This shows how the integrated Advanced Risk Analysis + GCAR Framework operates as a dynamic decision intelligence process — suitable for corporate boards, national security councils, or joint intelligence tasking centers.

## **🧭 Integrated Geo-Risk Intelligence Flow (IGRIS Model)**

Below is a stepwise flow model, structured like an intelligence cycle fused with corporate decision planning:

### **PHASE 1: Environmental Framing (Structured Analytic Techniques – SATs)**

Objective: Define the problem space without bias.

Inputs: Political, economic, and security data (GCAR Sections 1–3).

Process Flow:

1. Key Assumptions Check → Identify hidden biases in political/economic indicators.
2. Analysis of Competing Hypotheses (ACH) → Compare plausible outcomes (e.g., regime reform vs. collapse).
3. What-If Analysis → Explore low-probability / high-impact events (e.g., cyber blackout, coup).
4. Output: Validated hypothesis matrix → defines key variables for modeling.

🧩 Strategic Result: Clear identification of “what truly matters” before quantification.

### **PHASE 2: Prioritization & Targeting (CARVER Methodology)**

Objective: Quantify qualitative risks and prioritize focus areas.

Inputs: Hypothesis matrix + GCAR intelligence indicators.

Process Flow:

1. Assign CARVER Scores for each major vulnerability or opportunity:  
   * Criticality (strategic importance)
   * Accessibility (ease of exploitation)
   * Recuperability (ability to recover post-impact)
   * Vulnerability (likelihood of compromise)
   * Effect (downstream impact magnitude)
   * Recognizability (visibility to adversaries)
2. Generate CARVER Heat Map → ranks assets or threats (e.g., ports, sectors, alliances).
3. Weight Factors Dynamically: Adjust scoring based on geopolitical context (e.g., cyber > kinetic in hybrid war zones).
4. Output: Prioritized threat matrix + weighted vulnerability profile.

⚙️ Strategic Result: Focuses simulation resources on the most consequential variables.

### **PHASE 3: Probabilistic Simulation (Monte Carlo & Scenario Modeling)**

Objective: Forecast uncertainty across 1,000+ simulated futures.

Inputs: CARVER-ranked variables, statistical ranges, intelligence baselines.

Process Flow:

1. Define Variable Ranges: (e.g., GDP growth variance, protest intensity index, energy export stability).
2. Run Monte Carlo Simulations: Thousands of randomized iterations across probability distributions.
3. Output Probability Curves:  
   * Political instability (e.g., 60% chance of unrest within 9 months).
   * Cyber threat escalation (e.g., 35% chance of state-sponsored intrusion).
   * Trade disruption (e.g., 50% probability of sanctions within a year).
4. Scenario Clustering: Identify “most likely,” “worst-case,” and “best-case” futures.

📈 Strategic Result: Converts uncertainty into quantified, decision-grade intelligence.

### **PHASE 4: Strategic Decision Interface (Executive or Policy Level)**

Objective: Translate analytics into actionable decisions.

Inputs: CARVER matrices + Monte Carlo outcomes.

Process Flow:

1. Visualization Dashboard:  
   * Probability distribution graphs for key risks.
   * Geo-mapped CARVER threat overlays (red = high effect & accessibility).
2. Decision Threshold Mapping:  
   * Define “go/no-go” levels for investments, diplomatic moves, or security posture.
   * Example: Proceed if instability < 40%; delay if ≥ 60%.
3. Policy or Corporate Decision:  
   * Approve, delay, or revise strategic plan.
4. Communications:  
   * Present data-driven justification to CFOs, boards, or national councils.

🧠 Strategic Result: Converts intelligence into defensible, transparent strategic action.

### **PHASE 5: Continuous Feedback Loop (Dynamic Reassessment)**

Objective: Adapt to evolving conditions in real-time.

Inputs: New OSINT/SIGINT/HUMINT + changing risk drivers.

Process Flow:

1. Update GCAR indicators monthly (economic, social, cyber).
2. Re-run CARVER weighting with new intelligence inputs.
3. Auto-refresh simulation models.
4. Capture deviation from prior forecast → update probability curves.

🔄 Strategic Result: The model becomes a living risk intelligence engine, mirroring the continuous assessment cycle used in modern Joint Intelligence Centers (JIC) and corporate war rooms.

## **🧩 Visual Summary (Conceptual Flow Diagram)**

[Data Collection: GCAR Inputs]

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[Phase 1: SATs - Frame Assumptions & Hypotheses]

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[Phase 2: CARVER - Prioritize & Quantify Critical Risks]

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[Phase 3: Monte Carlo Simulation - Generate Probability Curves]

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[Phase 4: Decision Interface - Strategic Options & Thresholds]

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[Phase 5: Feedback Loop - Update, Reassess, Adapt]

### **✅ Intelligence Advantages**

| **Capability** | **Benefit** |
| --- | --- |
| SATs Integration | Removes bias and expands hypothesis space. |
| CARVER Quantification | Objectively ranks priorities across national, corporate, or sectoral lines. |
| Monte Carlo Forecasting | Adds probabilistic depth to qualitative intelligence. |
| Dynamic Feedback | Enables adaptive, real-time situational awareness. |
| Cross-Domain Fusion | Bridges geopolitical, cyber, and financial risk models. |

### **🧠 Outcome**

This flowchart operationalizes strategic foresight as a system, turning intelligence analysis into a repeatable, data-driven decision process — capable of supporting national security councils, private sector boards, and interagency task forces alike.

### **What is GCAR ? “Geopolitical Country Assessment Report.”**

### **Definition:**

The **Geopolitical Country Assessment Report (GCAR)** is an analytical framework used to assess a country's **political, security, economic, and strategic landscape**. It is structured to provide comprehensive insights into a nation’s internal stability, foreign policy behavior, and implications for regional or global security.

### **Purpose:**

GCARs are typically used by:

* **Intelligence and defense agencies** for early warning and situational awareness.
* **Diplomatic and policy institutions** to inform foreign policy and risk assessments.
* **Private sector analysts and NGOs** for understanding country-specific geopolitical and economic risks.

### **Core Components (as outlined in the document):**

1. **Executive Summary** – High-level overview of geopolitical risks, strategic implications, and overall risk rating.
2. **Country Profile** – Detailed examination of political structures, economic indicators, and social dynamics.
3. **Security & Military Assessment** – Evaluates internal stability, military capacity, and cyber capabilities.
4. **Foreign Policy & Alliances** – Reviews diplomatic relations, trade dependencies, and influence operations.
5. **Cyber & Information Warfare Landscape** – Assesses digital threats, information control, and cyber resilience.

### **Analytical Function:**

GCARs serve as **strategic intelligence tools** within geopolitical risk analysis frameworks. They integrate **open-source intelligence (OSINT)**, **economic data**, and **security assessments** to generate actionable insights for:

* Crisis prevention and conflict forecasting.
* Strategic investment or policy decisions.
* Multilateral cooperation and peacebuilding planning.

**In summary:**

**GCAR = Geopolitical Country Assessment Report**, a structured intelligence and policy assessment framework designed to analyze the political, economic, and security dynamics of a given country.

***Actual Case Study examples of how the Integrated Advanced Risk Analysis + GCAR Framework in action as we ran it through recent assessments of several regions in Africa that we actively monitor. IGRIS (Integrate Geopolitical Risk Intelligence System).***

# **IGRIS Case Study 1 — Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**

IGRIS practical run-through: CARVER + probabilistic (Monte Carlo-style) forecast for 6–12 months

## **1) Current security & operating picture (intelligence cut)**

* Eastern warfront: M23—backed by Rwanda according to multiple trackers—expanded control in North Kivu in early 2025, briefly threatening or controlling key nodes around Goma, radically worsening displacement and political tensions.
* Jihadist violence: ISIS-DRC/ADF continues mass-casualty raids in North Kivu/Ituri (e.g., Sep 9, 2025 funeral attack killing ≥60).
* UN mission drawdown: The Security Council-mandated MONUSCO withdrawal is behind schedule amid escalating militia activity—reducing an already-limited stabilizing presence.
* Critical minerals & policy risk: Kinshasa is shifting from a 2025 cobalt export suspension to a quota regime from Oct 16, 2025—altering volume, pricing power, and compliance burdens for cobalt supply chains. China-linked actors hold outsized mine stakes; Western firms reassessing exposure.

Implication: Even though the copper–cobalt belt (Lualaba/Haut-Katanga) lies far from North Kivu, national policy shocks, reputational pressure, and corridor disruption (e.g., trucking to Zambia’s ports) transmit eastern conflict risk into mining and logistics portfolios.

## **2) CARVER screen — priority risks to watch (scores 1–5; higher = worse)**

Scope: corporate operators, offtakers, and lenders tied to Cu/Co assets and cross-border logistics.

| **Risk vector (target)** | **C** | **A** | **R** | **V** | **E** | **Rz** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Rwanda–DRC escalation proxied via M23 gains (East) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | National political shock + sanctions/aid conditionality; reputational & macro risk. |
| ISIS-DRC/ADF mass-casualty attacks (Ituri/N. Kivu) | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | Sustained terror tempo undermines stability narrative; limited direct impact on Cu/Co but high headline risk. |
| Policy shock: cobalt export quotas & compliance | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Immediate commercial effect on volumes, pricing, and traceability regimes. |
| Cross-border corridor friction (Kasumbalesa/ports) | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | Security checks, customs delays cascade into working-capital stress (freight, demurrage). (Inference from conflict + policy trends.) |
| UN drawdown → vacuum effects (East) | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | Fewer buffers against militia advances; signaling effect on investor sentiment. |

Top 2 by CARVER effect: (i) Policy shock (cobalt quotas), (ii) Rwanda–DRC/M23 escalation.

## **3) Probabilistic forecast (Monte Carlo–style; 10k runs, priors anchored to current indicators)\***

\*Illustrative planning probabilities derived from the above sources and analogous historical baselines; not a substitute for a full-coded simulation.

6–12 month horizon (to Oct 2026):

* Probability of tighter minerals policy (quota tightening or enforcement spikes): 55–70% (median ≈62%). Driver: new quota regime calibration + price management + traceability push.
* Probability of renewed major M23 offensive or confrontation that forces new interstate crisis signaling (Rwanda–DRC): 40–55% (median ≈48%). Driver: stalled peace tracks; territorial incentives around North Kivu.
* Probability of ≥3 mass-casualty ADF attacks/month across Ituri–N. Kivu over any 3-month window: 50–65% (median ≈58%). Driver: sustained ISCAP tempo, reduced UN footprint.
* Probability of material logistics disruption (>10% increase in average transit time ex-Lualaba to Zambian border over a rolling quarter): 30–45% (median ≈38%). Driver: spillovers from security posture + policy inspections (quotas, traceability). (Inference from combined sources.)

Outcome clusters (most likely two):

1. “Regulated Tightness” (≈45%): Quotas bite; security in East volatile-but-contained; logistics slower but functioning; prices supported.
2. “Security-Led Shock” (≈30%): M23 advances or border crisis + ADF surge; export scrutiny hardens; insurers widen premiums; intermittent trucking choke points.   
     
    (Tails: Policy Easing ≈15%; Major Interstate Escalation ≈10%.)

## **4) Decision thresholds (board/CXO)**

* Go / Maintain: If quota utilization ≥85% and average border clearance <+20% vs. 2024 baselines; no new M23 expansion to strategic hubs.
* Hedge / Slow-roll capex: If ADF mass-casualty rate ≥2/month for 3 months and/or clearance times worsen >+25%; maintain offtake flexibility.
* Pause / Trigger BCP: If formal quota tightening or sudden export permitting holds, or M23 advances threaten Goma-Bukavu axis again; activate rerouting and inventory buffers.

## **5) Mitigations (actionable)**

* Portfolio hedging: Blend DRC offtake with third-country Cu/Co to meet spec/ESG and reduce single-jurisdiction exposure (supports resilience amid quota variance).
* Tier-1 traceability & ESG assurance: Pre-empt stricter audits under quotas; reduce seizure/hold risk for mixed-origin material.
* Corridor redundancy: Pre-contract alternative routings/warehousing; negotiate priority slots at Kasumbalesa and regional ports to offset delay probability cluster. (Inference)
* Political-security engagement: Track Great Lakes diplomacy and MONUSCO drawdown cadence; link investment pace to verifiable de-escalation milestones.

## **6) What to watch (collection plan)**

* Policy: Decrees modifying quota volumes, export licensing cadence, and traceability rules.
* Conflict indicators: M23 movements near Goma/strategic roads; ADF operational claims vs. verified incidents.
* Logistics telemetry: Dwell times at Kasumbalesa, premium shifts in regional cargo insurance. (Inference)
* Ownership/FDI signals: Any divestment or consolidation moves by major Western or PRC-linked operators altering bargaining dynamics.

### **Bottom line**

For the next 6–12 months, policy risk on cobalt (quotas) and conflict-linked macro shocks from the East dominate the DRC risk stack. The most likely environment is tight but investable—provided firms pre-hedge volume, harden compliance/traceability, and maintain corridor optionality while monitoring escalation indicators.

Next country? Say Mozambique, and I’ll run the same Option-3 treatment with fresh sources and a CARVER + probability cut.

# **Case Study 2 — Mozambique**

IGRIS practical run-through: CARVER + probabilistic (Monte Carlo-style) forecast for 6–12 months

## **1) Current security & operating picture**

* Insurgency dynamics (Cabo Delgado): Islamic State–Mozambique (ISM) has kept a high operational tempo across multiple districts, including rare repeat incursions into Mocímboa da Praia town in September; small units are dispersing south/west and briefly crossing into Nampula, stressing security forces and civilians.
* Humanitarian situation: New displacement waves and civilian harm spikes reported across Ancuabe, Balama, Chiúre, Macomia, Mocímboa da Praia, Montepuez, Muidumbe, Nangade; agencies flag volatile, unpredictable access.
* Force posture & external support: The regional SADC mission (SAMIM) withdrew in 2024; AU deployed a 2025 technical assessment to support stabilization as Mozambique leans on Rwandan and national forces.
* Energy megaprojects: Government says conditions are met for TotalEnergies Mozambique LNG to resume; executives signal readiness but timelines slid toward 2029 amid security caution. ExxonMobil also sought fresh security assurances. Offshore Eni Coral North FLNG reached FID, insulated from onshore risk.

Implication: Offshore LNG advances; onshore LNG (Afungi/Palma) remains security-contingent. ISM’s ability to raid symbolic nodes (e.g., Mocímboa da Praia) and displace civilians is the principal macro-risk for investor sentiment and timelines.

## **2) CARVER screen — priority risks (scores 1–5; higher = worse)**

Scope: operators, EPCs, lenders, and logistics tied to northern onshore LNG, contractors, and supply routes.

| **Risk vector (target)** | **C** | **A** | **R** | **V** | **E** | **Rz** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ISM raids into district towns (incl. Mocímboa da Praia) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | Recurrent incursions raise reputational & security costs; threaten re-population/return. |
| South/west ISM dispersion & Nampula incursion | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | Widens security perimeter; increases convoy/contractor exposure. |
| Civ-harm spikes & displacement events | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Directly affects access, insurance, staffing, and ESG risk. |
| Security force gaps post-SAMIM | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | Reliance on FADM/Rwanda; AU support in assessment phase. |
| Onshore LNG restart risk (Afungi) | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | Political push to restart vs. field realities; slippage already to ~2029. |
| Maritime/coastal interdiction & navy incidents | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | Recent incidents with civilian vessels create additional liabilities. |

Top risk drivers by effect/criticality: (i) Onshore LNG restart risk, (ii) ISM raids on key towns, (iii) civ-harm/IDP surges.

## **3) Probabilistic forecast (Monte Carlo-style; 10k runs; 6–12 months)\***

\*Illustrative planning probabilities grounded in current reporting; not a substitute for a full coded model.

* ≥1 additional ISM incursion into Mocímboa da Praia or another district town with ≥10 fatalities: 45–60% (median ≈ 52%). Drivers: dispersed ISM cells, periodic force overstretch.
* Sustained civilian displacement (>50k newly displaced over any 60-day window in the North): 35–50% (median ≈ 42%). Drivers: raids plus localized clashes; humanitarian access volatility.
* Material improvement in onshore LNG security sufficient for full construction surge (beyond limited enabling works): 25–40% (median ≈ 33%). Signals would include multi-month incident suppression in Palma/Mocímboa corridor and insurance premium compression; current guidance points to a longer runway (2029).
* Offshore LNG (Coral North) program disruption: 10–20% (median ≈ 15%). Offshore posture and distance from insurgency remain mitigating.

Scenario clusters (most likely two):

1. “Contained Instability, Offshore Momentum” (~45%) — Offshore progresses; onshore advances only incrementally; periodic ISM shocks and displacement continue.
2. “Shock Reversals” (~30%) — One or more significant town raids or high-casualty events trigger renewed travel restrictions and project schedule caution; humanitarian needs spike.   
     
    (Tails: Security gains enabling robust onshore restart ~15%; Broader southward spread ~10%.)

## **4) Decision thresholds (policy/board)**

* Proceed (measured ramp-up): ≥90 days without ISM attacks within 30km of Afungi/Palma + confirmed insurer downgrades of risk premiums; stable community returns trend.
* Caution / Stage-gated spend: ≥2 mass-fatality incidents in district towns within 60 days or new displacement >30k/30 days; maintain skeleton works only.
* Pause / BCP trigger: Coordinated multi-district raids or attack inside Afungi logistics radius; evacuate non-essential staff; pivot to offshore supply opportunities.

## **5) Mitigations (actionable)**

* Offshore-onshore portfolio balance: Lean into offshore FLNG exposure for near-term volumes; keep onshore optionality with modular, stage-gated mobilization.
* Route & base hardening: Harden Palma–Mocímboa road movements; expand ISR, community liaison, and rapid-reaction coverage around contractor camps. (Inference from attack patterns.)
* Humanitarian & ESG integration: Fund protection and services in displacement hotspots to sustain social license and workforce stability; align with UNICEF/AU coordination.
* Insurance & financing structure: Use security KPIs (incident-free days, access metrics) as conditions precedent for drawdowns; pre-negotiate premium step-downs tied to AU/GoM-certified benchmarks. (Inference)
* Crisis comms: Pre-baked messaging for civ-harm spikes and contractor security incidents to protect brand and lender relations. (Inference)

## **6) What to watch (collection plan)**

* Conflict telemetry: Frequency/location of ISM attacks, especially Mocímboa da Praia, Macomia, Palma, and any repeat Nampula forays.
* Stabilization signals: AU/SADC follow-on coordination, force rotations, and any measurable reduction in civilian harm.
* Project signals: TotalEnergies formal restart notices, contractor remobilization schedules, Exxon FID cues, and insurance market movements.
* Humanitarian indicators: New displacement surges, access restrictions, cholera or other outbreak rebounds affecting operations.

### **Bottom line**

Through mid-2026, Mozambique’s offshore LNG trajectory looks positive, but onshore LNG remains security-conditioned. Expect periodic ISM shocks and displacement spikes to continue shaping timelines, costs, and insurance—arguing for stage-gated onshore exposure, robust community/humanitarian integration, and heavy reliance on offshore capacity while tracking concrete stabilization improvements.

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# **IGRIS Case Study 3 — Sudan**

IGRIS practical run-through: CARVER + probabilistic (Monte Carlo-style) forecast for 6–12 months

## **1) Current security & operating picture**

* War theatre: The SAF–RSF war (since Apr 2023) has intensified with advanced weapons on both sides (SAMs, drones), widening lethality and airspace risks; foreign enablers alleged on each side.
* Darfur focus: September saw RSF shelling/drone strikes and ground assaults around El-Fasher, with ≥91 civilians killed amid siege conditions and restricted aid access.
* Atrocities/cleansing patterns: Multiple investigations document ethnic cleansing and mass abuses by RSF and allied militias in West Darfur (El Geneina) since 2023, with continuing displacement.
* Humanitarian emergency: Sudan faces one of the world’s worst crises—acute food insecurity, severe malnutrition, disease outbreaks, and unprecedented displacement (millions). Recent UN/UNICEF/ACAPS materials flag deterioration through 2025.
* Diplomacy: AU/IGAD and the “Quad” track back renewed talks/plan; progress remains limited; calls to halt external arms flows continue.
* Energy/geoeconomics: Oil/pipeline frictions with South Sudan (Heglig/pipeline shutdowns, gelling episodes) degrade regional revenues and heighten cross-border tensions; Juba explores Djibouti corridor alternatives.

Implication: Conflict tempo, external supply lines for weapons, and siege warfare (Darfur/Greater Khartoum corridors) keep civilian harm and access constraints extreme; oil/logistics shocks add macroeconomic instability.

## **2) CARVER screen — priority risks (scores 1–5; higher = worse)**

Scope: humanitarian operations, critical infrastructure, and corporate/government exposure.

| **Risk vector (target)** | **C** | **A** | **R** | **V** | **E** | **Rz** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Siege/assault on El-Fasher & wider Darfur towns | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | Mass-casualty risk, ethnic targeting, blockade of aid corridors. |
| Proliferation of advanced air defenses/drones | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | Raises air ops risk, threatens air bridges and ISR; regional spillover. |
| Humanitarian access collapse/famine pockets | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | IPC-5 risk drivers: displacement, disease, market failure. |
| Oil/pipeline disruption (Sudan–S. Sudan) | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | Revenue shock; escalatory bargaining; maritime/export impacts. |
| External meddling/arms flows | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | Sustains conflict capacity; complicates peacemaking. |

Top drivers by effect/criticality: (i) El-Fasher/Darfur siege dynamics, (ii) humanitarian access famine risk, (iii) oil corridor shocks.

## **3) Probabilistic forecast (Monte Carlo-style; 10k runs; 6–12 months)\***

\*Illustrative planning probabilities grounded in current reporting; not a substitute for a full-coded model.

* Recurrent high-casualty attacks/shelling on El-Fasher or other Darfur hubs (≥2 incidents with ≥20 killed each in any 60-day window): 55–70% (median ≈ 62%).
* Sustained denial/degradation of humanitarian access in key Darfur/Khartoum corridors (≥6 weeks): 50–65% (median ≈ 58%).
* Material escalation in advanced weapons use impacting air ops (confirmed SAM/drone incidents disrupting relief or civ air): 35–50% (median ≈ 43%).
* Significant oil/pipeline disruption episode with measurable export or throughput loss (≥30 days): 30–45% (median ≈ 38%).
* Meaningful diplomatic inflection (ceasefire framework with monitored compliance in ≥2 theatres): 15–25% (median ≈ 20%).

Scenario clusters (most likely two):

1. “Attritional Siege & Fragmented Access” (~45%) — Darfur sieges punctuated by mass-casualty events; aid corridors sporadic; malnutrition worsens; oil frictions recur.
2. “Arms-Sustained Stalemate” (~30%) — Advanced systems entrench positions; air and relief ops face higher risk; front lines fluid but no decisive shift.   
     
    (Tails: Talks yield localized ceasefires ~15–20%; Broader regional spillover ~10–15%.)

## **4) Decision thresholds (for donors, operators, and policy principals)**

* Proceed (limited ops): If secure windows ≥14 days on named corridors with verified deconfliction, and no SAM/drone incidents within 50 km of planned airheads.
* Caution / Stage-gate: If two or more mass-casualty incidents in Darfur within 30 days or formal access revocations; switch to remote ops, pre-positioning at safer border hubs.
* Pause / BCP trigger: Confirmed SAM use against relief/charter aircraft or corridor interdiction ≥30 days; shift to cross-border ground corridors (Chad/S. Sudan) and maritime relief via Port Sudan, if feasible.

## **5) Mitigations (actionable)**

* Access diversification: Lock multi-vector corridors (Chad, S. Sudan, Egypt) with modular warehousing near borders; build last-mile local partner networks to exploit brief access windows.
* Air risk management: SAM/drone-aware flight profiles; night ops where viable; ground-based threat reconnaissance and decoys at airstrips; review insurer warranties quarterly.
* Humanitarian surge readiness: Pre-approve vendor rosters and cash/voucher mechanisms for rapid scale-up when corridors open; nutrition commodities stockpiled per IPC forecasts.
* Energy exposure hedge: For stakeholders tied to transit fees or supply, model South Sudan export alternatives (Djibouti corridor pilots) and stress-test revenue under ≥60-day pipeline outages.
* Diplomatic lever alignment: Track AU/IGAD/Quad steps; condition funding or recognition moves on verifiable protection of civilians and arms-flow restraint.

## **6) What to watch (collection priorities)**

* El-Fasher indicators: Drone/SAM use, civilian casualty clusters, market/silo destruction, hospital functionality.
* Arms pipeline OSINT: New systems sightings, provenance, staging nodes across borders.
* Humanitarian telemetry: IPC updates, cholera/malaria spread, admission rates to stabilization centers.
* Oil/transit signals: Throughput stats, pipeline maintenance/chemicals availability, diplomatic bargaining with Juba.
* Negotiations: Concrete verification arrangements emerging from AU/IGAD/Quad tracks.

### **Bottom line**

Over the next 6–12 months, expect attritional conflict with episodic mass-casualty events in Darfur and severe access constraints, alongside periodic oil/pipeline disruptions. The risk of air and corridor interdiction is elevated by the spread of advanced weapons. Strategy should emphasize corridor diversification, air-risk controls, pre-stocked humanitarian surge capacity, and hedges against energy-transit shocks, while pressing for verifiable civilian-protection arrangements in any talks.

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Next country? Say “Mauritania” (then Benin, Togo) and I’ll run the same Option-3 treatment with fresh sources and a CARVER + probability cut.

# **IGRIS Case Study 4 — Mauritania**

IGRIS run-through: CARVER + probabilistic (Monte Carlo-style) forecast for 6–12 months

## **1) Current security & operating picture**

* Regional jihadist pressure (spillover risk): JNIM/IS-Sahel tempo in Mali/Burkina remains high, expanding toward western/central Mali—raising cross-border risk to Mauritania’s Hodh regions and Sahelian trade routes.
* Domestic incident baseline: Mauritania has avoided successful large jihadist attacks for years, but authorities still warn against travel near the Mali/Algeria borders (100-km buffer) due to terrorism/crime.
* Migration–security nexus: The EU–Mauritania migration compact (€210m) intensified border policing; rights groups document abuses and expulsions during crackdowns—creating reputational and social-stability risks along migration corridors.
* Strategic energy/mining nodes:  
  + GTA offshore gas (bp/Kosmos) achieved first gas/cargo in 2025; a minor commissioning leak in March was reported as low impact. Onshore exposure is limited, but marine/logistics reputational risk exists.
  + Tasiast gold (Kinross): April 2025 mill fire caused a temporary suspension (mining continued); operations resumed with close government engagement.

Implication: Core threats are transnational spillover from Mali, migration-policing backlash, and project execution/ESG incidents at GTA/Tasiast—not sustained domestic insurgency.

## **2) CARVER screen — priority risks (scores 1–5; higher = worse)**

Scope: energy (GTA), gold (Tasiast), logistics, and INGOs.

| **Risk vector (target)** | **C** | **A** | **R** | **V** | **E** | **Rz** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cross-border militant incursion (Hodh/Adrar) | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | Elevated by JNIM/IS-Sahel ops in Mali; Mauritania border buffer remains. |
| Migration-crackdown unrest / abuses fallout | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | EU-funded enforcement drives arrests/expulsions; reputational & donor risk. |
| GTA offshore HSE incident / protest risk | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | First gas reached; small commissioning leak shows comms/HSE sensitivity. |
| Tasiast operational disruption (industrial/ESG) | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2025 mill fire; authorities supportive; perimeter security strong. |
| Highway/corridor banditry (Nouakchott–Nouadhibou/Atar) | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | Crime/travel-advisory constraints persist in remote zones. |

Top watch:

1. Cross-border militancy spillover
2. Migration enforcement backlash & reputational risk
3. Project HSE/industrial disruptions (GTA/Tasiast)

## **3) Probabilistic outlook (6–12 months; Monte Carlo-style\*)**

\*Illustrative planning probabilities anchored to current reporting; not a substitute for a coded model.

* ≥1 cross-border militant raid or IED incident inside Mauritania’s eastern belt (with ≥5 casualties): 25–40% (median ≈ 32%). Drivers: JNIM pressure in western Mali, seasonal mobility.
* Escalatory unrest or high-visibility allegations tied to EU-funded migration policing (triggering donor/political scrutiny): 45–60% (median ≈ 52%).
* Material GTA disruption (production halt ≥14 days) due to HSE or marine event: 10–20% (median ≈ 15%). Recent leak was low-impact.
* Material Tasiast disruption (processing halt ≥14 days) from industrial or security cause: 20–35% (median ≈ 27%). Recent mill-fire precedent; security posture robust.

Scenario clusters:

1. “Buffered Stability, Reputational Churn” (~45%) — Borders mostly hold; migration-policing controversies dominate; projects operate with heightened HSE vigilance.
2. “Border Shock Lite” (~25–30%) — One cross-border attack prompts short-term posture tightening; limited direct impact on GTA/Tasiast.   
     
    (Tails: “Dual industrial hits” <15%; “Sustained insurgent campaign” <10% given current baselines.)

## **4) Decision thresholds (policy/board)**

* Proceed (normal ops with alerts): No verified militant incidents inside 50–100 km of key eastern corridors for ≥90 days; stable migration-policing posture (no donor conditionality).
* Caution / Stage-gate capex: Any cross-border attack in Hodh/Adrar or EU/UN censure tied to abuses; tighten travel, enhance comms/ESG engagement.
* Pause / BCP trigger: Coordinated multi-site raids or major HSE event at GTA/Tasiast (spill/fire) with >14-day outage.

## **5) Mitigations (actionable)**

* Border-belt hardening: ISR and vetted escorts on eastern missions; vary routes/timings per advisory zones; plug into AU/UNOWAS early-warning feeds.
* ESG & rights guardrails (migration nexus): Human-rights due diligence with grievance channels where supply chains touch policing/migration logistics; pre-plan comms if allegations surface.
* Project HSE resilience: Drill GTA/Tasiast worst-case playbooks; insurer engagement; public-interest disclosure templates referencing the March 2025 leak lessons.
* Community investment buffers: Coastal and mining-belt social programs to reduce protest triggers and bolster local legitimacy around projects. (Inference from project-state relations.)

## **6) What to watch (collection plan)**

* Mali frontlines near the border: JNIM movements toward Nioro/Western Mali and cross-desert axes.
* Migration corridor telemetry: Intercepts/expulsions, NGO/legal filings; EU conditionality signals.
* GTA/Tasiast OHS logs & marine weather windows: Any anomalies, stop-work orders, or regulator notices.

### **Bottom line**

Mauritania remains comparatively stable in a volatile Sahel, but border-zone spillover and migration-policing controversies are the near-term risk multipliers. Energy/mining assets look operationally resilient, with risk concentrated in HSE/industrial events and reputation. Maintain alert posture in the east, ESG safeguards on migration touchpoints, and mature incident-communications around GTA/Tasiast.

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# **IGRIS Case Study 5 — Benin**

IGRIS run-through: CARVER + probabilistic (Monte Carlo-style) forecast for 6–12 months

## **1) Current security & operating picture**

* Northern insurgency front: Benin faces sustained jihadi spillover (primarily JNIM; some IS-Sahel presence) across the Alibori/Atacora axis around the W–Arly–Pendjari complex. Major multi-platoon assaults in 2025 inflicted heavy army casualties (Jan ambush near W Park; Apr attacks in Alibori), confirming an elevated threat to fixed posts and patrols.
* Border diplomacy & trade friction with Niger: Since Niamey’s 2023 coup, Benin–Niger relations have seesawed, with port/pipe access disputes over Niger’s China-backed crude exports via Cotonou and intermittent shutdowns; talks to normalize ties continue but remain fragile, affecting corridor predictability.
* External security cooperation: Cotonou deepened security cooperation with Rwanda and participates in regional mechanisms (Accra Initiative / AU Nouakchott Process) to contain Sahel spillover.
* Maritime–logistics backdrop: Gulf of Guinea piracy remains at multi-year lows but persists (sporadic kidnappings/robbery), so port/anchorage vigilance is still required for Port of Cotonou flows.
* Civilians & displacement: Northern communities experience displacement and protection risks; donors are scaling resilience/social cohesion financing for the north.
* Travel/operational advisories: Multiple governments flag Do-Not-Travel zones near Burkina Faso/Niger borders (Pendjari, W Park environs), with kidnapping/IED risk.

Implication: The center of gravity is the northern conservation belt and border villages, where insurgents alternate between raids on outposts and complex ambushes. Diplomatic volatility with Niger adds a geoeconomic risk layer (oil/pipeline/port throughput and cross-border trucking).

## **2) CARVER screen — priority risks (scores 1–5; higher = worse)**

Scope: government/defense, humanitarian actors, logistics operators, and energy/mining/logistics investors.

| **Risk vector (target)** | **C** | **A** | **R** | **V** | **E** | **Rz** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Complex attacks on northern military posts / patrols | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | Multi-fatality assaults/ambushes in 2025 show offensive capacity & ISR gaps. |
| IEDs/kidnapping in W–Pendjari & border roads | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Enduring threat to rangers, NGOs, contractors; repeat risk along park tracks. |
| Benin–Niger corridor/pipeline friction | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | Oil export/port access disputes and tit-for-tat suspensions impact trade flows. |
| Maritime/anchorage crime (GoG) | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | Lower frequency but non-zero severity; requires BMP-WAA compliance. |
| Civic unrest tied to northern insecurity or cross-border policy shocks | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | Potential flashpoints around recruitment, casualties, or corridor closures. (Inference from above trends.) |

Top drivers by effect/criticality: (i) Northern complex attacks/ambushes, (ii) IED/kidnap risk in protected areas & border roads, (iii) Benin–Niger corridor/pipeline friction.

## **3) Probabilistic outlook (6–12 months; Monte Carlo-style\*)**

\*Planning estimates anchored to current reporting; not a substitute for a coded model.

* ≥2 mass-casualty attacks (≥10 fatalities each) on Beninese forces in the north within any 90-day window: 45–60% (median ≈ 52%). Trendline from Jan/Apr 2025 operations suggests continued insurgent initiative.
* At least one high-impact IED/kidnap incident affecting rangers/NGOs/contractors in or adjacent to W–Pendjari: 35–55% (median ≈ 45%).
* Material corridor shock with Niger (≥30 days of disrupted oil export or cross-border cargo flow): 30–45% (median ≈ 38%). Talks underway but reversals have occurred; political signaling remains volatile.
* GoG maritime incident impacting Benin-linked vessels/anchorage (kidnap/robbery): 15–25% (median ≈ 20%). Regionally low but persistent baseline.

Scenario clusters:

1. “Northern Grind” (~45%) — Continued ambushes and outpost attacks; localized curfews; humanitarian access volatility; trade with Niger oscillates but mostly functions.
2. “Corridor Shock” (~25–30%) — Diplomatic spat triggers oil/port shutdowns and trucking slowdowns; security pressure constant; insurance/working-capital costs rise.   
     
    (Tails: “Security gains via external support” ~15–20%; “Maritime flare-up” ~10–15%.)

## **4) Decision thresholds (operators/boards/policy)**

* Proceed (alert posture): No complex attack within 50 km of key project/NGO sites for ≥60–90 days; Cotonou–Parakou–Kandi corridor flowing; no new pipeline/port decrees.
* Caution / Stage-gate spend: Two or more fatal incidents within 30–60 days in Alibori/Atacora or formal notice of corridor restrictions; tighten movement rules; raise inventory buffers.
* Pause / BCP trigger: Coordinated multi-site assaults on posts or confirmed IED cluster on main border approaches or renewed export suspension >30 days; shift to remote ops, reroute cargo via alternative ports.

## **5) Mitigations (actionable)**

* Route security & pattern of life: Vary convoy timings/routes; avoid park tracks after dusk; expand ISR and local liaison in Materi–Tanguiéta–Kandi belts; adopt NGO-style movement matrices.
* Post hardening & quick-reaction: For northern sites, add stand-off barriers, counter-ambush drills, and CASEVAC arrangements with rehearsed triggers. (Inference from complex attack patterns.)
* Corridor hedging: Pre-arrange capacity via Lomé/Abidjan as contingency; embed corridor KPIs (border dwell, pipeline throughput) into contracts and financing covenants.
* Community/ESG lines of effort: Scale cash-for-work, youth engagement, and grievance channels in northern communes (align with WB resilience financing) to reduce recruitment drivers and sustain access.
* Maritime BMP-WAA & port security: Maintain best-management practices at anchorage; coordinate with GoG navies/VTS; ensure kidnap/CT crisis comms is pre-baked.

## **6) What to watch (collection priorities)**

* Tactics & tempo: Frequency of complex assaults vs. IED/harassment; claims by JNIM and patterns around W–Pendjari approaches.
* Diplomatic signals: Concrete steps in Benin–Niger talks (pipeline export resumptions, detainee issues, border reopening stages).
* Human terrain: Displacement flows, ranger staffing/closures in parks, NGO access denials.
* Maritime alerts: IMB/ISC/ISS updates on GoG incident rates near Benin/Togo waters.

### **Bottom line**

Over the next year, Benin’s northern security problem remains the principal driver of operational risk, with corridor volatility from Benin–Niger tensions as the key geoeconomic wildcard. Expect episodic mass-casualty attacks and targeted IED/kidnap threats near parks and border roads, while maritime risk stays low but non-zero. Strategy: stage-gated northern exposure, hardened movement protocols, corridor hedges, and community-resilience programs—backstopped by continued regional cooperation and diplomatic de-escalation efforts.

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# **IGRIS Case Study 5 — Togo**

IGRIS run-through: CARVER + probabilistic (Monte Carlo-style) forecast for 6–12 months

## **1) Current security & operating picture**

* Northern insurgency pressure: Government reports and field data indicate JNIM-linked cells operating from Burkina Faso conduct recurrent raids/IEDs in Savanes; officials acknowledged 15 attacks in 2025 with 54+ civilian deaths to date.
* Legal/operational posture: The state of security emergency in Savanes has been extended through March 2026, sustaining curfews, movement restrictions, and expanded security powers.
* Human terrain & rights context: Prolonged emergency measures and wider political tightening (after 2024–25 constitutional changes and low-turnout local polls) elevate civil-liberties/reputation risks for operators and INGOs.
* Maritime & logistics: Port of Lomé remains the only natural deep-water hub in the subregion and an anchor for trade routing—including diversions amid Benin–Niger frictions—yet GoG piracy/robbery risk persists (foiled boarding off Lomé on 28 Aug 2025; insurers rate offshore Togo = HIGH).

Implication: The principal threats are northern cross-border militancy, rights/reputation frictions linked to emergency governance, and offshore maritime security around Lomé anchorage/STL/STS zones.

## **2) CARVER screen — priority risks (scores 1–5; higher = worse)**

Scope: government forces, humanitarian actors, logistics/port users, and investors.

| **Risk vector (target)** | **C** | **A** | **R** | **V** | **E** | **Rz** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cross-border raids/IEDs in Savanes | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | JNIM tempo from Burkina corridors; civilian and force casualties in 2025. |
| Rights/repression backlash under emergency rule | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Protest restrictions, arrests & media bans amplify reputational risk. |
| Piracy/armed robbery at Lomé anchorage (offshore) | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | Recent attempted boarding off Lomé; insurers flag HIGH offshore risk. |
| Political volatility around reforms/elections | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | Constitutional change → centralization; low-turnout polls show apathy. |
| Corridor shocks (regional rerouting via Lomé) | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | Lomé benefits from diversions, but sudden surges can strain security. |

Top drivers by effect/criticality: (i) Northern raids/IEDs, (ii) maritime/anchorage security incidents, (iii) rights/reputation headwinds.

## **3) Probabilistic outlook (6–12 months; Monte Carlo-style\*)**

\*Planning estimates grounded in current reporting; not a substitute for a coded model.

* ≥2 lethal militant incidents in Savanes within any 60-day window (raids or IEDs): 45–60% (median ≈ 52%). Sustained JNIM activity across the Benin–Burkina–Togo tri-border suggests continuity despite force presence.
* Anchorage/STS security event off Lomé (attempted boarding/armed robbery) impacting a commercial vessel: 25–40% (median ≈ 32%). Recent foiled attack + insurer assessments keep baseline elevated.
* Heightened rights/political controversy (suspensions/bans or protest crackdowns) with material reputational risk for partners: 35–55% (median ≈ 45%).
* Material port/logistics disruption due to security (≥72-hour anchorage suspension or curfew-driven trucking halt): 15–25% (median ≈ 20%). Port resilience strong; risk stems from episodic security surges.

Scenario clusters:

1. “Northern Grind, Coastal Control” (~45%) — Persistent Savanes attacks under extended emergency; Lomé port runs normally with sporadic offshore threats mitigated by navy/industry responses.
2. “Offshore Scare” (~25–30%) — One conspicuous anchorage incident drives temporary insurer/calls scrutiny; operations continue with heightened BMP and patrols.   
     
    (Tails: “Rights flashpoint” ~15–20%; “Cross-border complex surge” ~10–15%.)

## **4) Decision thresholds (operators/boards/policy)**

* Proceed (alert posture): No complex attacks within 50 km of mission sites for ≥60–90 days; emergency measures remain static; no new insurer advisories for Lomé Offshore.
* Caution / Stage-gate spend: Two+ lethal incidents in Savanes within 30–60 days or rights crackdown with international censure; add movement constraints and comms safeguards.
* Pause / BCP trigger: Coordinated multi-site raids or mass-casualty IEDs or successful armed boarding/kidnap at anchorage; activate remote ops and reroute sensitive cargo windows.

## **5) Mitigations (actionable)**

* Northern movement discipline: Vary routes/timings; restrict dusk–dawn travel; tighten CASEVAC and QRF linkages with security forces; community liaison in border communes. (Aligned with JNIM TTPs.)
* Port/anchorage security: Enforce BMP-West Africa; harden citadels and SSAS drills; coordinate with Togo Navy/VTS; avoid prolonged drifting; optimize ETA to minimize idle time offshore.
* Reputation & rights safeguards: Human-rights due diligence, grievance channels, and transparent comms where programs intersect with emergency-rule enforcement; pre-baked statements for protest/press incidents.
* Corridor elasticity: Capacity reservations and MoUs for surge routing via Lomé; stress-test warehousing and yard security for diverted cargoes.

## **6) What to watch (collection priorities)**

* Attack telemetry in Savanes: Frequency/severity, IED signatures, cross-border pursuit rules, and propaganda claims.
* Maritime alerts: Navy/IMB/insurer circulars; any shift in offshore Togo risk from HIGH→MED/HIGH; patterns of loitering tankers/offtake/STL ops.
* Governance indicators: New decrees extending powers, bans/suspensions, and post-election political temperature.

### **Bottom line**

Expect continued low-intensity insurgent pressure in the north under an extended security emergency, while Lomé remains a high-throughput logistics hub facing episodic offshore security risk rather than systemic disruption. Strategy: stage-gate northern exposure, strict BMP at anchorage, and rights-aware engagement to mitigate reputational spillovers—leveraging Lomé’s port advantages while keeping response plans ready for offshore or Savanes spikes.

If you’d like, I can now roll these country cuts into a comparative CARVER dashboard highlighting shared triggers (cross-border raids, maritime events, rights flashpoints) across DRC, Mozambique, Sudan, Mauritania, Benin, and Togo.

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# **Comparative Geo-Risk Dashboard (DRC, Mozambique, Sudan, Mauritania, Benin, Togo)**

Below is a condensed, decision-grade roll-up from the six country briefs. It prioritizes what matters for the next 6–12 months, using CARVER-style focus (targets with highest Effect/Criticality) and “tripwire” indicators you can monitor.

## **1) Top risks by country (CARVER-prioritized)**

| **Country** | **#1 Risk (Effect/Criticality)** | **#2 Risk** | **#3 Risk** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| DRC | Cobalt export quotas tightening supply/price + compliance load (systemic market impact). | M23 war pressure in North Kivu → macro shock & reputational drag. | ADF/ISIS mass-casualty attacks sustaining Eastern instability. |
| Mozambique | Onshore LNG restart risk (Afungi/Palma)—political signals vs. field realities. | ISM raids in Cabo Delgado (incl. Mocímboa da Praia) → displacement/access volatility. | Offshore LNG execution risk (lower but non-zero). |
| Sudan | Darfur (El-Fasher) siege/attacks with high civilian harm and aid denial. | Advanced weapons (drones/SAMs) elevating air/aid-corridor risk. | Oil/pipeline frictions with S. Sudan → revenue shocks. |
| Mauritania | Border-zone militant spillover from Mali (low-frequency, high-impact). | Migration-policing backlash under EU compact (reputational/governance risk). | Project HSE incidents at GTA/Tasiast. |
| Benin | Complex attacks on northern posts/patrols (W–Pendjari/Alibori). | IED/kidnap risk on park/border roads. | Corridor shocks with Niger (pipeline/port access). |
| Togo | Cross-border raids/IEDs in Savanes under extended emergency rule (to Mar 2026). | Offshore Lomé anchorage incidents (attempted boarding Aug 28, 2025). | Rights/political flashpoints linked to constitutional reform. |

## **2) Tripwires & leading indicators (what to watch)**

* DRC  
  + Government/ARECOMS decrees adjusting quota volumes; monthly tonnage caps & “strategic pool” usage.
  + Goma/route control changes (M23) and verified ADF mass-casualty incidents.
  + MONUSCO posture notes for North Kivu/Ituri (exit pacing vs. conditions).
* Mozambique  
  + Formal TotalEnergies force-majeure update vs. political statements; contractor remobilization cadence.
  + ISM attack telemetry in Palma/Macomia/Mocímboa da Praia.
  + Offshore Coral North milestones (FID → execution).
* Sudan  
  + El-Fasher strike/shelling frequency; documented aid access windows ≥/≤ 2 weeks.
  + Confirmed drone/SAM incidents affecting relief/charter air ops.
  + Pipeline throughput and cross-border energy diplomacy with Juba.
* Mauritania  
  + Hodh-belt incursions/spillover alerts from western Mali.
  + Migration enforcement allegations (NGO reporting) and EU conditionality signals.
  + GTA/Tasiast incident reports & regulator/insurer notices.
* Benin  
  + Mass-casualty attacks on forces (Alibori/Atacora) and IED clusters near W–Pendjari.
  + Benin–Niger corridor decrees or suspensions (pipeline/port).
* Togo  
  + Savanes incident rate under emergency law (renewal moves, curfews).
  + Anchorage alerts off Lomé (NIMASA/IMB/Lloyd’s).
  + Rights/political developments around constitutional shift & protests.

## **3) Decision thresholds (example policy/board triggers)**

* Proceed (normal but alert)  
  + DRC: Quota utilization ≥85% of monthly cap; no new M23 territorial gains near Goma in 60–90 days.
  + Mozambique: ≥90 days without district-town raids within 30 km of Afungi; insurers relax war-risk premia.
  + Togo: No lethal Savanes incident in 60 days + no fresh offshore advisories.
* Caution / Stage-gate  
  + Benin: ≥2 mass-casualty force attacks in 60 days or new Niger corridor restrictions.
  + Mauritania: Credible cross-border raid in Hodh or major migration-abuse censure by HR orgs/EU.
  + Sudan: ≥6-week aid denial in Darfur corridors; evidence of SAM/drone risk to air ops.
* Pause / BCP  
  + DRC: Formal quota tightening or export holds + M23 shock near key nodes; re-route inventory.
  + Mozambique: Coordinated multi-district ISM raids near Palma/Mocímboa; evacuate non-essential.
  + Togo: Successful armed boarding/kidnap at Lomé anchorage; trigger offshore risk posture change.

## **4) Probability posture (6–12 months, planning bands)**

* DRC: Policy risk High (quota implementation, 50–70%), Eastern conflict High-Medium; logistics friction Medium.
* Mozambique: Offshore LNG stability High; onshore restart Medium-Low pending sustained security gains; ISM shocks Medium.
* Sudan: Attritional violence High in Darfur with severe access constraints; diplomacy breakthrough Low.
* Mauritania: National stability Medium-High; border-zone militant event Low-Medium; ESG/migration controversy Medium.
* Benin: Northern complex-attack risk Medium-High; corridor shock Medium.
* Togo: Savanes attacks Medium under extended emergency; offshore incident Low-Medium but consequential.

(Bands are planning heuristics derived from the country briefs; for investment-grade precision, we’d run the full Monte Carlo with your variables.)

## **5) Cross-cutting mitigations (portfolio view)**

1. Corridor elasticity & inventory buffers  
   * DRC/Benin/Togo: pre-contract alternates (e.g., Lomé/Abidjan) and warehouse surge options; embed dwell-time KPIs in contracts.
2. Anchorage hardening & BMP-WAA  
   * Togo/Lomé users: minimize idle time offshore; enforce citadels/SSAS drills; align with NIMASA/IMB alerts.
3. ESG & rights guardrails  
   * Mauritania/Togo/Benin: independent grievance channels where operations intersect security/migration enforcement; pre-baked crisis comms.
4. Security design for northern belts (Benin/Togo)  
   * Movement matrices, QRF/CASEVAC, route variance; coordinate with protected-area managers in W–Pendjari.
5. Policy-risk hedging (DRC cobalt)  
   * Blend offtake; tighten traceability to reduce hold risk; contracts indexed to quota volatility.

## **6) Where to focus collection (OSINT/RFI)**

* Daily: DRC quota notices; El-Fasher strike logs; Lomé anchorage alerts; Cabo Delgado district attack feeds.
* Weekly: Benin northern incident summaries; Niger–Benin pipeline/port status; Mauritania migration reporting.
* Monthly: Mozambique onshore LNG contractor mobilization; MONUSCO posture notes.

### **Bottom line**

Across the six theaters, the heaviest systemic risk is DRC’s cobalt quota regime (global supply chain impact), while the most acute humanitarian/security emergencies are Sudan (Darfur) and northern Benin/Togo. Mozambique’s offshore gas is advancing, but onshore remains security-conditioned. Mauritania stays comparatively stable, with risk concentrated in border-spillover and ESG optics around migration controls and HSE at flagship projects. Align capex and exposure to the tripwires above, and stage-gate decisions with quantified thresholds to keep risk-return ratios favorable.

The Overall IGRIS Framework

# **1) IGRIS Framework (Outline)**

Title: Integrated Geo-Risk Intelligence System (IGRIS)

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## **Purpose**

Fuse intelligence tradecraft with quantitative risk science to deliver probabilistic, defensible decisions for boards, GSOCs, and policy principals operating in volatile theaters.

## **Strategic Principles**

* Bias-aware framing before numbers (Structured Analytic Techniques).
* Priority clarity (CARVER scoring to focus effort where it matters).
* Uncertainty as data (probabilistic simulation vs. single-point estimates).
* Decision thresholds & tripwires (pre-agreed actions when metrics cross lines).
* Continuous reassessment (living model; new intel → new runs → updated posture).

## **Operating Layers**

1. INTEL FRAMING (SATs)  
   * Key Assumptions Check, ACH, What-If / HI-LO shocks.
   * Output: Validated variables & hypotheses; red-teamed analytic baseline.
2. PRIORITIZATION (CARVER)  
   * Score risks/targets on Criticality, Accessibility, Recuperability, Vulnerability, Effect, Recognizability (1–5, optionally weighted).
   * Output: Ranked risk register; CARVER heatmap; collection priorities.
3. QUANTIFICATION (Monte Carlo)  
   * Translate priority risks into monthly event probabilities (or ranges).
   * Model correlations across risks (Gaussian copula) to reflect real-world co-movement.
   * Output: Scenario likelihoods (e.g., “Security-only shock,” “Dual shock,” “Quiet”), percentile bands, and CARVER-weighted severity scores.
4. DECISION INTERFACE  
   * Thresholds: Go / Stage-Gate / Pause mapped to measurable indicators (incidents, corridor status, policy moves, insurer advisories).
   * Dashboards: Probability distributions, scenario counts, and CARVER-weighted impact.
   * Comms: Pre-approved messaging & ESG guardrails for reputational resilience.
5. FEEDBACK LOOP  
   * Intake: new OSINT/HUMINT/SIGINT + operational telemetry (dwell times, premiums, outages).
   * Re-score CARVER if threat/mission changes; re-run simulations.
   * Archive decisions and back-test model calibration.

## **Roles & Governance**

* IGRIS Director (QA-MNS): owns methodology & model integrity.
* GSOC (Lladner): live telemetry, incident validation, and threshold watch.
* Country Cells: context experts; own SATs and CARVER scoring.
* Data Steward: audit trails, parameter logs, and model versioning.
* Risk Committee: ratifies thresholds; decides action on alerts.

## **Implementation Path**

* Phase 0: Scoping & governance (roles, sources, data policy).
* Phase 1: Country SATs + CARVER baseline.
* Phase 2: Parameterization & first Monte Carlo; publish thresholds.
* Phase 3: Operate the loop (monthly refresh; ad-hoc on spikes).
* Phase 4: Calibration (compare realized incidents vs. forecast; tune parameters).

## **KPIs**

* Forecast calibration (Brier/PL scores), decision timeliness, reduction in unplanned downtime, corridor dwell-time variance, insurer premium deltas, and ESG incident rates.

# **2) Monte Carlo Code (the engine we use)**

Below is the exact, self-contained Python code for the IGRIS Monte Carlo (correlated Bernoulli events via a Gaussian copula) plus a CARVER-weighted severity score. You can paste this into a notebook and run as-is. The example at the end uses Benin with illustrative monthly probabilities (you can replace with your own).

*import numpy as np*

*import pandas as pd*

*# ---------- IGRIS Monte Carlo Engine (Gaussian Copula for Correlated Bernoulli Events) ----------*

*def gaussian\_copula\_bernoulli(P, corr, trials=10000, months=12, seed=42):*

*"""*

*Generate correlated Bernoulli outcomes over a number of months for multiple risk factors*

*using a Gaussian copula.*

*Parameters*

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*P : array-like (k,)*

*Baseline monthly event probabilities for k risk factors (0..1).*

*corr : array-like (k,k)*

*Positive semi-definite correlation matrix between factors (applies to latent normals).*

*trials : int*

*Number of Monte Carlo trials.*

*months : int*

*Number of months to simulate per trial.*

*seed : int*

*Random seed for reproducibility.*

*Returns*

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*outcomes : ndarray (trials, months, k)*

*Boolean array where True indicates the event occurred in that month for that factor.*

*"""*

*rng = np.random.default\_rng(seed)*

*P = np.asarray(P, dtype=float)*

*k = P.shape[0]*

*corr = np.asarray(corr, dtype=float)*

*# Robust Cholesky with a tiny jitter if needed*

*eps = 1e-10*

*try:*

*L = np.linalg.cholesky(corr)*

*except np.linalg.LinAlgError:*

*L = np.linalg.cholesky(corr + np.eye(k) \* eps)*

*# Acklam inverse normal CDF (probit) to avoid scipy dependency*

*def norm\_ppf(u):*

*u = np.asarray(u)*

*a = [-3.969683028665376e+01, 2.209460984245205e+02, -2.759285104469687e+02,*

*1.383577518672690e+02, -3.066479806614716e+01, 2.506628277459239e+00]*

*b = [-5.447609879822406e+01, 1.615858368580409e+02, -1.556989798598866e+02,*

*6.680131188771972e+01, -1.328068155288572e+01]*

*c = [-7.784894002430293e-03, -3.223964580411365e-01, -2.400758277161838e+00,*

*-2.549732539343734e+00, 4.374664141464968e+00, 2.938163982698783e+00]*

*d = [7.784695709041462e-03, 3.224671290700398e-01, 2.445134137142996e+00,*

*3.754408661907416e+00]*

*plow = 0.02425*

*phigh = 1 - plow*

*x = np.empty\_like(u, dtype=float)*

*mask = u < plow*

*q = np.sqrt(-2\*np.log(u[mask]))*

*x[mask] = (((((c[0]\*q + c[1])\*q + c[2])\*q + c[3])\*q + c[4])\*q + c[5]) / \*

*((((d[0]\*q + d[1])\*q + d[2])\*q + d[3])\*q + 1)*

*mask = u > phigh*

*q = np.sqrt(-2\*np.log(1-u[mask]))*

*x[mask] = -(((((c[0]\*q + c[1])\*q + c[2])\*q + c[3])\*q + c[4])\*q + c[5]) / \*

*((((d[0]\*q + d[1])\*q + d[2])\*q + d[3])\*q + 1)*

*mask = (u >= plow) & (u <= phigh)*

*q = u[mask] - 0.5*

*r = q\*q*

*x[mask] = (((((a[0]\*r + a[1])\*r + a[2])\*r + a[3])\*r + a[4])\*r + a[5]) \* q / \*

*(((((b[0]\*r + b[1])\*r + b[2])\*r + b[3])\*r + b[4])\*r + 1)*

*return x*

*thresholds = norm\_ppf(P) # thresholds on latent normals*

*outcomes = np.zeros((trials, months, k), dtype=bool)*

*for t in range(trials):*

*Z = rng.standard\_normal(size=(months, k)) # iid normals*

*Y = Z @ L.T # correlate*

*outcomes[t] = (Y < thresholds) # event if latent normal < threshold*

*return outcomes*

*def run\_igris\_monte\_carlo(risk\_config, corr, months=12, trials=10000, seed=42):*

*"""*

*risk\_config: dict {risk\_name: monthly\_probability}*

*corr: (k,k) correlation matrix aligned to keys(risk\_config)*

*Returns: (summary\_dict, details\_df)*

*"""*

*risk\_names = list(risk\_config.keys())*

*probs = np.array([risk\_config[r] for r in risk\_names], dtype=float)*

*outcomes = gaussian\_copula\_bernoulli(probs, corr, trials=trials, months=months, seed=seed)*

*# Simple scenario logic:*

*# SECURITY\_SHOCK = any "security" risk occurs in >=2 months within the year*

*# POLICY\_SHOCK = any "policy/rights/corridor" risk occurs in >=1 month*

*# MARITIME\_SHOCK = any maritime risk occurs in >=1 month*

*tags = []*

*for rn in risk\_names:*

*l = rn.lower()*

*if any(x in l for x in ["raid","ied","attack","insurg","militant"]):*

*tags.append("SECURITY")*

*elif any(x in l for x in ["maritime","anchorage","piracy","offshore"]):*

*tags.append("MARITIME")*

*elif any(x in l for x in ["policy","quota","rights","crackdown","corridor","pipeline"]):*

*tags.append("POLICY")*

*else:*

*tags.append("OTHER")*

*tags = np.array(tags)*

*trial\_flags = {"SECURITY\_SHOCK": [], "POLICY\_SHOCK": [], "MARITIME\_SHOCK": []}*

*for t in range(outcomes.shape[0]):*

*tr = outcomes[t] # months x k*

*sec\_months = tr[:, tags=="SECURITY"].any(axis=1).sum() if np.any(tags=="SECURITY") else 0*

*pol\_months = tr[:, tags=="POLICY"].any(axis=1).sum() if np.any(tags=="POLICY") else 0*

*mar\_months = tr[:, tags=="MARITIME"].any(axis=1).sum() if np.any(tags=="MARITIME") else 0*

*trial\_flags["SECURITY\_SHOCK"].append(sec\_months >= 2)*

*trial\_flags["POLICY\_SHOCK"].append(pol\_months >= 1)*

*trial\_flags["MARITIME\_SHOCK"].append(mar\_months >= 1)*

*trial\_flags = {k: np.array(v) for k,v in trial\_flags.items()}*

*dual = trial\_flags["SECURITY\_SHOCK"] & trial\_flags["POLICY\_SHOCK"]*

*sec\_only = trial\_flags["SECURITY\_SHOCK"] & ~trial\_flags["POLICY\_SHOCK"]*

*pol\_only = ~trial\_flags["SECURITY\_SHOCK"] & trial\_flags["POLICY\_SHOCK"]*

*quiet = ~trial\_flags["SECURITY\_SHOCK"] & ~trial\_flags["POLICY\_SHOCK"]*

*summary = {*

*"p\_dual\_shock": dual.mean(),*

*"p\_security\_only": sec\_only.mean(),*

*"p\_policy\_only": pol\_only.mean(),*

*"p\_quiet": quiet.mean(),*

*"p\_any\_maritime": trial\_flags["MARITIME\_SHOCK"].mean()*

*}*

*details = pd.DataFrame({"risk": list(risk\_config.keys()),*

*"monthly\_prob": [risk\_config[r] for r in risk\_config],*

*"tag": tags})*

*return summary, details, outcomes*

*def carver\_weighted\_scores(outcomes, carver\_weights, risk\_names):*

*"""*

*Compute CARVER-weighted annual severity score per trial.*

*outcomes: ndarray (trials, months, k) boolean event matrix*

*carver\_weights: dict risk\_name -> dict of CARVER elements {C,A,R,V,E,Rz} (1..5)*

*risk\_names: list aligned to outcomes last dimension*

*Returns: 1D array of scores per trial*

*"""*

*occurred = outcomes.any(axis=1) # (trials, k)*

*def agg\_weight(rn):*

*d = carver\_weights[rn]*

*return d['C'] + d['A'] + d['R'] + d['V'] + d['E'] + d['Rz']*

*weights = np.array([agg\_weight(rn) for rn in risk\_names], dtype=float)*

*return (occurred \* weights).sum(axis=1)*

*# ---------- Example: Benin (replace with your parameters per country) ----------*

*benin\_config = {*

*"northern\_complex\_attack": 0.20, # monthly probability (illustrative)*

*"IED\_or\_kidnap\_event": 0.15,*

*"corridor\_pipeline\_shock": 0.10,*

*"maritime\_anchor\_incident":0.03,*

*"rights\_or\_local\_unrest": 0.08*

*}*

*# modest correlations among related risks (illustrative)*

*risk\_names = list(benin\_config.keys())*

*k = len(risk\_names)*

*corr = np.eye(k)*

*def idx(name): return risk\_names.index(name)*

*corr[idx("northern\_complex\_attack"), idx("IED\_or\_kidnap\_event")] = 0.35*

*corr[idx("IED\_or\_kidnap\_event"), idx("northern\_complex\_attack")] = 0.35*

*corr[idx("northern\_complex\_attack"), idx("corridor\_pipeline\_shock")] = 0.20*

*corr[idx("IED\_or\_kidnap\_event"), idx("corridor\_pipeline\_shock")] = 0.15*

*corr[idx("rights\_or\_local\_unrest"), idx("corridor\_pipeline\_shock")] = 0.20*

*corr[idx("corridor\_pipeline\_shock"), idx("rights\_or\_local\_unrest")] = 0.20*

*corr[idx("corridor\_pipeline\_shock"), idx("maritime\_anchor\_incident")] = 0.10*

*corr[idx("maritime\_anchor\_incident"),idx("corridor\_pipeline\_shock")] = 0.10*

*summary, details, outcomes = run\_igris\_monte\_carlo(benin\_config, corr, months=12, trials=20000, seed=7)*

*benin\_carver = {*

*"northern\_complex\_attack": {"C":5,"A":3,"R":2,"V":4,"E":5,"Rz":5},*

*"IED\_or\_kidnap\_event": {"C":4,"A":3,"R":3,"V":3,"E":4,"Rz":5},*

*"corridor\_pipeline\_shock": {"C":4,"A":3,"R":3,"V":3,"E":4,"Rz":4},*

*"maritime\_anchor\_incident":{"C":3,"A":2,"R":4,"V":2,"E":3,"Rz":3},*

*"rights\_or\_local\_unrest": {"C":3,"A":3,"R":3,"V":3,"E":3,"Rz":4}*

*}*

*scores = carver\_weighted\_scores(outcomes, benin\_carver, risk\_names=list(benin\_config.keys()))*

*score\_summary = {*

*"mean\_score": float(np.mean(scores)),*

*"p90\_score": float(np.quantile(scores, 0.90)),*

*"p95\_score": float(np.quantile(scores, 0.95)),*

*"p99\_score": float(np.quantile(scores, 0.99))*

*}*

*print("=== IGRIS Monte Carlo (Benin demo) ===")*

*print("Scenario probabilities:", summary)*

*print("CARVER-weighted severity (annual) summary:", score\_summary)*

*print("\nRisk config & tags:\n", details)*

## **How to use it (quick guide)**

1. Define monthly probabilities for your country’s top risks (e.g., 0.18 = 18% chance per month).
2. Set a correlation matrix (corr) capturing co-movement (e.g., militant raids ↔ corridor shocks).
3. Run run\_igris\_monte\_carlo(...) to get:  
   * Scenario probabilities (p\_dual\_shock, p\_security\_only, p\_policy\_only, p\_quiet, p\_any\_maritime).
   * A details table showing risks, base probabilities, tags.
4. (Optional) Add CARVER weights to translate event occurrence into an annual severity score distribution (carver\_weighted\_scores).

# **Recap: The IGRIS Framework — Origins, Structure, and Methodological Lineage**

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## **1. Genesis of the IGRIS Framework**

The **Integrated Geo-Risk Intelligence System (IGRIS)** was conceived by **Quanta Analytica MNS Consulting** as part of a wider effort to unify **qualitative intelligence tradecraft** with **quantitative risk analytics**. The framework emerged from over a decade of experience in strategic security consulting, field intelligence analysis, and corporate risk governance.

IGRIS was not designed as a theoretical construct—it was built as an *operational engine* to help GSOCs, boards, and government clients anticipate complex crises across geopolitical, cyber, and commercial domains.

It draws from three foundational QA-MNS Consulting methodologies that had been field-tested across multiple regions and sectors:

1. **SATCON-X (Structured Analytic Convergence Method)** – A proprietary adaptation of intelligence community *Structured Analytic Techniques (SATs)* to corporate and geopolitical decision environments.
2. **CARVER-ECO (CARVER Extended Contextual Optimization)** – An evolved version of the classic **CARVER matrix**, expanded to assess interdependencies across economic, political, cyber, and reputational dimensions.
3. **IGRIS Core Engine** – The fusion layer that combines the outputs of SATCON-X and CARVER-ECO with probabilistic modeling and Monte Carlo simulation.

Together, these create a closed-loop system that moves from **assumption discipline → prioritization → probabilistic foresight → decision activation**.

## **2. Framework Architecture**

IGRIS operates as a five-phase continuous intelligence cycle:

| **Phase** | **Core Function** | **Primary Input** | **Key Output** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1. Intelligence Framing (SATCON-X)** | Defines the environment through Key Assumptions Checks, ACH matrices, and red-team challenge sessions. | Strategic indicators & source data | Hypothesis matrix and validated drivers |
| **2. Risk Prioritization (CARVER-ECO)** | Scores each driver across **Criticality, Accessibility, Recuperability, Vulnerability, Effect, and Recognizability**, adjusted for economic and reputational weighting. | Hypothesis matrix | Ranked risk map & target hierarchy |
| **3. Probabilistic Simulation (IGRIS Core)** | Converts CARVER-ECO outputs into event probabilities and runs **Monte Carlo simulations** to reveal full distributions of possible futures. | Weighted risk data | Probability curves & scenario clusters |
| **4. Decision Interface** | Translates outcomes into **Go / Stage-Gate / Pause** decision thresholds for executives or GSOC dashboards. | Simulation results | Action thresholds & tripwire matrix |
| **5. Continuous Feedback Loop** | Ingests new intelligence, re-scores CARVER, and re-runs the simulation, ensuring dynamic calibration. | Updated indicators | Revised forecasts & adaptive posture |

## **3. Integration of the Two Parent Methods**

### **A. SATCON-X: Structured Analytic Convergence**

* Merges traditional **Intelligence Community SATs** (Analysis of Competing Hypotheses, Key Assumptions Check, What-If Analysis) with corporate “red-team” protocols.
* Forces analysts to articulate *why* they believe a risk matters and *how* it interacts with others.
* Provides IGRIS with the **hypothesis space and bias-checked variable set** that feed the model.

### **B. CARVER-ECO: Contextual Prioritization Framework**

* Re-engineers the classic CARVER tool—originally military in design—to incorporate modern risk dimensions:  
  + **Economic Exposure**, **Cyber Vulnerability**, and **Operational Recoverability**.
* Converts subjective analyst judgment into **semi-quantitative weights**, creating a bridge between human insight and machine simulation.
* Supplies IGRIS with the **weighted parameters** that define what is “critical” or “vulnerable” in the Monte Carlo engine.

## **4. Why IGRIS Was Created**

Traditional risk matrices fail under **multi-domain complexity**. They assume linearity and understate tail-risk events that define real crises.  
 IGRIS was built to solve four persistent problems in global risk analysis:

1. **Static thinking** — analysts treating risk as fixed, not evolving.
2. **Cognitive bias** — overreliance on “expert intuition” without structured challenge.
3. **False precision** — deterministic forecasts that ignore uncertainty.
4. **Siloed data** — economic, security, and reputational indicators not fused into one model.

By integrating SATCON-X, CARVER-ECO, and Monte Carlo simulation, IGRIS allows analysts to **treat uncertainty as measurable** and **decision thresholds as pre-modeled**.

## **5. Outputs and Decision Value**

IGRIS delivers:

* **Probabilistic country and sector risk forecasts** with clear confidence bands.
* **CARVER-weighted vulnerability scores** for GSOC dashboards and intelligence briefs.
* **Tripwire-based decision triggers** aligned with corporate risk appetite.
* **Scenario clusters** (e.g., “Regulated Tightness,” “Security-Led Shock”) that support narrative intelligence assessments.

The result is a system that empowers clients to **see risk before it materializes**, **prioritize mitigation**, and **justify strategic decisions** with quantitative evidence and intelligence-grade rigor.

### **In summary**

The **IGRIS Framework** is the culmination of the **QA-MNS analytic lineage**—uniting SATCON-X’s cognitive discipline and CARVER-ECO’s contextual precision with a **quantitative foresight engine**. It transforms risk management from a reactive compliance exercise into a **living intelligence system** capable of anticipating shocks, protecting assets, and sustaining decision superiority.

## **The Defining Advantage**

*“IGRIS doesn’t eliminate uncertainty — it quantifies it.”* – *M. Nuri Shakoor, SRMP*

By merging structured tradecraft (SAT-RAM™), vulnerability quantification (CARVER+™), and probabilistic analytics (IGRIS), Quanta Analytica MNS and Lladner Business Solutions built a **repeatable, defensible decision architecture**.  
 It allows clients to calibrate strategy, budgets, and posture not on intuition—but on statistically grounded foresight.