23NM off Malabo, Equatorial Guinea
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 09th May, at approximately 0045UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported that she was pursued by a skiff. The Cameroon's Authorities dispatched a patrol boat. 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: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D.

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

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Incident 052/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 09 May. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 01:00
<u>Position</u>	03°47N – 008°46E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	297/2NM off Malabo, Equatorial Guinea
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 09th May at approximately 0100UTC, in position 03°47N - 008°46E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers whilst at anchorage.

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.

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

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Incident 053/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 09 May. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 02:00
<u>Position</u>	03°29N – 008°33E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	000/2NM off Luba, EQUATORIAL GUINEA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 09th May at approximately 0200UTC, in position 03°29'14N - 008°33'12E, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers whilst at anchorage.

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.

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

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Incident 056/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 14 May. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 01:30
<u>Position</u>	04°34N – 002°29E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	180/120NM off Cotonou, BENIN
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: An MV (**NAME WITHHELD**), in position 04°34'42N - 002°29'54E, observed a vessel approximately 80 m in length and one skiff with a closest point of approach of 2.5nm.. After alteration of course and increasing speed, the distance increased between the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and the two craft.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 01h30.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: One suspicious ship (approx. 80 MTRS Length) and one fast small boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E.

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

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Incident 057/20

<u>Category</u>	Hijack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	15 May. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	07:30
<u>Position</u>	04°09N – 003°20E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	200/137NM off Cotonou, BENIN
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear - Calm

Description: On the 16th May 2020 at 12:48 UTC, a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported heading East, in position 04°09' N, 003°20'E (184°/136nm off Lagos, NIGERIA), after being hijacked on the 15th May, in position 04°09N 001°55E (200° / 137 Nm off Cotonou, BENIN) by 10 attackers.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 2 days

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

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

MDAT Reference: [ADVISORY 004/MAY](#) and [Weekly 21-20](#).

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Incident 059/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 20 May. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Failed 16:57
<u>Position</u>	02°15N – 005°09E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	206/134NM off Brass, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated.

Description: On the 20th May 2020 at 1657 UTC an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded in position 02°15N - 005°09E. The Nigerian Navy immediately dispatched a vessel and a security ship to assist. On the 21st May in the morning, the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and her crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 14 hours.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

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

MDAT Reference: [Warning 001/MAY](#) and [Weekly 21-20](#).

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Incident 060/20

<u>Category</u>	Boarding	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	20 May. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	15:38
<u>Position</u>	04°25N – 007°37E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	088/29NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not Stated

Description: On the 20th May 2020, at 1538 UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked in position 04°25N – 007°37E. The local pilot initiated an emergency sailing to Uta-Ewa in Ikot Abasi LGA of Akwa Ibom for safety. NNS JUBILEE was immediately deployed to intercept the attackers and provide security.

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.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 21-20.](#)

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Incident 062/20

<u>Category</u>	Suspicious Approach	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Successful
<u>Date</u>	29 May. 20	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	15:38
<u>Position</u>	04°25S – 010°59E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	293/50NM off Pointe Noire, CONGO
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	Not Concerned	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not Stated

Description: On 29th May 2020 at approximately 2250UTC, a speed boat with a red and green hull with 10 masked armed men on board, was reported by two duty crew members, sailing close to an offshore isolated platform. Operations management were informed by the duty crew, before they took refuge in the engine room. A rescue team was dispatched to the platform. When the team arrived on site, the speed boat had disappeared and nothing had been stolen from the platform. It is believed that no persons from the speed boat had boarded the platform.

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.

MDAT Reference: [Weekly 23-20.](#)

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: THEFT

Event 054/20

GHANA, Takoradi

Description: On the 11th May at approximately 0345UTC, in position 04°53'10N - 001°44'50W, a theft occurred on the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst berthed at Takoradi port.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: One rescue boat stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 02: ROBBERY

Event 055/20

GUINEA, Conakry

Description: On the 14th May at approximately 2330UTC, a robbery occurred on a MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at anchorage in Conakry (position: 09°16N – 013°46W).

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Stores, crew's belonging and cash.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-20.

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Maritime Crime Activity 03: THEFT

Event 058/20

CAMEROON, Douala

Description: On the 17th May 2020 at night, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a theft in position 04°03'N, 009°41'E (moored at berth Douala, CAMEROON). Crew found the padlock on the forecastle store broken and ship's property was stolen. Crew was reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Store.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 21-20.

Maritime Crime Activity 04: THEFT

Event 061/20

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, Banana

Description: On the 25th May at 0502UTC, a duty crew member spotted an intruder while the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was at anchorage (position: 06°01S – 001°22E). The alarm was raised and the intruder fled on a small motored boat.

Method Of Approach: Use of a small boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 22-20.