



# MDAT-GOG Monthly Report October - 10/2020

Number of events reported:  
**11**



**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](mailto: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.

Eleven events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for October 2020, Serials 088/20 to 098/20.

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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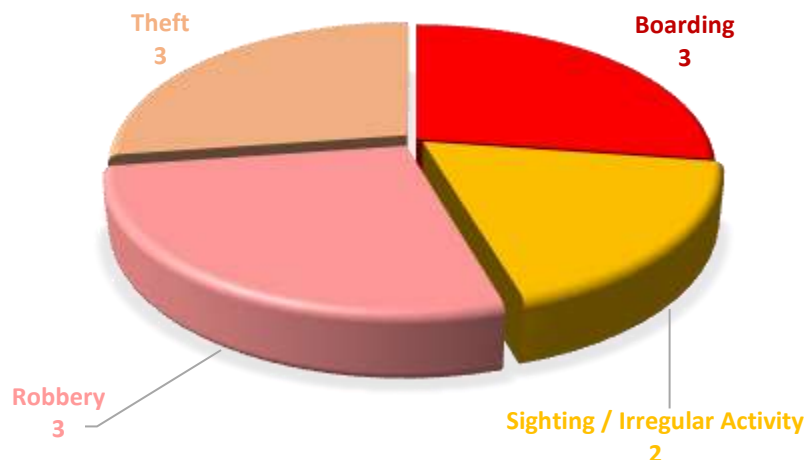
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## MONTHLY STATISTICS : OCTOBER 2020

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1 issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

001

17/10/20

BOARDING

**WARNINGS**

5 issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

001

18/10/20

BOARDING

003

21/10/20

ATTACK

003 – Update 1

22/10/20

ATTACK

003 – Update 2

23/10/20

ATTACK

003 – Update 3

23/10/20

BOARDING

**NOTICES**

1 issued

Date of issue

Source

001

04/10/20

MMCC Area F

**DRILL EXERCISE**

9 issued

Date

Company

001

01/10/20

SCORPIO Ship Management SAM

002

05/10/20

SEASPAN Ship Management LTD

003

06/10/20

COSCO Shipping Lines Co Ltd

004

09/10/20

SEALINK Navigation LTD

005

20/10/20

BOSKALIS Offshore Fleet MGMT

006

21/10/20

JASMUND Shipping GmbH &amp; Co KG

007

21/10/20

BW FLEET Management PTE LTD

008

24/10/20

MISUGA KAIUN Co LTD

009

28/10/20

Oceanic Shipping Services PVT

**INCIDENTS reported**

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

**NOTICES**

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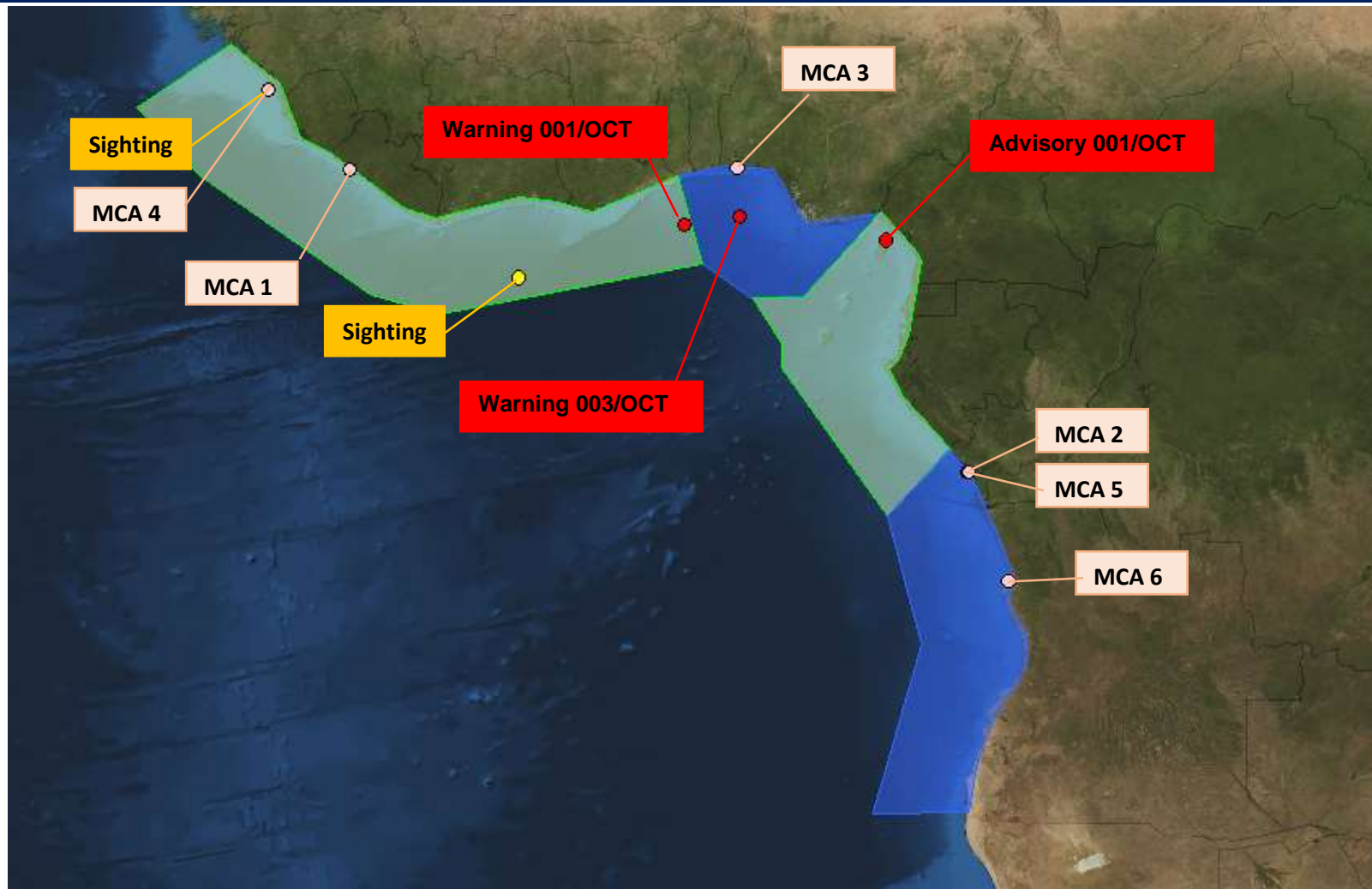
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## MAP OF INCIDENTS

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HIJACK    ATTACK-BOARDING    SIGHTING – IRREGULAR ACT. - SUSPICIOUS APPROACH    THEFT - ROBBERY    SEARCH AND RESCUE - MISC

MCA : MARITIME CRIME ACTIVITY

## DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 088/20

<b><u>Category</u></b> <b><u>Date</u></b>	Sighting 01 Oct. 20	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b> <b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	Not concerned 12:30
<b><u>Position</u></b>	02°23N – 004°36W	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	180/172NM off Abidjan, COTE D'IVOIRE
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not Stated.

**Description:** On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020, local authorities reported an irregular activity on a FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) in position 02°23'3"N - 004°36'54"W (172nm south of Abidjan). The FV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was suspiciously approached by a blue skiff with about 3 to 4 persons on-board. The speedboat approached the vessel to about 3nm. The Captain was alerted and the vessel increased speed widening the gap between them. The vessel and crew were reported safe as the speedboat has aborted its pursuit.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 20 minutes.

**Method Of Approach:** Followed.

**Type of Vessel used:** Blue speed boat.

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

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

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 40-20.](#)

**INCIDENT CLOSED**

## DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 092/20

<b><u>Category</u></b> <b><u>Date</u></b>	Sighting 15 Oct. 20	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b> <b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	Not concerned 04:30
<b><u>Position</u></b>	09°16N – 013°46W	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	189/14NM off Conakry, GUINEA
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear Wind - 4 knots, SE Sea - 0.2 m / Swell - 0

**Description:** On the 15<sup>th</sup> October at 0430UTC, at Conakry anchorage, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) spotted an unlighted small boat heading to its position at 2NM. The small boat continued its approach to 1NM. The embarked Guinean security guards fired three warning shots, and the small boat left the scene. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 10 minutes.

**Method Of Approach:** Attempted to board on the forward starboard side.

**Type of Vessel used:** 10m long boat (white and brown hull).

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

**Incident reported to:**  
MDAT.

**MDAT Reference:** [Weekly 40-20.](#)

**INCIDENT CLOSED**

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Incident 094/20

<b><u>Category Date</u></b>	Boarding 17 Oct. 20	<b><u>Status of Incident Time (UTC)</u></b>	Successful 05:45
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°46N – 008°47E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	279/6NM off Malabo, E.G.
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	At Anchorage	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Drizzle, SW 8 Knots, 0.5 m, no swell.

**Description:** On the 17<sup>th</sup> October at 0545UTC, whilst anchored at Malabo, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been boarded by unknown armed persons. Local authorities have deployed nautical assets and a security team in order to secure and investigate the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**).

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 15 minutes.

**Method Of Approach:** Boarded from the terminal gangway.

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

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Undisclosed information.

**Incident reported to:**

MDAT, Port authorities, Area D/E.

**MDAT Reference:** [Advisory 001/OCT](#) and [Weekly 43-10](#).

**INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS**

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Incident 095/20

<b><u>Category</u></b> <b><u>Date</u></b>	Boarding 17 Oct. 20	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b> <b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	Failed 20:54
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°20N – 001°26E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	176/116NM off Lome, TOGO
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Darkness Wind S/ 4, Sea Condition 3, Swell 1.2 M

**Description:** An MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded to the south of LOME, 116 nautical miles from the coast. A Togolese patrol boat was dispatched in order to secure and then escort the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) to Lome. Ship and crew were reported safe.

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 15 minutes.

**Method Of Approach:** High speed skiff and with the use of a hooked ladder.

**Type of Vessel used:** Skiff.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Crew's belonging stolen.

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

**MDAT Reference:** [Warning 001/OCT and Weekly 43-10.](#)

**INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS**



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Incident 097/20

<b><u>Category</u></b> <b><u>Date</u></b>	Boarding 22 Oct. 20	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b> <b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	Failed 06:57
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°38N – 003°28E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	178/106NM off Lome, TOGO
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Clear, SW-10

**Description:** On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 0758UTC, six armed perpetrators boarded an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The crew raised quickly the alarm and mustered in citadel. An Italian frigate and a Nigerian patrol boat was dispatched in order to secure and then escort the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) to Lagos. Ship and crew were reported safe

**Duration of Attack:** Approximately 24 hours.

**Method Of Approach:** Approached by dark by starboard side and destroyed all windows and doors.

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

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Ships items and crew's belongings were reported stolen.

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

**MDAT Reference:** [Warning 003/OCT \(Update 1 to 3\)](#) and [Weekly 43-10](#).

**INCIDENT CLOSED**



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## MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

## Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft

Event 089/20

**LIBERIA, Monrovia**

**Description:** On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 0342UTC, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has reported a theft by an intruder whilst berthed at Monrovia in position 06°21'04"N 010°47'47"W. The intruder was spotted on the forecastle by the duty officer. The alarm was raised and the intruder escaped by jumping at sea. Crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Through Headlines (forecastle).

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** STS Messenger rope stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 40-20.

## Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft

Event 090/20

**REPUBLIC OF CONGO, Pointe Noire**

**Description:** On the 06<sup>th</sup> October, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has reported a theft on board whilst at Pointe Noire Anchorage (04°44'10S - 011°45'28E). Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Not stated.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Paint canisters.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 41-20.

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## MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

## Maritime Crime Activity 03: Robbery

Event 091/20

**NIGERIA, Lagos**

**Description:** On the 09<sup>th</sup> October at 0245UTC, two armed intruders boarded a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Lagos Port. The duty watchmen raised quickly the alarm causing the intruders to flee. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Use of a wooden boat.

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

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 41-20.

## Maritime Crime Activity 04: Robbery

Event 093/20

**GUINEA, Conakry**

**Description:** On the 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2340UTC, at Conakry anchorage, a small boat approached an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and was boarded by unknown personnel armed with knives and weapons. Items were reported stolen from the vessel. Crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Not stated.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Ships items.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 42-20.

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## MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

## Maritime Crime Activity 05: Robbery

Event 096/20

## REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, Pointe-Noire

**Description:** On 19<sup>th</sup> October at 0107UCT, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was boarded. Three or four perpetrators were seen on the forecastle of the vessel. One of them threatened the AB on duty with an object shaped like a weapon. A patrol vessel was dispatched to the scene in order to assist the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**).

**Method Of Approach:** The intruders boarded the MV via anchor chain.

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Mooring ropes and ship items were reported stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 43-20.

## Maritime Crime Activity 06: Theft

Event 098/20

## ANGOLA, Luanda

**Description:** On the 26<sup>th</sup> October at 0125UTC whilst at Luanda anchorage, an offshore supply vessel (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported an attempted theft. Five persons, one of whom was attempting to climb on board, were spotted by the Second Officer. The alarm was raised resulting in the intruders fleeing. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Wooden Boat.

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

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 44-20.