

MDAT – GOG

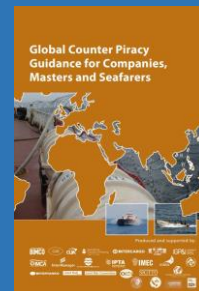
Weekly Report 52-20

18th – 25th December 2020
Number of Events reported:

4



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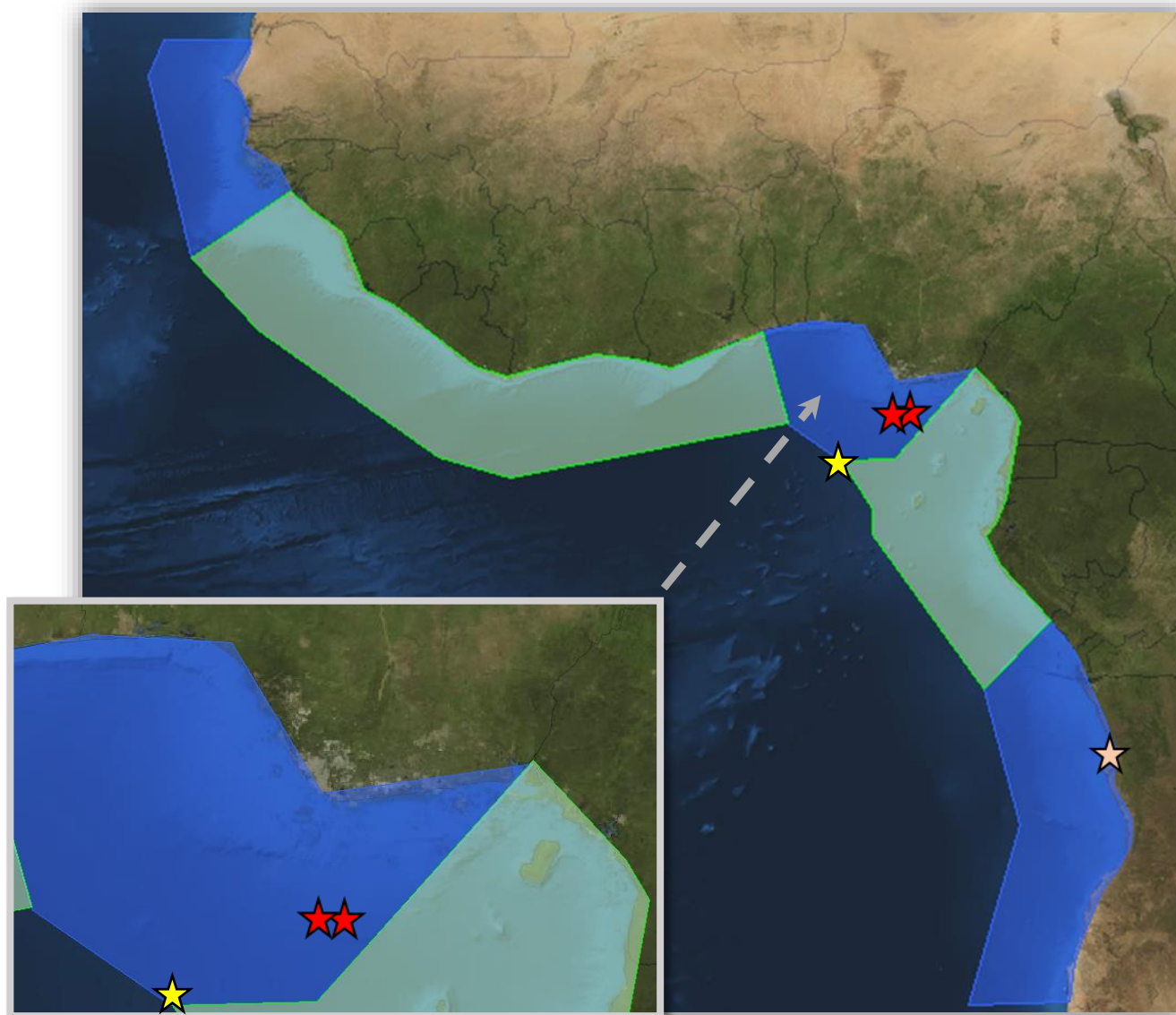


Global Counter
Piracy Guidance

OVERVIEW

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

Hijack: 0 Attack: 0 Boarding: 2 Suspicious Approach: 1 Robbery – Sea theft: 1 Sighting/Irregular Activity: 0



Hijack
 Attack - Boarding
 Robbery - Theft
 Suspicious approach - Irregular activity
 Miscellaneous

Emergency phone (24/7/365): +33 2 98 22 88 88

WEBSITE (Only with Google Chrome or Firefox): <https://gog-mdat.org>

IMPORTANT

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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 (24/7/365).

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TYPE	AREA	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT	Information reported to coastals authorities
BOARDING	E	02°39N - 006°14E	On the 19 th December, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by 9 unknown people. The crew mustered in citadel. The Nigerian Navy deployed a patrol boat and two security vessels were also dispatched to assist and secure the MV. The crew reported all safe. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to WARNING 008/DEC/20 and WARNING 008/DEC/20 Update 01.	C4I, Area E-
BOARDING	E	02°37N – 005°37E	On the 21 st December, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by unknown number of armed people. The crew mustered in citadel. Gunshots were fired during the approach and boarding. The crew and ship reported safe and headed to the next port of call. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to WARNING 009/DEC/20, WARNING 009/DEC/20 UPDATE 01 and WARNING 009/DEC/20 UPDATE 02.	C4I, Area E-
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	E	02°17N – 003°54E	On the 18 th of December, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) reported being approached by 1 wooden boat with 8-10 People on board and equipped with a ladder and hook. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres. Crew and vessel reported safe. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 002/DEC/20.	C4I, Area E
THEFT	A	08°44S – 013°18E	On the 24 th of December, an (NAME WITHHELD) reported a theft at Luanda anchorage at 0630 UTC. An unknown number of people boarded the vessel and stole 2 mooring ropes and 3 heaving lines. The people left the Vessel and the crew reported being safe. MDAT GOG Comment: NIL	Area A

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WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE

5 WARNING Notices issued this week

WARNING 008/DEC/2020

1. **CATEGORY:** BOARDING
2. **TIME:** 19 Dec 2020 1406UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** An MV has been boarded by an unknown number of attackers. Incident is still on going
4. **POSITION:** in the vicinity of 0239N 00614E (85 Nm south of Brass Terminal)

WARNING 008/DEC/2020 UPDATE 001

1. **CATEGORY:** BOARDING
2. **TIME:** 20 Dec 1214UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** An MV has been boarded in position 0239N 00614E. Incident is now complete vessel and crew are safe
4. **POSITION:** in the vicinity of 0239N 00634E (85 Nm south of Brass Terminal)

WARNING 009/DEC/2020

1. **CATEGORY:** ATTACK
2. **TIME:** 21 Dec 2020 0409UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** An MV is currently under ATTACK in position 0237N 00537E. Incident is still on going.
4. **POSITION:** in the vicinity of 0237N 00537E (95 Nm south of Brass Terminal)

WARNING 009/DEC/2020 UPDATE 01

1. **CATEGORY:** BOARDING
2. **TIME:** Beginning of the incident at 21 Dec 2020 0409UTC
3. **DESCRIPTION:** An MV has been boarded in position 0237N 00537E. Incident is still on going.
4. **POSITION:** in the vicinity of 0221N 00641E (95 Nm south of Brass Terminal)

WARNING 009/DEC/2020 UPDATE 002

1. **CATEGORY:** BOARDING
2. **TIME:** Beginning of the incident at 21 Dec 2020 0409UTC
3. **DESCRIPTION:** An MV has been boarded in position 0237N 00537E. Incident is now complete vessel and crew are safe.
4. **POSITION:** in the vicinity of 0221N 00641E (140 Nm south East of Brass Terminal)-

ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE

1 ADVISORY Notice issued this week

ADVISORY NOTICE 002/DEC/2020

1. **CATEGORY:** SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
2. **TIME:** 18 Dec 2020 0730UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** MV reported being approached by 1 wooden boat with a Ladder. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres. Crew and vessel are SAFE.
4. **POSITION:** in the vicinity of 0217N 00354E (250 Nm South of LAGOS)

MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE

Nil MDAT-GOG Notices issued this week

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MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA

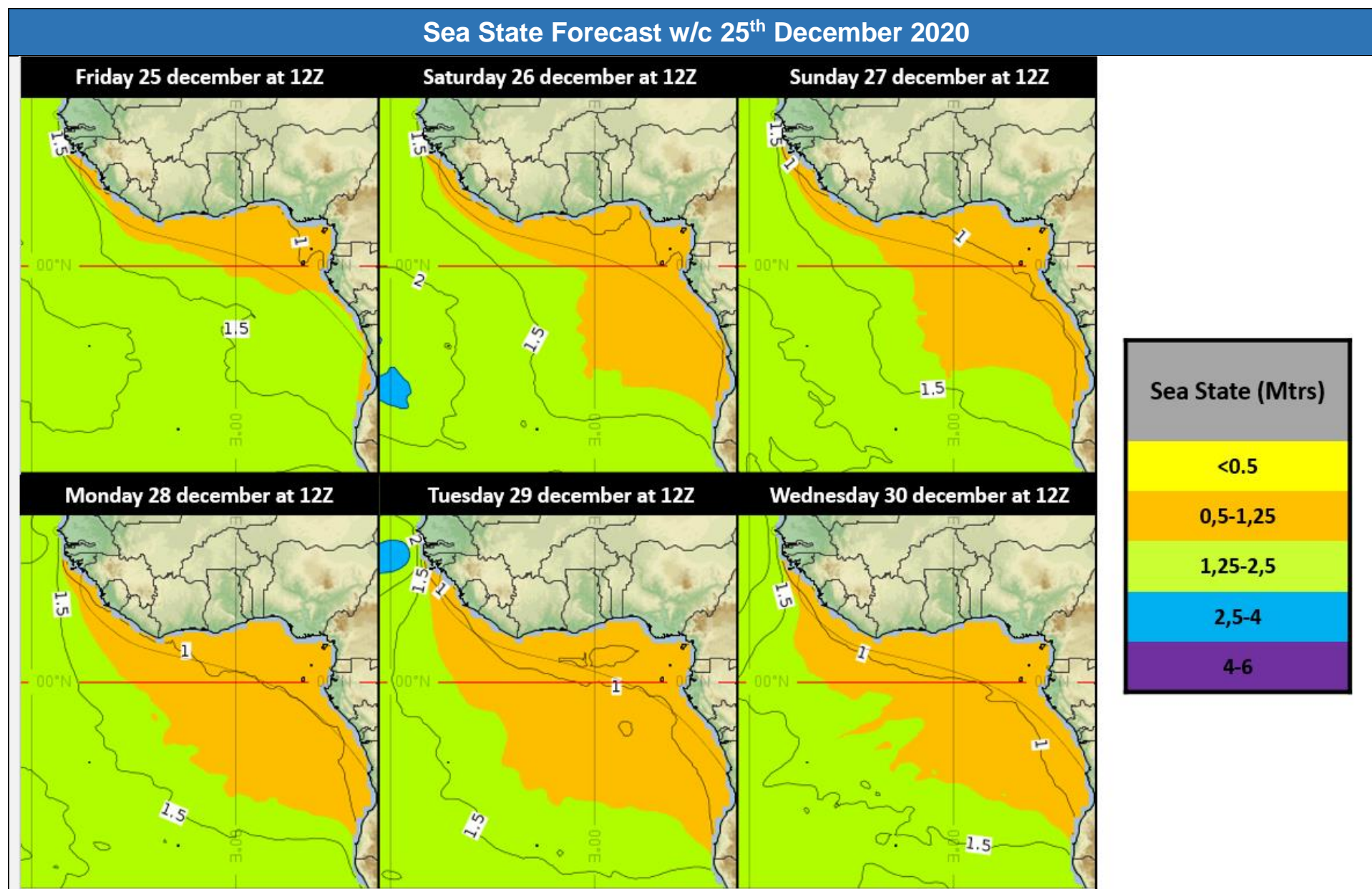
1 Maritime Crime Activity reported this week

Angola, Luanda : Theft-**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 awareness for mariners operating in the region. MDAT-GoG is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

CONTACT

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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).

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

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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.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)
[Global Counter Maritime](#)

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