



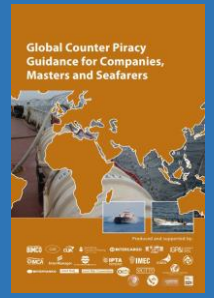
MDAT – GOG Weekly Report 47-20

13th – 20th November 2020
Number of Events reported:

5



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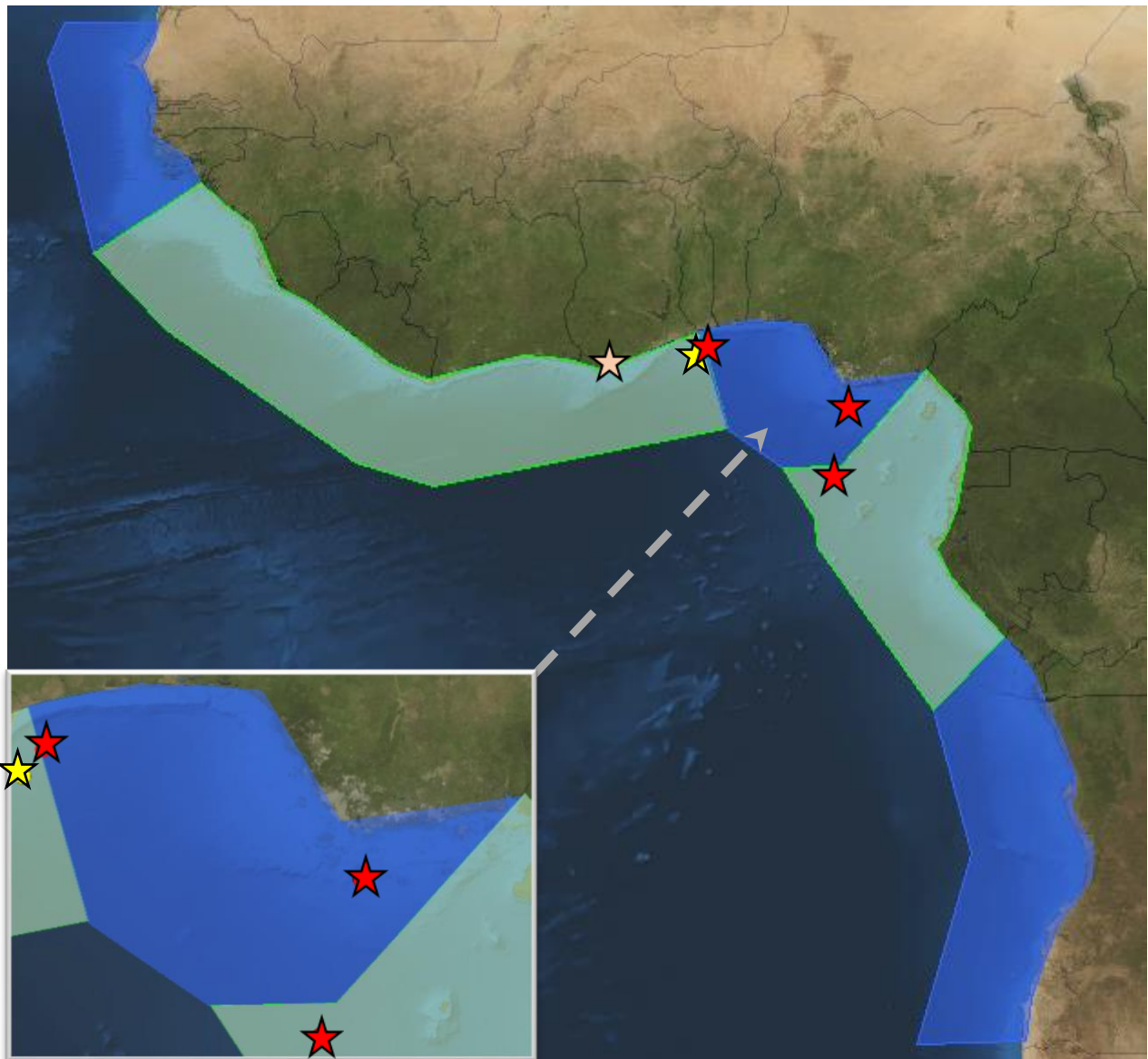


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OVERVIEW

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

Hijack: 0 Attack: 0 Boarding: 3 Suspicious Approach: 1 Robbery – Sea theft: 1 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 coastals authorities |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|--|--|
| BOARDING | D | 01°11N 005°33E | On the 13 th November at 1455UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by an unknown number of attackers. During the attack, a crewmember was reported wounded by gunshots. The incident was immediately reported by MDAT-GOG to Sao Tome COAST GUARDS and all concerned authorities. One Portuguese (cease to Sao Tome), one Spanish and one Italian navy ships were dispatched in order to assist and secure the area. The Italian navy ship has proceed to the medical evacuation of the wounded crew member. The ship was after escorted to Luba. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to WARNING 004/NOV/20 and WARNING004/NOV/20 UPDATE 1. | Sao Tome COAST GUARD / MMCC ZONE D |
| BOARDING | E | 03°32N 006°09E | On the 16 th November at 0400UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by 7-8 armed attackers. The local authorities were informed. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 005/NOV/20. | MMCC AREA E and F |
| BOARDING | E | 05°28N 001°25E | On the 16 th November, hellenic coastguards reported the loss of communications with a MT. After further investigation, it was confirmed that attackers have boarded the MT and are still on board on the 20 th November. The local authorities were informed MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 006/NOV/20 and WARNING 006/NOV/2020 - UPDATE 1 – 2 – 3. | MMCC AREA E and F |
| SUSPICIOUS APPROACH | F | 05°04N 001°07E | On the 17 th November at 0435UTC, an MV was approached by one skiff at 0.5NM with an unknown number of people on board. The crew and ship were reported safe. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to WARNING 005/NOV/20. | MMCC AREA E and F |
| THEFT | F | 04°53N – 001°42W | On the 13 th November at 0212UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) reported theft whilst located in Takoradi Ghana anchorages, a crew member conducted security rounds.It was noticed that ship's equipment had been stolen by unknown personnel. Vessel and crew are reported safe. MDAT GOG Comment: NIL | Takoradi port |

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WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE

07 WARNING Notices issued this week

WARNING 004/NOV/2020

1. **CATEGORY:** BOARDING
2. **TIME:** 13 Nov 2020 1455UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** A MT has been boarded by a number of unknown persons. Local Authorities have been informed.
4. **POSITION:** 0111N 00533E (77 Nm northwest of Sao Tome)
5. **SOURCE:** OWNER

WARNING 004/NOV/2020 – UPDATE 01

1. **CATEGORY:** BOARDING
2. **TIME:** 14 Nov 2020 1250UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** the MT boarded on the 13th November 2020 in position 01°11N 005°33E (77 Nm northwest of Sao Tome) by an unknown number of persons is now safe.
4. **POSITION:** 01°11N 005°33E (77 Nm northwest of Sao Tome)
5. **SOURCE:** OWNER

WARNING 005/NOV/2020

1. **CATEGORY:** SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
2. **TIME:** 17 Nov 2020 0435UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** An MV was approached by one skiff at 0.5 NM with an unknown number of people on board. Incident is now complete, vessel and crew are safe. Local authorities have been informed of the situation.
4. **POSITION:** 050400N-0010700E (59 Nm south of Lome)
5. **SOURCE:** Master of Vessel

WARNING 006/NOV/2020**THIS WARNING SUPERSEDES ADVISORY 006/NOV/20**

1. **CATEGORY:** BOARDING
2. **TIME:** 16 Nov 2020 at 0540UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** MDAT GoG believes this vessel has been boarded due to loss of communication with the vessel. Investigations are ongoing.
4. **POSITION:** 0528N 00125E (85 Nm East of Tema, Ghana)
5. **SOURCE:** Coastguards

WARNING 006/NOV/2020 - UPDATE 01

1. **CATEGORY:** BOARDING
2. **TIME:** 18 Nov 2020 at 0556UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** MDAT GoG has received confirmation attackers are still on board. Local authorities have been informed.
4. **POSITION:** 04°17N 000°48E (90 NM South of Tema, Ghana).
5. **SOURCE:** Coastguards

WARNING 006/NOV/2020 - UPDATE 02

1. **CATEGORY:** BOARDING
2. **TIME:** 19 Nov 2020 at 0853UTC.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** MDAT GoG has received an update regarding the last position of the boarded MT. The attackers are still on board. Local authorities have been informed.
4. **POSITION:** 03°06'55N – 002°16'58E (183/194NM off Cotonou, BENIN)
5. **SOURCE:** Hellenic Coastguards.

WARNING 006/NOV/2020 - UPDATE 03

1. **CATEGORY:** BOARDING
2. **TIME:** 20 Nov 2020 at 0623UTC.

- 3. DESCRIPTION:** MDAT GoG has received an update regarding the last position of the boarded MT. The attackers are still on board. Local authorities have been informed.
- 4. POSITION:** 03°06'34N - 002°40'22E (193/202NM off Lagos Nigeria).
- 5. SOURCE:** Hellenic Coastguards.

ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE

2 ADVISORY Notices issued this week

ADVISORY NOTICE 005/NOV/2020

- 1. CATEGORY:** BOARDING
- 2. TIME:** 16 Nov 20 at 0400 UTC
- 3. DESCRIPTION:** Local authorities reported that a cargo ship was boarded by 7 or 8 armed perpetrators. Vessel is now reported safe.
- 4. POSITION:** 03°32'07"N 006°09'04"E (45 Nm south of Brass)
- 5. SOURCE:** Reported Incident received from Local authorities: 16 Nov 20 at 0755 UTC by email

ADVISORY NOTICE 006/NOV/2020

- 1. CATEGORY:** IRREGULAR ACTIVITY
- 2. TIME:** 16 Nov 20 at 0540 UTC
- 3. DESCRIPTION:** Communications lost with an MT, investigations ongoing
- 4. POSITION:** 0528N 00125E (40 Nm south of Lome, TOGO)
- 5. SOURCE:** Coastguards

MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE

Nil MDAT-GOG Notices issued this week

MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA

1 Maritime Crime Activity reported this week

GHANA, Takoradi : Theft

NOTES

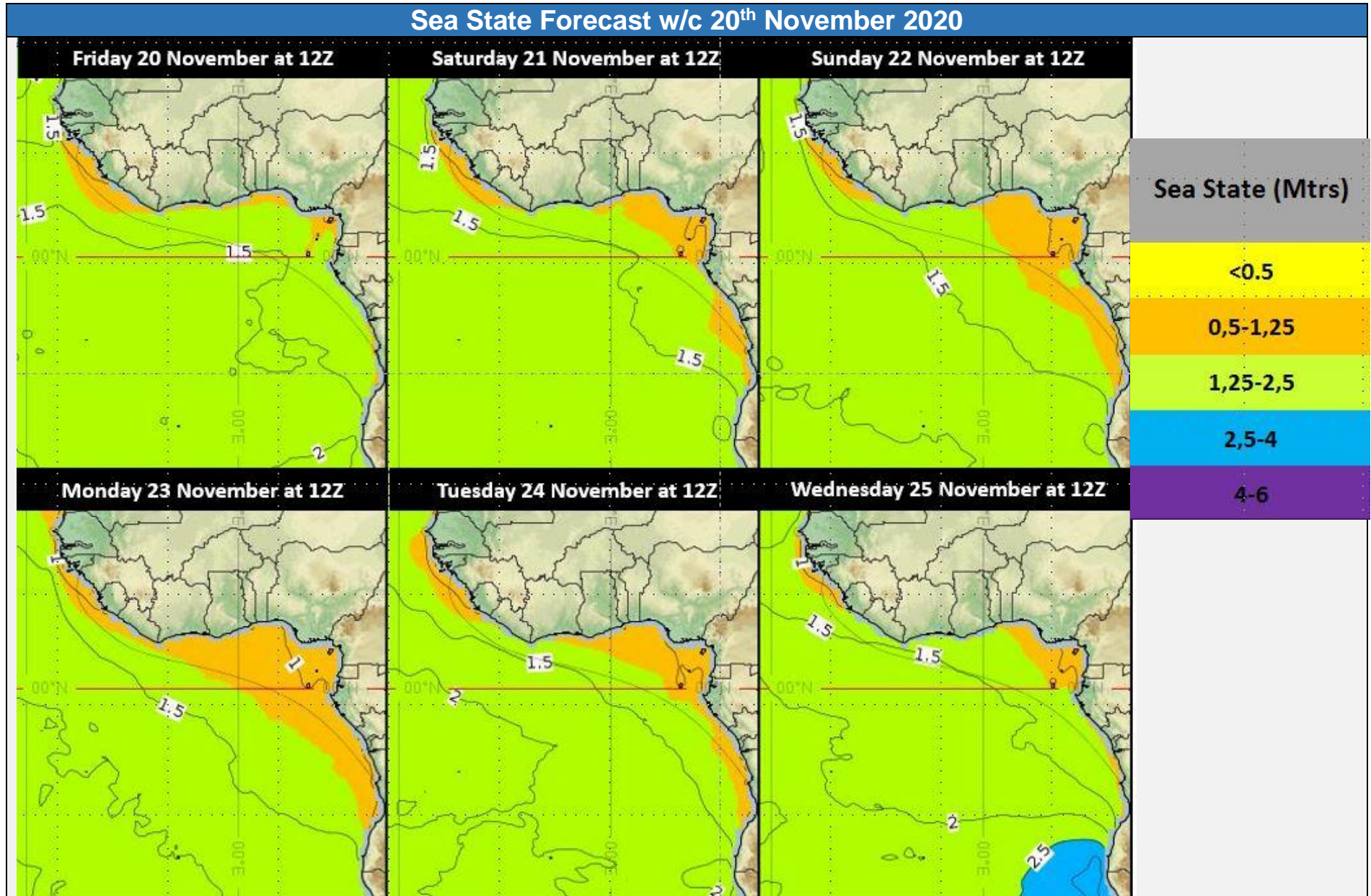
Any queries regarding Advisory Notices ring: 0033 298 22 88 88 only, for further information. ADVISORIES are not classified as Maritime Security Events and have not been verified by MDAT-GoG. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. MDAT-GoG is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

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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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