



MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 04-19

18th – 25th January 2019

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

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OVERVIEW

INFORMATION TO READ

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 or Advisories and our ability to contact Local Law Enforcement 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 quick 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.

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

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.

ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)

[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

[Global Counter Maritime](#)

Fair winds and following seas!



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

Type	Date	Brg/Rge from nearest port	Summary of events
Attack	24/01/19	233/72NM from Bonny, NIGERIA	On Thursday 24 th January 2019 at 1933Z, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was attacked by an unknown skiff in position 03°42'01"N 006°10'30"E. Despite an exchange of gunshots fire from the attackers, vessel and crew are safe. MDAT-GOG comment: This events refers to WARNING 002/JAN/19 .
Attack	25/01/19	228/67NM off Bonny, NIGERIA	On Friday 25 th January 2019 at 0015Z, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was attacked by a skiff with 5-7 POB in position 03°40'48"N 006°19'00"E. Despite an exchange of gunshots fired, the MV applied BMP 5 procedures and increased the distance with the skiff. Vessel and crew are safe. MDAT-GOG comment: This events refers to WARNING 003/JAN/19 - This attack occurred 4 hours after the attack mentioned in our WARNING 002/JAN/19 .
False Alarm	21/01/19	183/34 NM from Lagos, NIGERIA	On Monday 21 st January 2019 at 1255 UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) at position 05°45'54N/003°22'30E reported a suspicious speed boat (speed 23 knts) at 04 NM off its position. After monitoring the situation with the MV and its CSO, the situation became safe and clear. MDAT-GOG comment: Good phone exchange between the MV and the CSO.
False Alarm	24/01/19	204/76 NM from TEMA, GHANA	On Thursday 24 th January 2019 at 1515UTC in positon 04° 29'19"N 000°30'58"E, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) reported a small speed boat with 5 POB following its course at 3NM. The MV used a whistle and flashed a search light at the small boat. At 1600UTC the small craft turned away from the MV. The MV had been followed for 40 minutes. MDAT-GOG comment: None

WEEKLY EVENTS

- (1) **Hijack:**
Nil incident to report.
- (2) **Attack:**
2 attacks to report.
- (3) **Boarding:**
Nil incident to report.
- (4) **Suspicious approach:**
Nil incident to report.
- (5) **Robbery – Sea theft:**
Nil incident to report.
- (6) **Sighting – Irregular activity:**
Nil incident to report.

WARNINGS

Two WARNING issued this week.

WARNING 002/JAN/2019: On the 24 JAN 2019 at 1933Z, as she was sailing off the Nigerian coast a merchant vessel was attacked by an unknown skiff in position 03°42'01"N 006°10'30"E (35.9 nm / 006° far from BRASS TERMINAL, NIGERIA). Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

WARNING 003/JAN/2019: On the 25 JAN 2019 at 0115Z, a merchant vessel was attacked by an unknown skiff in position 03°40'48"N 006°19'00"E (almost 35 nm to the south of BRASS TERMINAL, NIGERIA) . The attack occurred 4 hours after the attack mentioned in our WARNING 002/JAN/19 and 7 nm to the East. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

ADVISORIES

NIL ADVISORY issued this week

MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

NIL Maritime Criminal Activity reported this week

NOTES

Any queries regarding these 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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