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Maritime Monthly Security Report
Gulf of Guinea (GoG)
January 2020

Executive Summary

In January, thirteen maritime incidents were recorded within the Gulf of Guinea (GoG), two attack incidents, one hijack incident, two incidents of illegal boarding, two kidnap incidents, one robbery and five suspicious activities were reported during the month. Nine incidents occurred within Nigerian territorial waters while the four other incidents were recorded Offshore Benin, Offshore Togo and Offshore Cameroon.

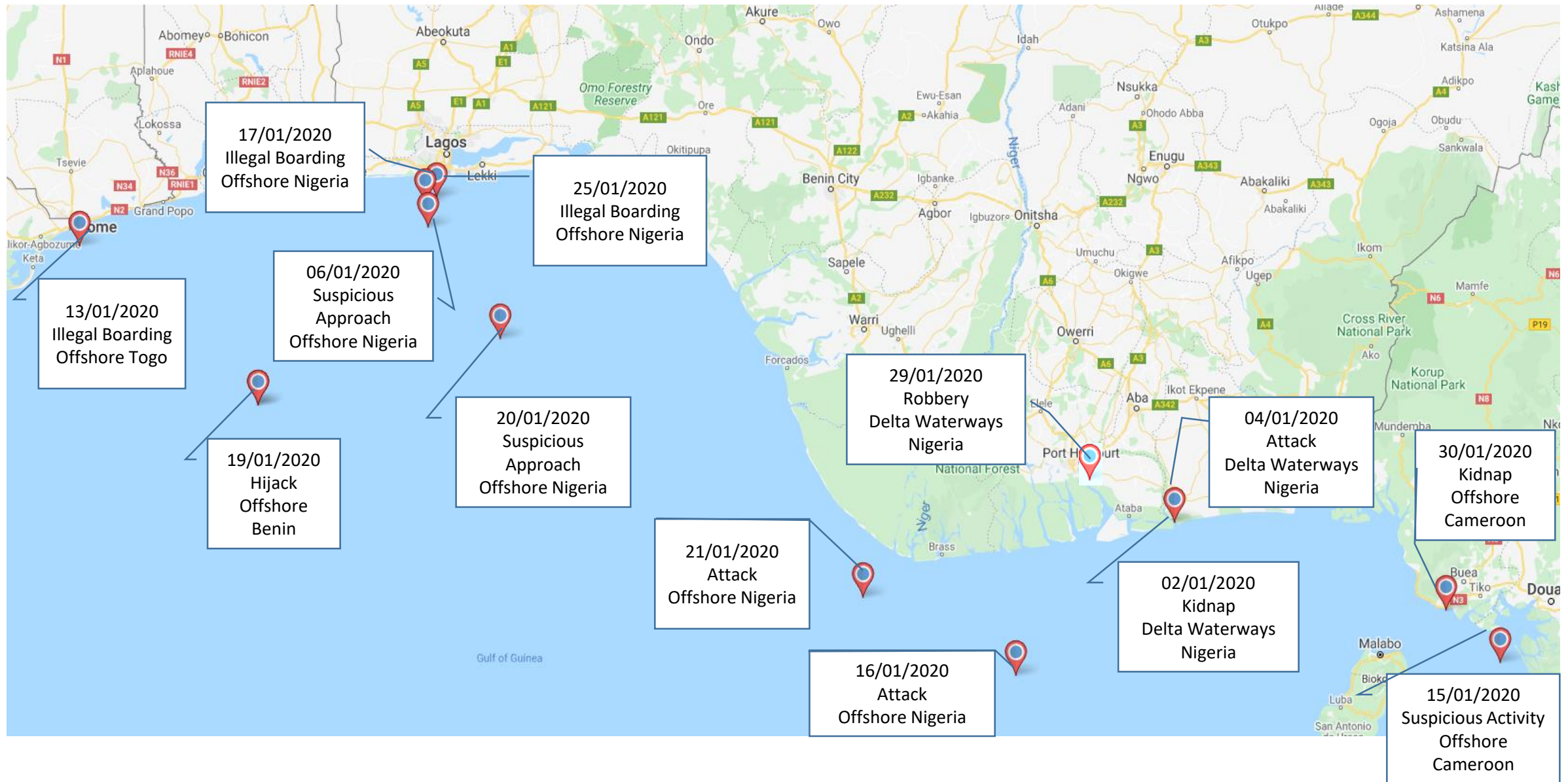
Incidents occurred at the following locations:

- Ramos River, Delta Waterways, Nigeria
- Obobo River, Delta Waterways, Nigeria
- Southwest Lagos, Offshore Nigeria
- Lome Anchorage, Offshore Togo
- Douala Anchorage, Offshore Cameroon
- Offshore Bonny, Offshore Nigeria
- Lagos Anchorage, Offshore Nigeria
- South of Cotonou, Offshore Benin
- Offshore Lagos, Offshore Nigeria
- Southwest Brass, Offshore Nigeria
- Lagos Secure Anchorage, Offshore Nigeria
- Limbe Anchorage, Offshore Cameroon
- Onne Port, Delta Waterways, Nigeria

Monthly Map Overview



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Weekly Report (1)

| S/N | Date | Incident Type | Location | Coordinates | Incident Details |
|-----|------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | 02/01/2020 | Kidnap | Delta Waterways, Nigeria | 5° 8' 3" N 2° 17' 9" E | An oil dredger operating approximately 3nm of Ramos river, Delta waterways was attacked by pirates. A gunfire exchange ensued between the pirates and armed naval personnel resulting in the death of four naval operatives and kidnap of three crew members. |
| 2 | 04/01/2020 | Attack | Delta Waterways, Nigeria | 4° 28' 60" N 7° 34' 60" E | A house boat was attacked by unknown assailants within the Obobo River, Rivers State. Reports indicate one pirate was killed during an exchange of gunfire with personnel of the Nigerian Navy responding to the attack. |
| 3 | 06/01/2020 | Suspicious Approach | Offshore Nigeria | 6° 7' 2" N 3° 16' 2" E | A tanker was approached by a suspicious boat whilst underway approximately 18NM Southwest of Lagos, Offshore Nigeria. It was reported that the boat came within 0.5NM to the tanker, the Captain increased speed and changed course, which resulted in the boat aborting her approach. |
| 4 | 13/01/2020 | Illegal Boarding | Offshore Togo | 6° 1' 3" N 1° 15' 1.8" E | It was reported that eight suspected robbers onboard a boat using ropes with hooks attached, attempted to board a container vessel at the Lome anchorage. The crew members raised an alarm and retreated to the citadel. The Togolese navy patrol arrived the vicinity and immediately conducted an investigation. Crew members were reported safe. |
| 5 | 15/01/2020 | Suspicious Activity | Offshore Cameroon | 3° 42' 13.7" N 9° 28' 19.5" E | Reportedly, four persons on board a skiff made several attempts at approaching an anchored oil/chemical tanker at the Douala inner anchorage, Offshore Cameroon. The skiff swiftly retreated from the area after the vessels' on-board security team fired several warning shots. The vessel and crew reported safe. |
| 6 | 16/01/2020 | Attack | Offshore Nigeria | 3° 37' 58.8" N 6° 40' 0" E | An estimated five individuals aboard a small boat attacked a merchant vessel (MV) approximately 50nm offshore Bonny. The armed security team fired several warning shots forcing the boat to withdraw. Vessel and crew members reported safe. |

Weekly Report (2)

| S/N | Date | Incident Type | Location | Coordinates | Incident Details |
|-----|------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 7 | 17/01/2020 | Illegal Boarding | Offshore Nigeria | 6° 15' 0" N 3° 15' 0" E | A canoe was sighted by the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) crew as it approached the lowered anchor chain of a vessel at the Lagos Anchorage, Offshore Nigeria. The crew raised an alarm alerting security after they noticed a robber climbing the anchored chain. The robber was forced to retreat and flee the area. |
| 8 | 19/01/2020 | Hijack | Offshore Benin | 5° 7' 60" N 2° 16' 60" E | MDAT-GoG reported that a Merchant Vessel was boarded by armed men 80nm south of Cotonou, Offshore Benin. The assailants who arrived aboard a skiff accessed the vessel using a long ladder. The assailants were spotted by the Duty Officer, the main deck lights were switched on and vessel proceeded to the west at full speed. Caution is advised whilst transiting the area. |
| 9 | 20/01/2020 | Suspicious Approach | Offshore Nigeria | 5° 30' 0" N 3° 40' 60" E | MDAT-GoG reported that a skiff with at least six assailants aboard carrying a ladder with hooks attempted to board a tanker underway south of Lagos , Offshore Nigeria. |
| 10 | 21/01/2020 | Attack | Offshore Nigeria | 4° 4' 0" N 5° 46' 60" E | A merchant vessel was attacked by 15 armed assailants aboard a black speedboat with a white flag approximately 45NM West Southwest of Brass, Offshore Nigeria. The assailants fired upon the vessel and subsequently moved away. Nigerian security personnel have been notified of the incident. |
| 11 | 25/01/2020 | Illegal Boarding | Offshore Nigeria | 6° 16' 59" N 3° 19' 0" E | A robber was sighted near the bridge of an anchored tanker by the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) watchman IVO Lagos Anchorage Area, Offshore Nigeria. The watchman raised an alarm prompting the robber to jump overboard to a nearby canoe. A security vessel was deployed to support the tanker. |

Weekly Report (3)

| S/N | Date | Incident Type | Location | Coordinates | Incident Details |
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| 12 | 29/01/2020 | Robbery | Delta Waterways, Nigeria | 4° 41' 30" N 7° 9' 50" E | MDAT - GoG reported that a robber boarded a merchant vessel berthed at Onne Port, Delta waterways, Nigeria. The robber stole items and escaped to a nearby canoe after being sighted by a watchman who raised an alarm. Vessel and crew were reported safe. |
| 13 | 30/01/2020 | Kidnap | Offshore Cameroon | 3° 59' 47.12" N 9° 9' 31.75" E | A fishing vessel was attacked by at least six pirates onboard a speedboat IVO Limbe anchorage, Offshore Cameroon. The pirates opened fire on the vessel and kidnapped a crew member, fleeing towards Nigerian waters. Security authorities were alerted by the remaining crew members. |

2019 till Date – Incident Map – Gulf of Guinea

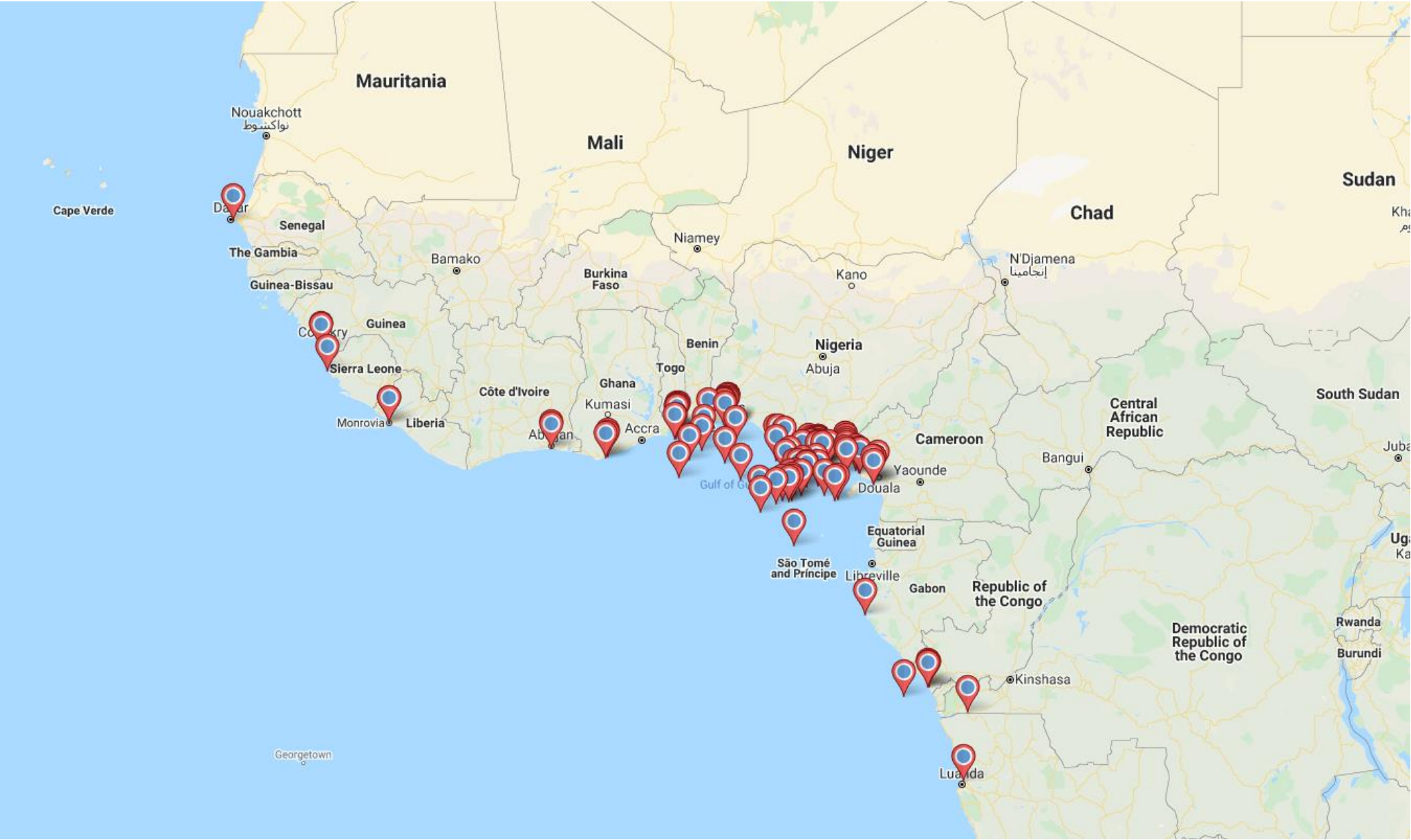


Image of the Month



Port of Lome, Offshore Togo



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