



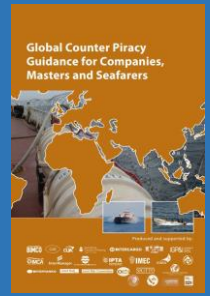
# MDAT – GOG Weekly Report 46-20

06<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>h</sup> November 2020  
Number of Events reported:

# 6



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West Africa

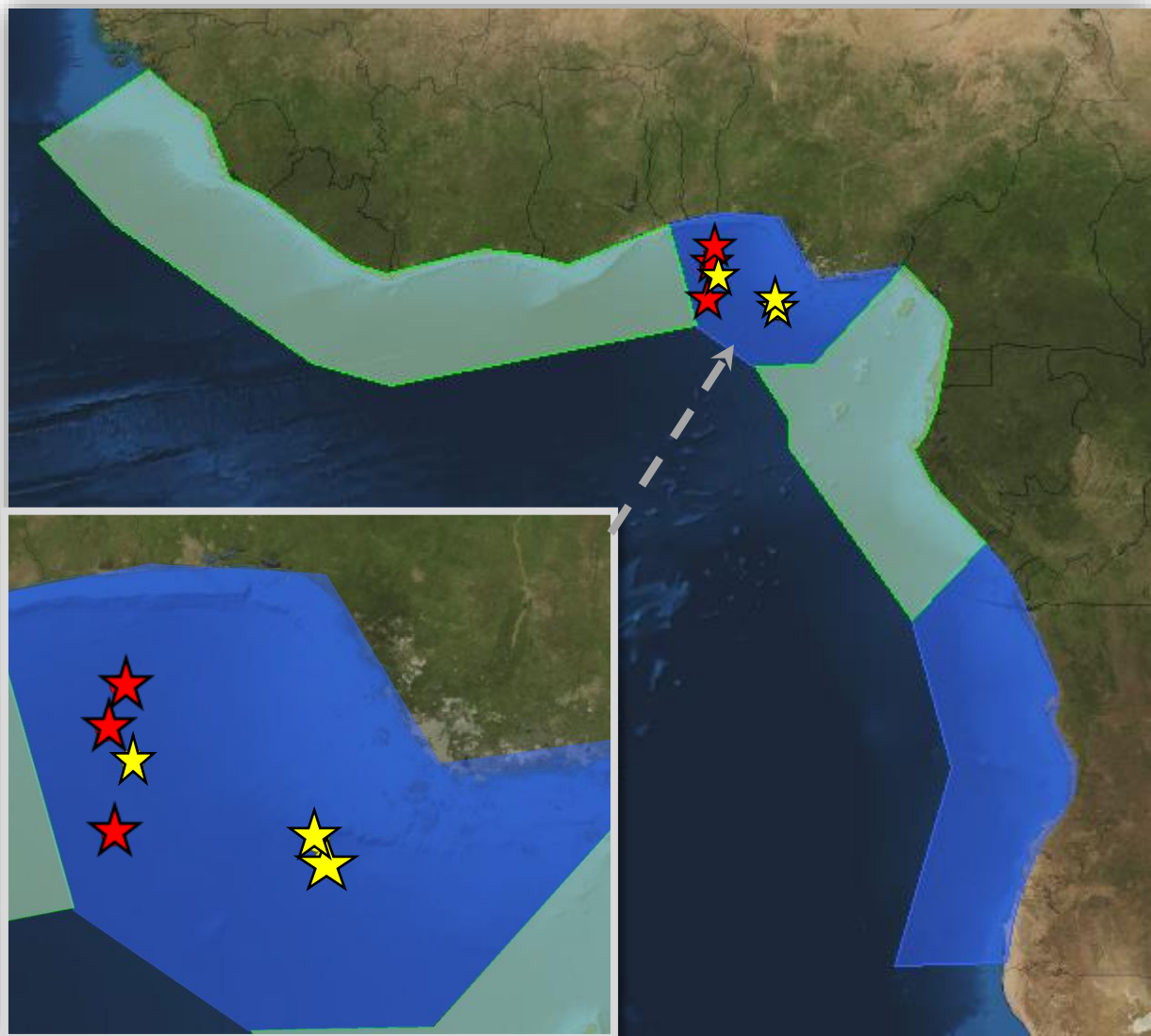


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## OVERVIEW

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

Hijack: 0    Attack: 2    Boarding: 1    Suspicious Approach: 3    Robbery – Sea theft: 0    Sighting/Irregular Activity: 0



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

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**IMPORTANT**

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TYPE	AREA	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT	Information reported to coastal authorities
BOARDING	E	03°39'48N 002°29'49E	On 07 <sup>th</sup> November at 0640 UTC, an MV ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) was boarded by unknown number of armed attackers. The alarm was quickly raised by the bridge look-out and the crew mustered in the citadel. An Italian frigate sailing in vicinity dispatched helicopters in order to assist and secure the area. The Italian warship reported that the MV and crew were safe. <b>MDAT GOG Comment:</b> <i>This event refers to WARNING 002/NOV/20 and WARNING 002/NOV Update 1.</i>	MMCC AREA E / D, Italian Navy
ATTACK	E	04°45N - 002°26E	On 09 <sup>th</sup> November at 2028UTC, an MT ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) reported they were under attack by 1 skiff. The crew mustered in the citadel whilst the Master and bridge team carried out evasive manoeuvring. The skiffs aborted the attack. Vessel and crew are now SAFE. <b>MDAT GOG Comment:</b> <i>This event refers to ADVISORY004/NOV/20.</i>	MMCC AREA E/F, Italian Navy
ATTACK	E	05°12N 002°35E	On 11 <sup>th</sup> November at 0119UTC, an MT ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) reported that a skiff with approximately 8 armed persons on board, approached them to within 1 NM. The persons fired gunshots at the vessel, and attempted to board it but failed. After 1 hour and 35 minutes the skiff aborted the attack, and left the vicinity. Ship and crew reported safe. <b>MDAT GOG Comment:</b> <i>This event refers to WARNING 003/NOV/20 and WARNING 003/NOV Update 1 and 2</i>	AREA E/F, Italian Navy
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	E	03°35N 004°36E	On 07 <sup>th</sup> November at 1620UTC, an MV ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) was approached by a skiff with seven armed people on board. The crew mustered in the citadel, and the onboard security guards fired warning shots on the suspicious skiff, which resulted in the attackers to abort their pursuit. Crew and vessel are reported safe. <b>MDAT GOG Comment:</b> <i>This event refers to ADVISORY001/NOV/20.</i>	MMCC AREA E / D / Italian Navy
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	E	03°23N 004°40E	On 08 <sup>th</sup> November at 2140UTC, a Research Vessel (RV) ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) was approached by a skiff with 4 POB. The Nigerian Navy guard on the escort vessel fired warning shots resulting the suspicious skiff to withdraw. Ship and crew are reported safe. <b>MDAT GOG Comment:</b> <i>This event refers to ADVISORY002/NOV/20.</i>	MMCC AREA E

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TYPE	AREA	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT	Information reported to coastals authorities
<b>SUSPICIOUS APPROACH</b>	E	04°26.3N 002°42.0E	On 09 <sup>th</sup> November at 0630UTC, an MV ( <b>NAME WITHHELD</b> ) reported that a skiff with 7-8 armed persons on board approached them to a CPA of 0.7NM. The crew mustered in citadel and the Beninese navy guards on board fired warning shots. After 10 minutes, the skiff left the vicinity. <b>MDAT GOG Comment:</b> <i>This event refers to ADVISORY003/NOV/20.</i>	MMCC AREA E

**WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE**

Five WARNING Notices issued this week

**WARNING 002/NOV/2020**

- 1. CATEGORY: BOARDING**
- 2. TIME:** 07 Nov 2020 at 0640UTC.
- 3. DESCRIPTION:** Unknown number of perpetrators have boarded a MV. All crew are in the citadel. Local authorities are aware of the situation.
- 4. POSITION:** 03°39'48N 002°29'49E (172 Nm south of Cotonou)
- 5. SOURCE:** CSO

**WARNING 002/NOV/2020 - UPDATE 01**

- 1. CATEGORY: BOARDING**
- 2. TIME:** 07 Nov 2020 at 2020UTC.
- 3. DESCRIPTION:** The vessel previously reported boarded is now safe. All crew reported as safe.
- 4. POSITION:** 03°39'48N 002°29'49E (172 Nm south of Cotonou)
- 5. SOURCE:** CSO

**WARNING 003/NOV/2020**

- 1. CATEGORY: ATTACK**
- 2. TIME:** 10 Nov 2020 at 0119UTC.
- 3. DESCRIPTION:** A MT is under attack by a skiff, with an unknown number of armed POB. Local Authorities have been informed.
- 4. POSITION:** 05°12'N 002°35'E (70 Nm southeast of Cotonou)
- 5. SOURCE:** VESSEL

**WARNING 003/NOV/2020 - UPDATE 01**

- 1. CATEGORY: ATTACK**
- 2. TIME:** 11 Nov 2020 at 0119UTC.
- 3. DESCRIPTION:** A MT is under attack by a skiff, with an unknown number of armed POB. Local Authorities have been informed.
- 4. POSITION:** 05°12'N 002°35'E (70 Nm southeast of Cotonou)
- 5. SOURCE:** VESSEL

**WARNING 003/NOV/2020 - UPDATE 02**

- 1. CATEGORY: ATTACK**
- 2. TIME:** 11 Nov 2020 at 0119UTC.
- 3. DESCRIPTION:** The attack on the MT was aborted. Vessel and Crew SAFE.
- 4. POSITION:** 05°12'N 002°35'E (70 Nm southeast of Cotonou)
- 5. SOURCE:** VESSEL

**ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE**

## Four ADVISORY Notices issued this week

**ADVISORY 001/NOV/2020**

**1.Category:** SUSPICIOUS APPROACH

**2.Time:** 07 NOV 20 at 1620 UTC

**3.Description:** An M/T was approached by a speed boat in position 0335N 00436E, the presence of the AST caused the speed boat to withdraw.

**4.Position:** 0335N 00436E

**5.Source:** Reported by the Master.

**ADVISORY NOTICE 002/NOV/2020**

**1.Category:** Suspicious Approach

**2.Time:** 08 Nov 20 at 2140 UTC

**3.Description:** A small craft with 4 POB approached a RV at a distance of 200 meters. Nigerian Naval Detachment on-board the security escort vessel raised the alarm. The small craft aborted the approach.

**4.Position:** 032324N 0044088E (76 Nm southwest of FORCADOS)

**5.Source:** CSO via email

**ADVISORY 003/NOV/2020**

**1.Category:** Suspicious approach

**2.Time:** 09 NOV 2020 at 0630UTC

**3.Description:** MV reported that a skiff with 7-8 armed persons on board approached them to a CPA of 0.7 nautical miles. The crew mustered in citadel and the Beninese Navy guards on board fired warning shots. After 10 minutes, the skiff left the vicinity.

**4.Position:** 04°26.3N – 002°42E (172/116NM off COTONOU)

**5.Source:** Reported Incident received from Vessel.

**ADVISORY 004/NOV/2020**

**1.Category:** Attack

**2.Time:** 09 Nov 20 at 2036 UTC

**3.Description:** MT reported they were under attack by 2 skiffs, the crew mustered in citadel whilst master and bridge team carried out evasive manoeuvring. The skiffs have aborted the attack. Vessel and crew are now SAFE.

**4.Position:** 04°45.7N 002°26E (193°/98Nm southwest of COTONOU)

**5.Source:** Reported Incident received from Vessel

**MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE**

Nil MDAT-GOG Notices issued this week

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**MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA**

Nil Maritime Crime Activities reported this week

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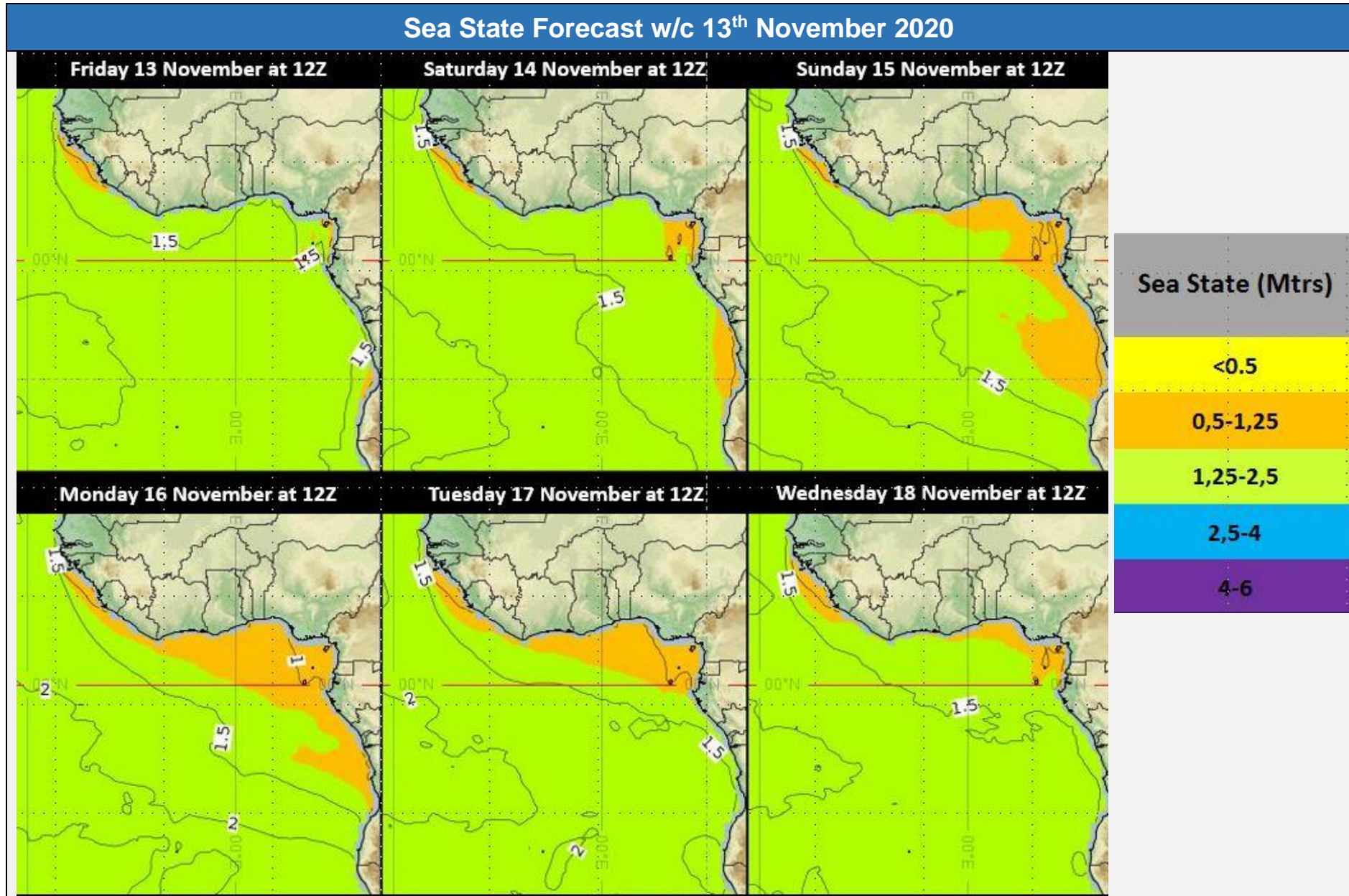
**NOTES**

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.

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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](mailto:watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org). Phone number is monitored permanently (+33 (0)298 22 88 88).

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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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