



# MDAT-GoG Monthly Report 10/2019 October

## OVERVIEW

The MDAT-GOG has been in operation since 20 June 16. It is a virtual reporting mechanism supporting the interregional architecture defined by the Yaounde Code of Conduct. The primary output from the MDAT-GoG is to contribute by maintaining coherent maritime situational awareness in the central and western African Maritime Space, with the ability to inform and support industry, contributing to the safety and security of the Mariner in the regional maritime domain. All vessels are encouraged to report to the MDAT-GoG using the existing reporting formats. The information supplied by vessels will be treated as commercially confidential.

All details can be found on [SHOM Chart 8801CSD](#) or [UKHO Chart Q6114](#), 30 June 2016, to allow vessels 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](mailto:watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org). Phone number is monitored permanently (+33 (0)298 22 88 88).

Any queries regarding ADVISORY NOTICES ring: +33 (0)298 22 88 88, 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.

Masters are encouraged to comply with [Global Counter Piracy Guidance](#) during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

**Seven events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for October 2019, Serials 81/19 to 87/19.**

Fair winds and following seas!

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## CLASSIFICATIONS

**Hijack:** Vessel taken by attacker, no longer under the control of the Master.

**Attack:** Use of weapons by assailants at vessel or boarding with intent to take-control of the vessel-

**Boarding:** Assailants board a vessel with intention to take control of the vessel.

**Suspicious approach:** Close approach with unknown-

**Robbery:** Theft realized in territorial waters with threat/violence to crew.

**Theft:** Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.

**Sighting and Irregular activity:** All suspicious information with no proof of intent to board the vessel.

## CONTACT US

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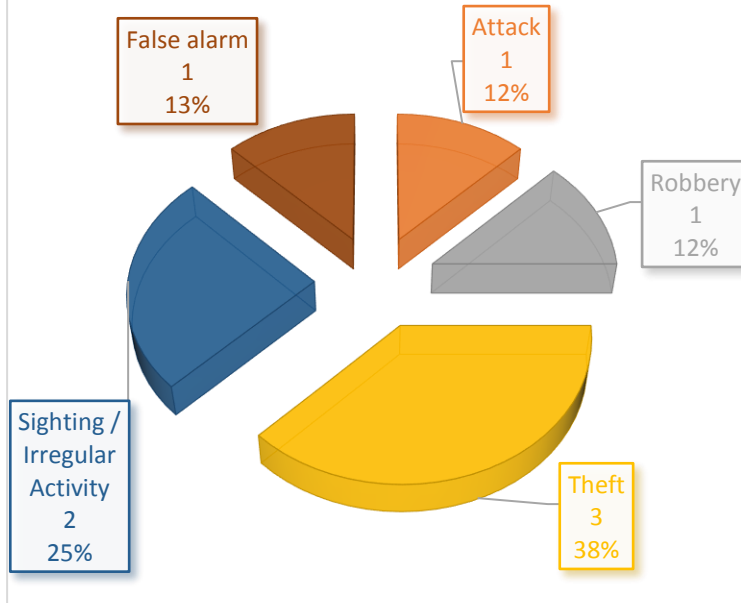
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MONTHLY STATISTICS : OCTOBER 2019

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**INCIDENTS reported**

- Hijack: 0
- Attack: 1
- Boarding: 0
- Susp. approach: 0
- Robbery: 1
- Theft: 3
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 2
- False alarm: 1

**NOTICES**

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**ADVISORIES:**

Nil issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

001/OCT/19

24/10/2019

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**WARNINGS:**

Nil issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

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**DRILL EXERCISE**

**Date**

**Company**

**GRACE**

19 SEP 2019

UNIBROS SHIPPING CORP

**VICTORIA**

**MV SILVER**

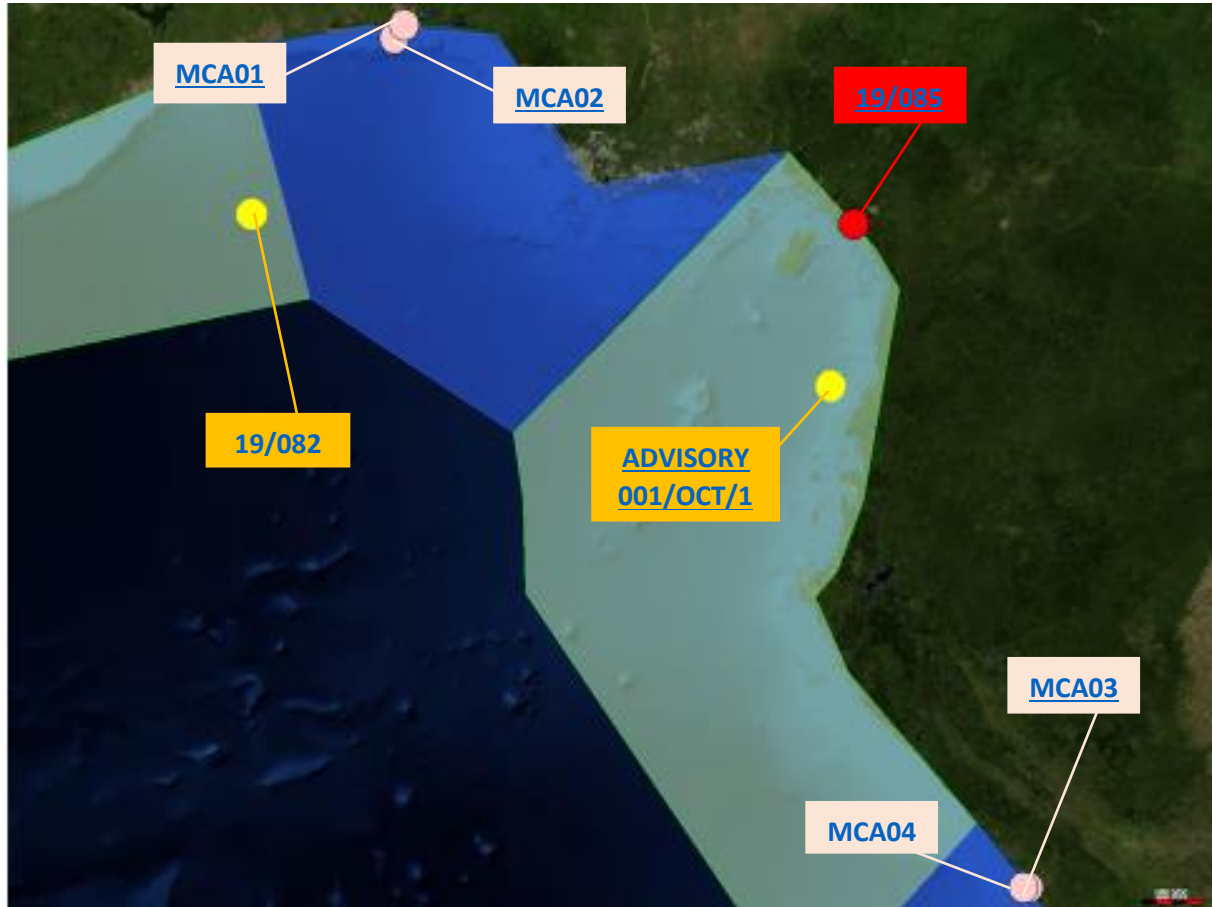
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MAP OF INCIDENTS

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|---|---|---|---|--|
|  HIJACK |  ATTACK-BOARDING |  SIGHTING – IRREGULAR ACT. - SUSPICIOUS APPROACH |  THEFT - ROBBERY |  SEARCH AND RESCUE - MISC |
|---|---|---|---|--|
- MCA : MARITIME CRIME ACTIVITY

## DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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ACTIVITY**

Incident 19/082

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Sighting	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	03 Oct. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	14:00
<b><u>Position</u></b>	04°00N – 001°18E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	180/108nm off Lome Togo
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not stated

**Description:** As she was sailing south from TOGO to SOUTH AFRICA an LPG tanker noticed at 1400Z in position 04°00'N 001°18'E two medium size skiffs at approx. 5 NM (each one possibly manned by 6 to 8 persons). The two skiffs were approaching rapidly from port beam. The Tanker took evasive manoeuvres, altering course and increasing to full speed. The two skiffs also increased their speed trying to chase the vessel. After 30 min of chasing the skiffs stopped as they were at around 3.5 NM from the tanker.

**MDAT-GOG Comment:** the identity and intentions of the skiffs remain unknown.

**Duration of Attack:** 30 NM

**Method Of Approach:** Purchasing course

**Type of Vessel used :** 2 small skiffs

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil

**Incident reported to:**

.MDAT, CRESMAO, MMCC AREA F, MOC ACCRA, MOC LOME, MOC COTONOU, MOC LAGOS, MMCC AREA E

**MDAT Reference:** Nil

**INCIDENT CLOSED**

## DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 19/085

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Attack	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Failed
<b><u>Date</u></b>	13 Sep. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	00:10
<b><u>Position</u></b>	03°52N – 009°28E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	000/00 nm Douala Anchorage, Cameroon
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not stated

**Description:** On the 13th October 2019 at 00:10 UTC a fishing vessel was attacked by an unknown number of pirates on board a speed boat at the entrance of Wouri river in position 03°52N 009°28E. The pirates managed to board the vessel but the embarked Cameroonian Navy Armed Security Team confronted them. Gunfire was exchanged with damage caused to the hull of the fishing vessel, there were no casualties among the crew and on board security team.

However, two pirates were hit and fell in their speed boat resulting in the speed boat withdrawing from the scene. A third pirate jumped into the water. The status of the 3 attackers remains unknown.

**MDAT-GoG COMMENT:** this report is a time late report, therefore neither WARNING nor ADVISORY were released by MDAT-GoG. As a result of the attacks that took place in Doula anchorage on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Cameroon provides Navy Armed Security Team to the vessels as long as they are in Cameroon territorial waters.

**Duration of Attack:** Unknown

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown

**Type of Vessel used:** Skiff

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil

**Incident reported to:**

.MDAT, MMCC AREA D, MOC DOUALA, CMC DOUALA

**MDAT Reference:** [WEEKLY 19/42](#)

**INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS**

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Incident 19/087

**SIGHTING/IRREGULAR  
ACTIVITY**

<b><u>Category</u></b>	Sighting	<b><u>Status of Incident</u></b>	Not concerned
<b><u>Date</u></b>	24 Oct. 19	<b><u>Time (UTC)</u></b>	14:45
<b><u>Position</u></b>	01°46N – 009°09E	<b><u>Bearing / Range</u></b>	152/70nm off Port Gentil Gabon
<b><u>Status of Vessel</u></b>	En Route	<b><u>Weather during the Attack</u></b>	Not stated

**Description:** On the 23rd in the night, the Captain and the 2nd Officer of a supply vessel faced a medical problem. The remaining crew weren't then able to pilot the vessel or to properly use the V/UHF radio. It appears that the crew did its best to seek assistance for the two officers. Nevertheless this led to confusing reactions from the vessel and confused reports from the witnesses who were fearing a trap organised by pirates. It was then considered that possible piracy attack, led by pirates operating from the supply and on board 2 skiffs was going on.

The Gabonese Navy sent the patrol vessel R666 BETSENG to the spot of the attack. Once arrived the medical distress was immediately confirmed by the Gabonese Navy. The vessel was then escorted to PORT GENTIL where she arrived in the evening. Once in port, the Captain and the 2nd Officer were sent to the hospital (without any precision). After verification the crew list matched with the crewmembers found on board: 8 persons on board: Captain and 2nd Off from PHILIPPINES, 4 seamen from CAMEROON, 1 seaman from GHANA.

**MDAT-GOG Comment:** the identity and intentions of the skiffs remain unknown.

**Duration of event :** 24 hrs

**Method Of Approach :**Not applicable

**Type of Vessel used :** Not applicable

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Nil

**Incident reported to:**  
.MDAT, MOC LIBREVILLE

**MDAT Reference:** WEEKLY 19/43

**INCIDENT CLOSED**

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## MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

## Maritime Crime Activity 01

Event 81/19

**Description:** On the 05th October, while anchored in Lagos secured anchorage, three persons boarded a tanker and were immediately spotted by the duty team. As soon as alarm was raised, persons escaped jumping over board. Tanker informed local authorities and a Nigerian patrol ship came for investigations around the vessel. Nothing found around, crew and tanker are safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Crew and vessel were reported safe.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 41/19

## Maritime Crime Activity 02

Event 83/19

**Description:** On the 06 OCT 2019 at 2230Z as she was berthed and discharging it's cargo in APAPA BOP TERMINAL a tanker was attack from jetty side by two wooden boats manned with approx. 7/8 persons. The intruders were approaching in order to steal the cargo. The crew reacted immediately and suspended the discharging ops. During their escape from the jetty one of the robbers shot at the crew with a firearm. A few hours later, on 07 OCT 2019 at 0212Z a second attempt took place from jetty side. Once again two wooden boats with approx. 4/5 persons on board approached the tanker. The crew and jetty security guard took action at 0230Z and pressured the thieves to retreat. No crew member was injured and the vessel was reported safe.

**Method Of Approach:** Small skiff

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Crew and vessel were reported safe.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 41/19

**Maritime Crime Activity 03**

Event 84/19

**Description:** The 08th of October at 22:40 UTC an M/V reported a theft by a robber when she was anchored in Pointe Noire. Duty team spotted a robber on fore deck and raised alarm, causing the person to flee. A second robber was waiting in a small wooden fishing vessel without engine. Some properties of the ship have been reported missing.

**Method Of Approach:** small wooden fishing boat without engine

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** Crew reported safe and some vessel properties stolen.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 42/19

**Maritime Crime Activity 04**

Event 86/19

**Description:** On 20 Oct 2019 at about 0320 UTC, when anchored at Pointe Noire Anchorage area, Congo, a containership was boarded by unknown sea robbers. Sea robbers not spotted by crew, but robbery discovered during rounding patrol where ISPS personnel discovered the padlock of the paint locker was cut open and an old mooring rope and other ship's equipment stolen. No more information

**Method Of Approach:** unknown

**Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo:** No injuries to the crew nor damages to the vessel were reported.

**MDAT-GOG Reference:** Weekly 43/19