



MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 10-18

2nd March – 9th March 2018

INCIDENT DISPOSITION **IN THIS ISSUE**

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!

Two 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](#)



Date	Type	Brg/Rge from nearest shore	Summary of event
06/03/18	ATTACK	210°/25NM from Bonny, NIGERIA	At 09:20Zhrs in position 04°04N-006°56E, a merchant tanker was attacked by two fast boats. Crew raised alarm and mustered in citadel. Shots were fired against tanker. Pirates managed to board the vessel, broke the systems and equipment and left before the arrival of a gunboat. Crew and vessel are safe. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to Advisory 002/MAR/17.
08/03/18	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	160°/65NM from Takoradi, GHANA	At 17:00Zhrs in position 03°55N-001°14W, a merchant vessel was approached by three boats with six men on each. They were dressed with camouflages suits and carrying weapons. They closely approached the tanker before leaving the area. Crew and vessel are safe. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to Advisory 003/MAR/17.

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:**
Nil incidents to report.

WARNINGS

Nil WARNING issued this week.

ADVISORIES

Two ADVISORIES issued this week.

ADVISORY 002/MAR/18: Attack on merchant tanker, issued on 6th March.
ADIVSORY 003/MAR/18: Suspicious approach on merchant vessel, issued on 8th March.

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.