

Red Sea - Indian Ocean Incidents



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Interesting information

[-Somali Pirates Return as Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing Continues in the Gulf of Aden](#) After pirates hijacked an Iranian fishing vessel last year near Bosasso, a major seaport in Puntland, Somalia, local authorities observed that the offending boat was casting nets without a license.

Despite these challenges, Somali fishers persevere. Local demand is growing. The fishing industry exported 4,000 metric tons of fish commodities valued at \$3.1 million USD in 2014. Building the sector's supporting value chains, such as processing facilities that provide ice to keep fish fresh on the way to market, have created additional jobs for Somalis.

- [CMF HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL MARITIME SECURITY](#)

[CONFERENCE](#) CMF hosted a Maritime Security Conference (MSC) on 14-15 Mar 18 in Bahrain. The conference brought together the majority of CMF's 32 contributing nations to share valuable knowledge and experience in order to maximise the organisation's maritime effectiveness.

-[Pakistan to establish body for maritime security](#) The government on Wednesday decided to establish a joint maritime information organisation (JMIO) for the detection of major threats emanating from sea — including piracy, transnational criminal activities, human and drug trafficking. The aim is to make this organisation a 'nerve centre for collection, coordination and dissemination' of among all stakeholders for the maritime security.

- [Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean – a Geopolitical perspective from Sri Lanka and the Role of the EU in the Indian Ocean Region\(IOR\)](#) Prof. Asanga Abeyagoonasekera Prof. Asanga Abeyagoonasekera, the Director General of the Institute of national Security Studies Sri Lanka(INSSSL),visiting Professor at the Northern Kentucky University for Geopolitics was invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, Quai d'Orsay on 6th March 2018.

-[An Ethiopia-backed port is changing power dynamics in the Horn of Africa](#) When Eritrea gained its independence from Ethiopia in 1993, Ethiopia became landlocked and therefore dependent on its neighbours – especially Djibouti – for access to international markets. This dependency has hampered Ethiopia's aspiration to emerge as the uncontested regional power in the Horn of Africa.

-[Fighting Piracy on the ASEAN Seas](#) Almost half of the world's pirate attacks happen in Southeast Asia. Among the most common locations for attacks is the Strait of Malacca, where tankers carry oil from the Gulf region to China, Japan, and South Korea, and via Singapore's refineries. As piracy becomes more prevalent, collaboration across the ASEAN region is more necessary than ever.

-[Egypt, France conduct joint naval drill in Red Sea for days](#) Units from the Egyptian and French navies started joint exercises in the Red Sea for days, within the framework of partnership and military cooperation relations

between the armed forces of the two countries.

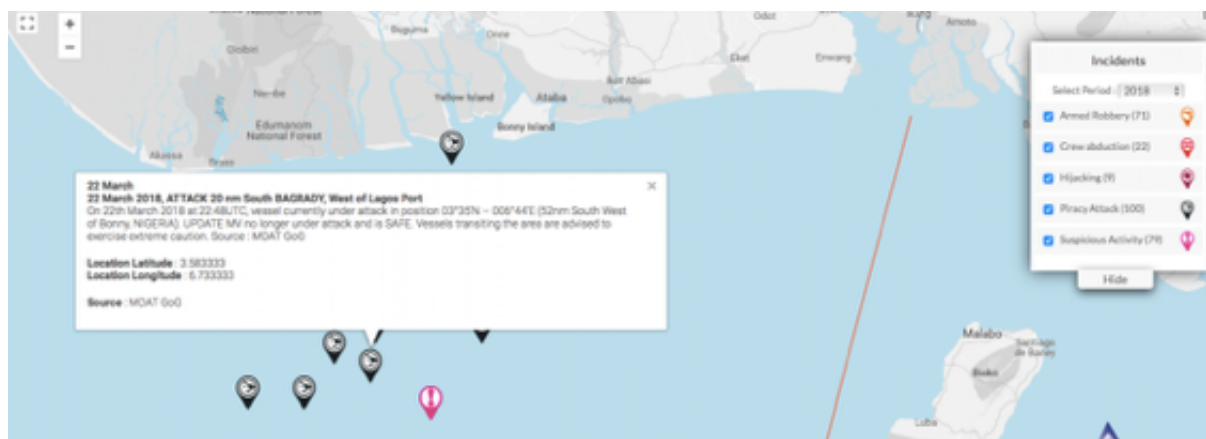
-[Somalia: Incurable, Intolerable And Impossible To Ignore](#) The countries supplying the peacekeepers in Somalia (Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Ethiopia and Djibouti) are asking the UN to reverse its decision to gradually shut down the operation. The African nations point out that that the 21,000 peacekeepers are holding the country together and without these foreign troops (most from neighboring countries) Somalia would collapse into chaos again

Threat assessment

-No incidents were reported from March 13 to March 23. Nevertheless, despite the effective implementation of BMP, the carriage of PAST, and the continued presence of international naval forces in the Area, recent incidents serve to highlight that piracy is not eradicated.

Sea Guardian continues to urge high levels of vigilance in the entire HRA with South Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman and Somali Coast, remaining areas where caution needs to be exercised considering the recent incidents. ALL advisories in effect in South Red Sea and Yemeni Coast must be adhered by all. Reduced military presence in the area makes strict BMP Implementation (including IRTC and group transit scheme use) of the utmost importance

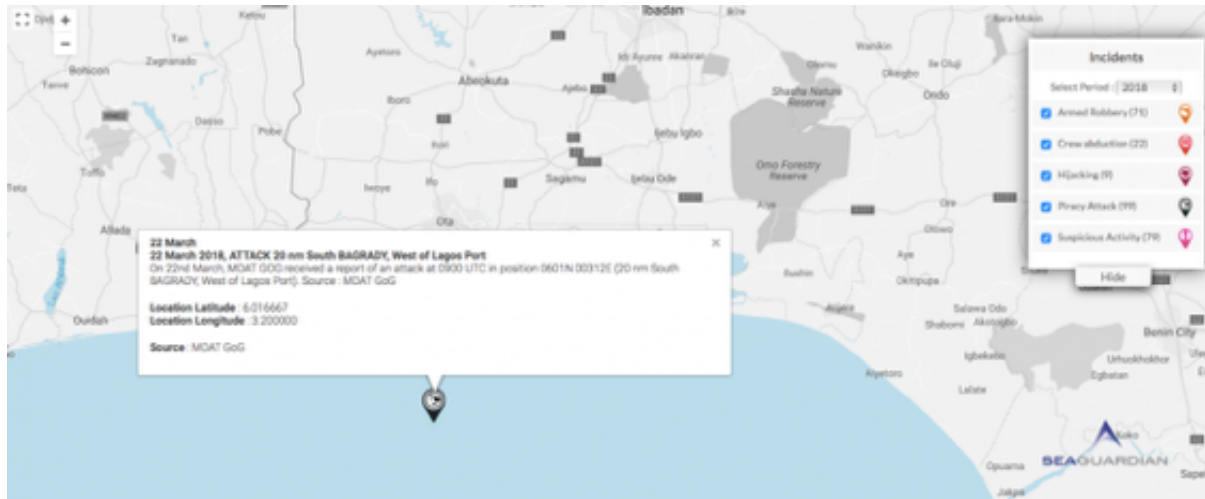
West Africa Incidents



- On 22th March 2018 at 22:48UTC, vessel currently under attack in position 03°35'N – 006°44'E (52nm South West of Bonny, NIGERIA).

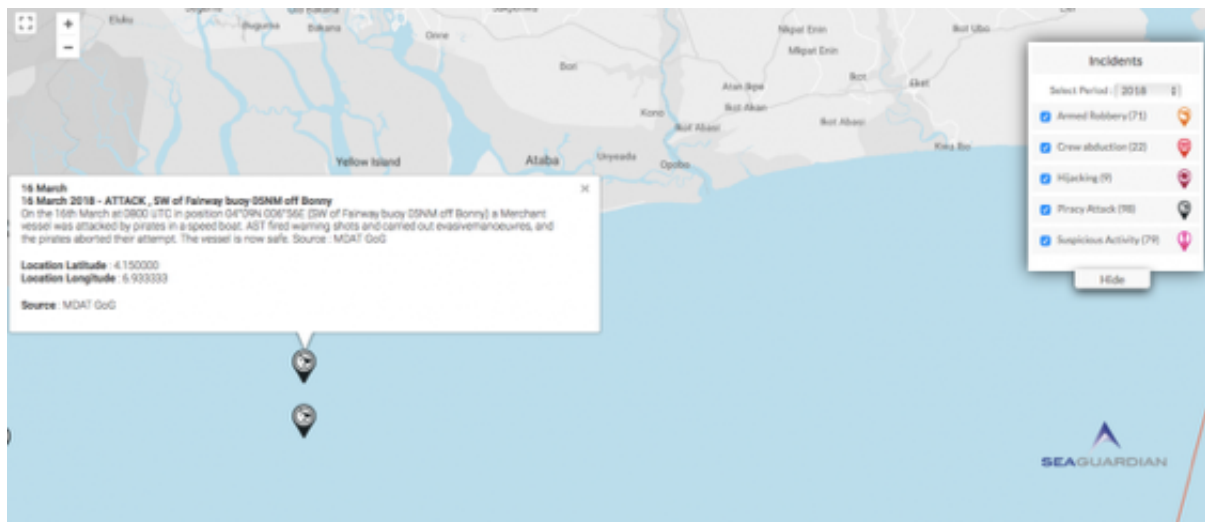
UPDATE: MV no longer under attack and is SAFE. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

Source : MDAT GoG



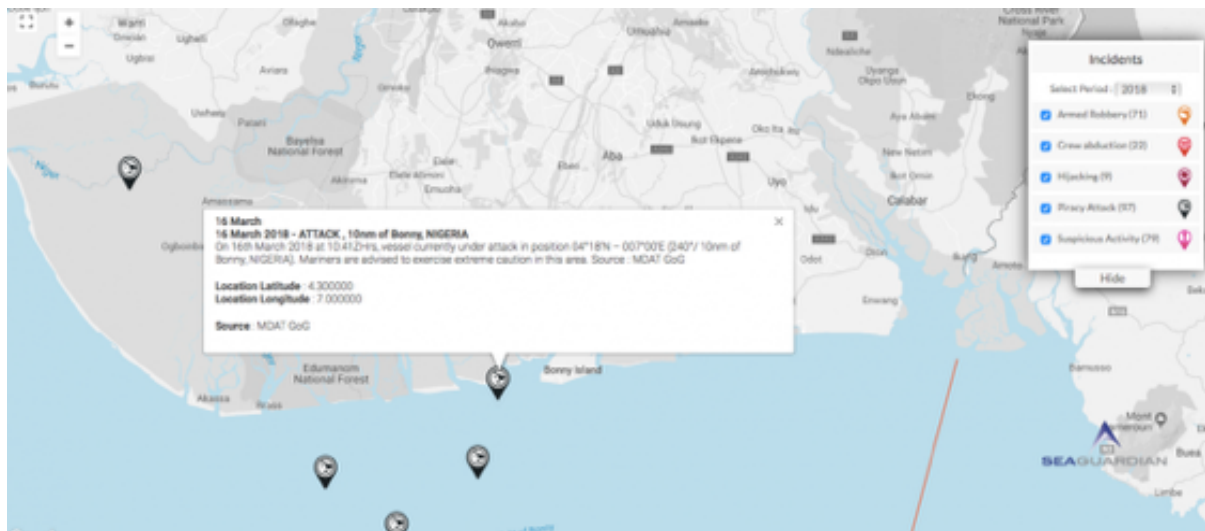
- On 22nd March, MDAT GOG received a report of an attack at 0900 UTC in position 0601N 00312E (20 nm South BAGRADY, West of Lagos Port).

Source : MDAT GoG



- On the 16th March at 0800 UTC in position 04°09N 006°56E (SW of Fairway buoy 05NM off Bonny) a Merchant vessel was attacked by pirates in a speed boat. AST fired warning shots and carried out evasive manoeuvres, and the pirates aborted their attempt. The vessel is now safe.

Source : MDAT GoG



- On 16th March 2018 at 10:41Zhrs, vessel currently under attack in position 04°18'N – 007°00'E (240°/ 10nm of Bonny, NIGERIA). Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

Source : MDAT GoG



- On the 14th March 18:40Zhrs in position 03°51'N – 006°40'E (SW of Fairway buoy 29NM off Bonny) a failed attack on a tanker by pirates in a speed boat. The tanker carried out evasive manoeuvres and the pirates were not able to board the ship. The tanker is now safe

Interesting information

- [Sea Piracy: Navy flags off exercise “Obangame”](#) The Nigerian Navy on

Thursday deployed four warships and two helicopters in a joint multinational maritime exercise codenamed "Obangame". The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that navies from 26 countries are participating in the exercise. The Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Adm. Ibok Ibas, flagged off the exercise on the Nigerian Navy Ship

- [Maritime security: Cameroon hosts international conference on stowaways](#) Seaports are increasingly used by illegal migrants as ports of entry or exit. The criminal activity which is gaining grounds in African ports poses a significant threat to the safety of vessels and crew. It also tarnishes the reputation of the ports where practice is common.

- [Shell, Agip fault Amnesty's oil spill report in Niger Delta](#) The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC) and Nigerian Agip Oil Company Limited (NAOC) have faulted Amnesty International's (AI's) oil spill report against them. While SPDC described the report as false and lacking merit, Agip said that some of the statements made by Amnesty International were not correct and, in some cases, not acceptable.

- [Exercise on maritime security held in Nigeria on 14-16 March](#) Cooperation amongst various government agencies can be key to achieving maximum maritime security enforcement. This was the theme running through the latest national table-top exercise on maritime security, held in Lagos, Nigeria (14-16 March). Representatives from various government agencies which form the national implementation committee for the International Ship and Port Facilities Security (ISPS) Code participated in the workshop.

- [NIMASA, IMO move to enforce maritime security legislations](#) IN a bid to further strengthen the nation's maritime security, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, NIMASA, in collaboration with International Maritime Organization, IMO, has commenced moves to develop capacity to implement and enforce maritime safety and security legislations.

- [Is Southeast Asia home to the most dangerous waters in the world?](#) Increasing piracy, shipping accidents and political disputes have made Southeast Asia a dangerous place for seafarers. But what is the cause of these issues, and to what extent are countries in the region taking steps to solve them? Maritime security in the South China Sea has come under

solve them? Maritime security in the South China Sea has come under threat from an ongoing sovereignty dispute between countries in the region.

Threat assessment

- There were reported 5 incidents in West Africa waters last week all of which were attacks from skiffs. Fortunately, all vessels and crew are safe.


In Cameroon, the IMO has been holding a seminar on the under-discussed issue of stowaways and the costs to the shipping industry, which are staggering. Ghana, meanwhile, has expressed concern over recent pirate attacks in the region.

In the Gulf of Guinea, exercise Obangame Express 2018 has begun, with navies from 26 countries taking part in drills that should also suppress piracy in the region with any luck.

Sea Guardian continues to urge high levels of vigilance for all vessels operating GoG waters should adopt strict BMP4 implementation measures, follow MDAT-GoG guidelines and report any suspicious activity.

South East Asia Incidents





- No incidents were reported in South East Asia during this time period.

Interesting information

- [Negrense leads Asia Pacific group vs robbery at sea](#) PHILIPPINE National Coast Watch Center director Rear Admiral Joel Garcia, a native of Bago City, Negros Occidental, was elected chairperson of the Governing Council of the Regional Cooperation Agreement in Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea (ReCAAP) in Asia Pacific during its 12th annual meeting at Mandarin Orchard in Singapore from March 19 to 22.

- [China's military police given control of coastguard as Beijing boosts maritime security](#) Restructuring necessary to ensure Communist Party's 'absolute leadership over the PLA and other armed forces', document says China has shifted control of its coastguard to its armed police force in a clear show of Beijing's commitment to protecting the nation's waterways.

- [Philippines receives ScanEagle drones for maritime security](#) MELBOURNE, Australia — The Philippines has received an Insitu ScanEagle 2 unmanned aerial system from the U.S. In a ceremony Tuesday at Villamor Air Base, Pasay City, U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Sung Kim and officials from the Joint U.S.

Threat assessment

-No incidents were reported in this area during this time period; nevertheless, ships are recommended to exercise extreme caution while passing these waters. It worths mentioning that the Seychelles put a halt to India's plans for a military base on Assumption Island.

SEAGUARDIAN continues to reiterate the need for collective efforts and shared responsibility among regional authorities and the shipping industry in addressing the situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia. In any case all ships transiting the areas of concern should enhance vigilance especially during hours of darkness and report all incidents to the nearest coastal State and flag State immediately.

Overall Map of Incidents can be found [at our website](#).

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