



MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 44-17

27th October – 3rd November 2017

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

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OVERVIEW

MDAT – GoG reports are primarily based upon information sent by vessels using the Voluntary Reporting scheme. Masters and CSOs are encouraged to report as early as possible, events or sightings with as much detail as possible to allow MDAT-GOG to initiate the appropriate response. Sometimes incomplete reports cause delay to the issue of warnings and our ability to contact Local Navy assets for assistance. Masters are requested to call MDAT-GoG (+33 298 228888) at the time of any incident occurring. This phone number is monitored permanently (24/7). It is requested the Masters contact MDAT-GoG as soon as possible to facilitate quicker actions by the MDAT-GoG and their regional contacts.

Details can be found on SHOM Chart 8801CSD or UKHO Chart Q6114, 30 June 2016, to allow them 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

Companies / Ships Exercises: MDAT-GOG would like to extend an invitation to Companies / CSOs to be included in Company led exercises/drills. Please do not hesitate to contact the MDAT-GOG in advance of the exercise. The Exercise telephone number is +33 298 221302. As this keeps the Live Emergency Line free.

Fair winds and following seas!

Three events have been reported to MDAT-GoG this week.

ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)
[Best Management Practice \(BMP\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)



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

Date	Type	Brg/Rge from nearest shore	Summary of event
27/10/2017	IRREGULAR ACTIVITY	295°/34NM from Ana Chaves, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE	<p>At 12:20Zhrs in position 00°41.8N – 006°03.6E, a merchant vessel reported 5 speedboats approaching her to a distance of 400yd. Speedboats were each fitted with 2 POB, wearing green rain coats. Due to high waves, speedboats stopped. The merchant vessel headed toward South Africa. No weapons or trip wires were sighted.</p> <p>MDAT-GoG Comment: This event refers to Advisory 003/OCT/17.</p>
01/11/2017	ATTACK	195°/21NM from Bonny, NIGERIA	<p>At 09:25Zhrs in position 04°05N – 007°04E, a tanker was approached by two speedboats and boarded by two pirates. Two security vessels proceeded the vessel and the pirates fled north.</p> <p>MDAT-GoG Comment: This event refers to Warning 001/NOV/17</p>
03/11/2017	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	180°/8NM from Lome, TOGO	<p>At 00:30Zhrs in position 05°59N – 001°14E, a tanker anchored near Lome reported one craft with seven masked POB. Vessel approached the tanker with intent to board. Togo Navy was called and a patrol vessel came into the vicinity. Tanker and Crew are SAFE. After patrol boat investigations, it appeared that the suspicious craft was a fishing vessel.</p> <p>MDAT-GoG Comment: This event refers to Advisory 001/NOV/17.</p>

WEEKLY EVENTS

- (1) Hijack - Kidnap:**
Nil incidents to report.
- (2) Boarding – Boarding attempt:**
Nil incidents to report.
- (3) Attack:**
One incident to report. See details on P2.
- (4) Robbery – Sea theft:**
Nil incidents to report.
- (5) Suspicious approach:**
One incident to report. See details on P2.
- (6) Sighting – Irregular activity:**
One incident to report. See details on P2.

WARNINGS

One WARNINGS issued this week.

001/NOV/17: Attack on merchant tanker.

ADVISORIES

Two ADVISORIES issued this week.

003/OCT/17: Irregular activity on a merchant vessel.
001/NOV/17: Suspicious approach on a merchant vessel.

CONTACT

Contact the MDAT-GoG:
E-mail: watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org
Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 88 88 (emergency)
Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 13 02 (exercise)
Phones and mail are monitored 24/7.

NOTES

Any queries regarding these Advisory Notices ring: 0033 298 22 88 88 only, for further information. ADVISORIES are not Classified as a 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.