

Red Sea - Indian Ocean Incidents



- No incidents were reported in Red Sea/Indian Ocean during this time period

Interesting information

- [CMF](#) In the Indian Ocean Region, the Combined Maritime Forces have made another significant drug seizure at sea. This time, the French Navy nabbed over 530kg of heroin from smugglers. The past few months has been an extremely busy one, and the impact will no doubt be felt by criminal organisations

- [Piracy prosecution training in Seychelles](#) While pirate attacks have all but become a forgotten issue off the African east coast, the follow-up as far as successful prosecution of suspected pirates is concerned is still top of mind for organisations such as EU NavFor and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). To this end training was recently conducted in Seychelles with

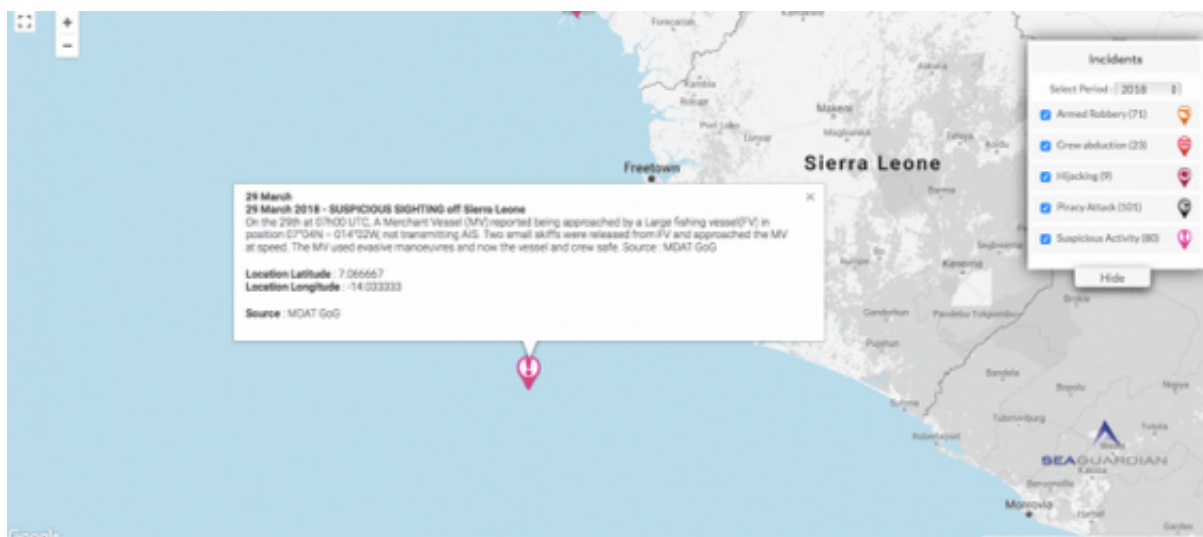
law enforcement agencies

Threat assessment

-No incidents were reported from March 24 to March 30. 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.

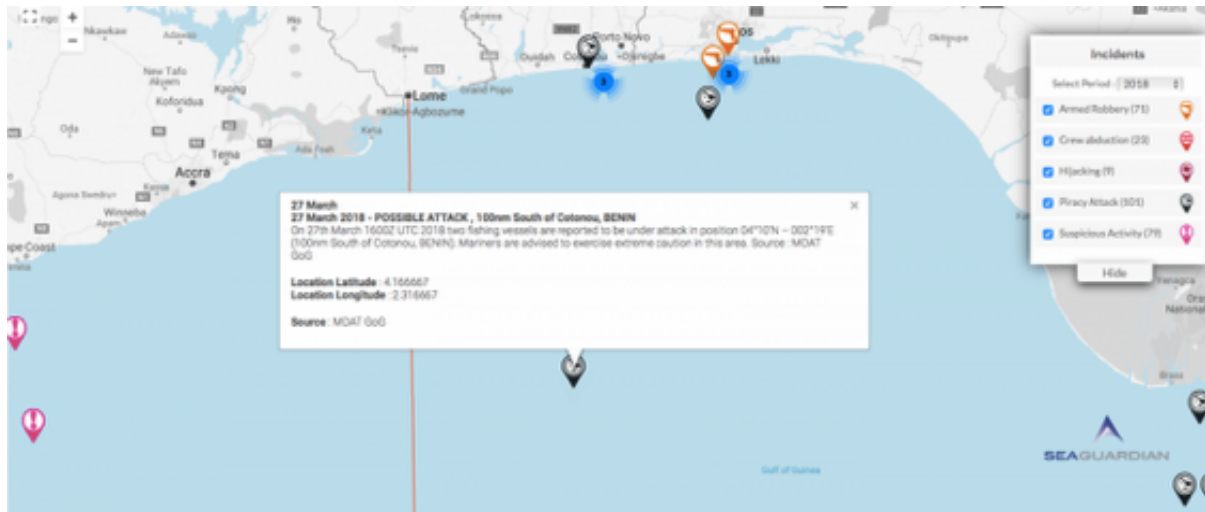
Sea Guardian continues to urge high levels of vigilance in the entire HRA with South Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman and Somali Coast, remaining areas where caution needs to be exercised considering the recent incidents. ALL advisories in effect in South Red Sea and Yemeni Coast must be adhered by 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



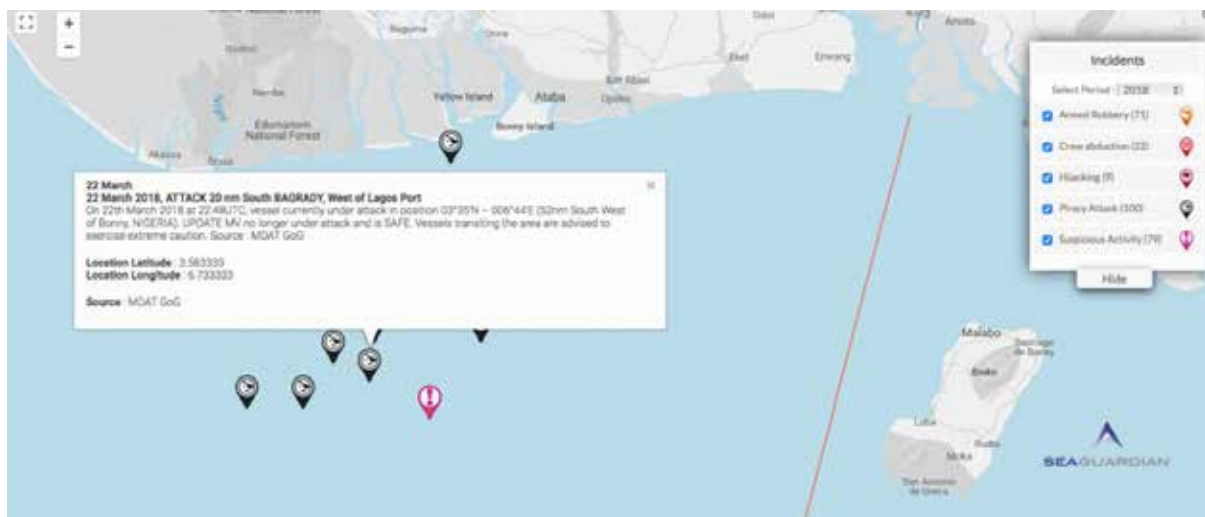
-The 29th at 07h00 UTC, A Merchant Vessel (MV) reported being approached by a Large fishing vessel(FV) in position 07°04N – 014°02W, not transmitting AIS. Two small skiffs were released from FV and approached the MV at speed. The MV used evasive manoeuvres and now the vessel and crew safe.

Source : MDAT GoG



- On 27th March 1600Z UTC 2018 two fishing vessels are reported to be under attack in position 04°10'N – 002°19'E (100nm South of Cotonou, BENIN). Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

Source: MDAT GoG



- 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

Interesting information

- [Nigeria's journey under me turbulent, Buhari confesses](#) President Muhammadu Buhari has described the country's journey in the last three years of his administration as being "a very turbulent one." President Buhari who spoke during the inauguration of the Food Security Council at the Presidential Villa , Abuja, however pointed out that the full results from the administration's sundry programmes would not be felt or seen overnight

- [Pirates Allegedly Hijacked Ghanaian Fishing Vessel](#) A Ghanaian fishing vessel is reported to have been hijacked by some unknown persons believed to be pirates. The Deputy Director of Environment and Safety Standards at the Ghana Maritime Authority, Captain Inusah Abdul-Nasir, who confirmed this on Eyewitness News, narrating the circumstances under which the vessel was hijacked, said the incident was reported to the Ghana Navy around 6:00pm on March 28

- [NIMASA reacts to bribery allegations against Amaechi, Peterside](#) Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) has denied that the agency and the Federal Ministry of Transportation were involved in a bribery scandal involving a sum of \$429 million maritime security contract with an Israeli firm.

Threat assessment

- There were reported 3 incidents in West Africa waters last week. We begin with a crew kidnapping off Ghana. One of several incidents in the Gulf of Guinea this week which have been lacking in detailed reports.

In Nigeria, NIMASA is pushing back against rumours of bribery surrounding the awarding of a maritime security contract to an Israeli firm. NIMASA states that nothing untoward has occurred and that people are playing politics with the nation's maritime security.

We also look at Obangame Express 2018, which is taking place in the Gulf of Guinea.

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

- [The Gulf today](#) A top leader of the Daesh-linked Abu Sayyaf terrorists surrendered to authorities along with 13 of his followers on the island province of Basilan in restive Mindanao, a senior Cabinet official confirmed on Thursday.

- [South China Sea remains a security challenge, Philippine defence chief says](#) The territorial dispute with Beijing over the South China Sea remained a security challenge despite an improvement in bilateral ties, the Philippine defence chief said on Monday as he accepted three maritime surveillance planes from Japan.

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 news from the Philippines, who have just received a new MPA to suppress maritime crime and IUU fishing in their waters

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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