MDAT-GoG Monthly Report 02/2020 February

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 when their vessel will be 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. 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.

13 events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for February 2020, Serials 11/20 to 23/20.

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.

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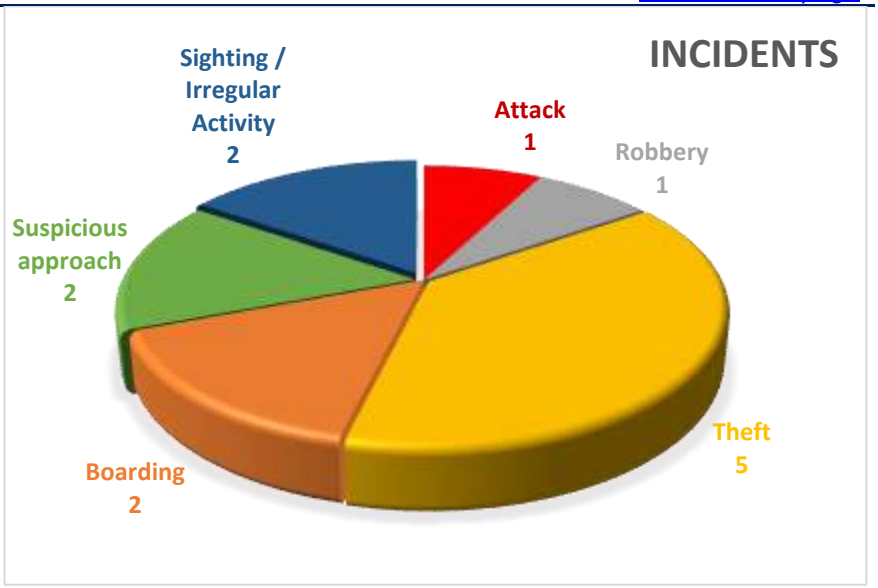

ADVISORIES: 1 issued	Date of issue	Classification and comments
001	27/02/20	Suspicious Approach

WARNINGS 02 issued	Date of issue	Classification and comments
001	14/02/20	Boarding
001 Update 1	15/02/20	Boarding
002	20/02/20	Attack
002 Amend 01	20/02/20	Attack

DRILL EXERCISE 5 issued	Date	Company
001	07/02/20	SUNTECH SHIP MANAGEMENT
002	13/02/20	ITM Ltd
003	21/02/20	COSCO SHIPPING Specialized Carriers CO.,LTD.
004	26/02/20	NYK LNG Shipmanagement UK Ltd
005	27/02/20	COSCO Shipping Bulk Co Ltd

INCIDENTS reported

- Hijack: **0**
- Attack: **1**
- Boarding: **2**
- Susp. approach: **2**
- Robbery: **1**
- Theft: **5**
- Sighting – Irr. activity: **2**
- False alarm: **0**

NOTICES

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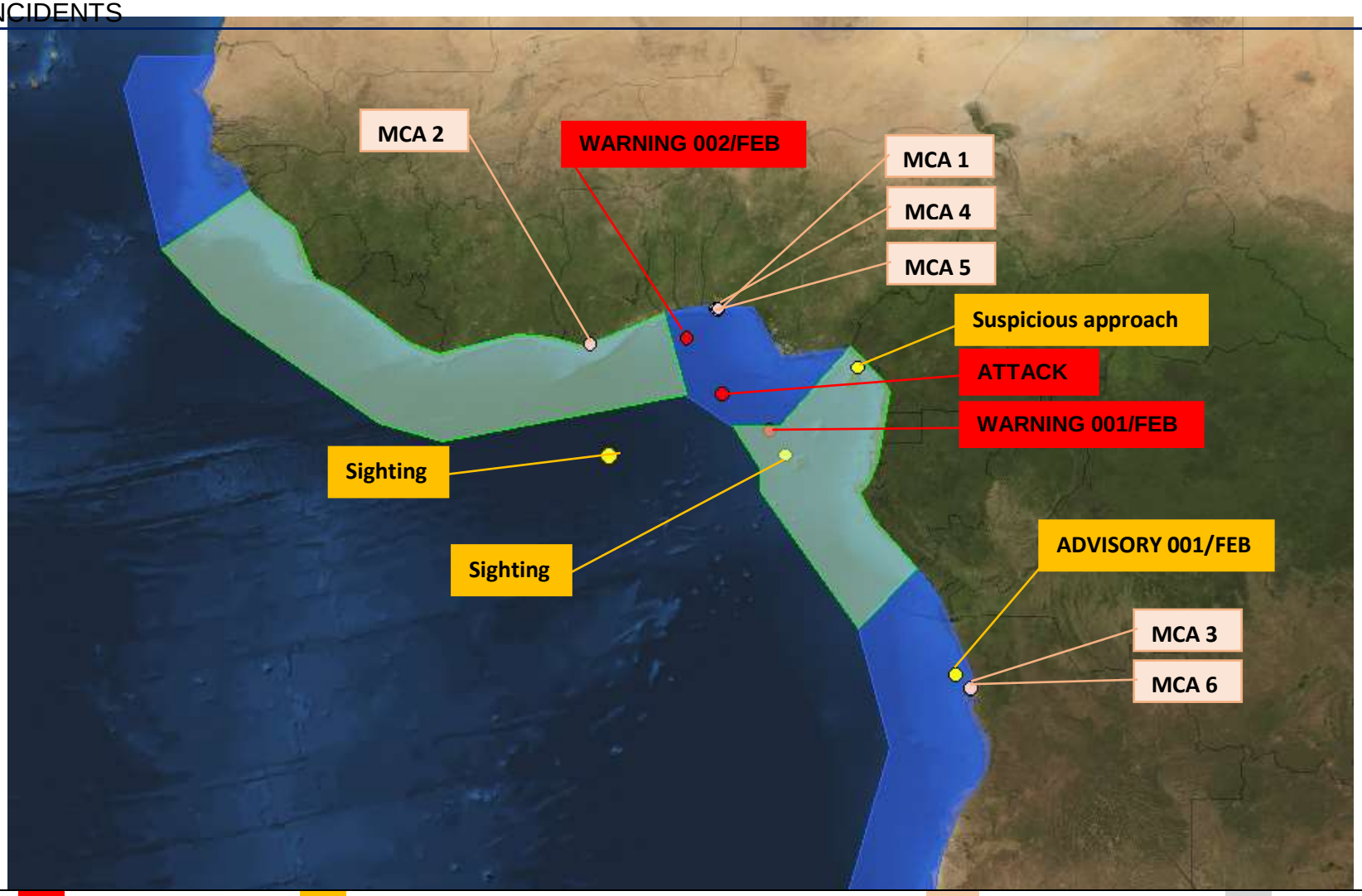

HIJACK | ATTACK–BOARDING | SIGHTING – IRREGULAR ACT. - SUSPICIOUS APPROACH | THEFT - ROBBERY | SEARCH AND RESCUE - MISC

MCA : MARITIME CRIME ACTIVITY

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Incident 12/20

Sighting

Category	Sighting	**Status of Incident**	Not concerned
Date	05 Feb. 20	**Time (UTC)**	08:26
Position	00°29'N - 000°58'W	**Bearing / Range**	167/285 off Takoradi, GHANA (Out of Area)
Status of Vessel	En Route	**Weather during the Attack**	Clear Wind: SW 4/3 Sea: Calm, no swell

Description: On the 5th February 2020 around 0826UTC (00°29'N-000°58'W), a suspicious craft kept following a MV **(NAME WITHHELD)** despite its numerous course alterations. The suspicious ship did not respond to any VHF calls. No weapons or towed skiff were observed. After monitoring the situation with the Captain and the CSO during the next few hours, MDAT and the CSO concluded that the situation had no further risk to the vessel and the crew.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 5 hours.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Type of Vessel used: Fishing vessel with a white hull.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area F.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 20-06.

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Incident 14/20

Sighting

Category	Sighting	**Status of Incident**	Not concerned
Date	11 Feb. 20	**Time (UTC)**	09:05
Position	00°30N – 005°59E	**Bearing / Range**	281/47NM off Ana Chaves, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
Status of Vessel	En Route	**Weather during the Attack**	Clear sky / SW3BF/ Sea: 0.5MTRS

Description: On the 11th February 2020 at 0905UTC in position 00°30N - 005°59E, nine skiffs were observed approaching an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) raised the alarm and took evasive manoeuvers. The skiffs stopped their approach at 1 NM from the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). Afterward, the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a clear and safe situation.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 25 Minutes.

Method Of Approach: Approach the MV at 1NM away.

Type of Vessel used: 9 skiffs with 2 POB each.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D and Coast Guards STP.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 20-07.

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Incident 15/20

Warning 001/FEB/20

Category	Boarding	**Status of Incident**	Successful
Date	14 Feb. 20	**Time (UTC)**	07:45
Position	01°29'30N – 005°21'24E	**Bearing / Range**	311/112NM off Ana Chaves, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
Status of Vessel	En Route	**Weather during the Attack**	Calm sea

Description: On the 14th February 2020 at 0745UTC, in position 01°29'30N - 005°21'24E, two skiffs approached an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**). The crew mustered inside the citadel as the pirates climbed inside the MV (**NAME WITHHELD)**. They tried to breach the citadel without success. One security patrol boat and one Portuguese Naval ship were dispatched on the area to assist and secure the MV (**NAME WITHHELD)**. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 30 Minutes.

Method Of Approach: Approach the MV at 1NM away.

Type of Vessel used: 2 skiffs with 6 POB each.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Cash and crew belongings stolen.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D and Area E.

MDAT Reference: Warning 001/FEB/20 + Warning 001/FEB/20 Update 1 and Weekly 20-07.

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Incident 17/20

Suspicious Approach

Category	Suspicious Approach	**Status of Incident**	Failed
Date	17 Feb. 20	**Time (UTC)**	07h45
Position	03°58'30N – 008°49'42E	**Bearing / Range**	311/112NM off Ana Chaves, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
Status of Vessel	En Route	**Weather during the Attack**	Calm sea

Description: On the 17th February, a supply vessel (**NAME WITHHELD**) escorted by a security vessel was approaching by a small boat in position 03°58'30N - 008°49'42E). The security vessel has been alerted and took security measures. The small boat aborted its approach and moved away. Ship and Crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Approach to a distance 0.5NM before aborted the approach.

Type of Vessel used: Small details.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D.

MDAT Reference: This event was a Time Late Report.

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Incident 19/20

Warning 002/FEB/20

Category	Boarding	**Status of Incident**	Successful
Date	20 Feb. 20	**Time (UTC)**	01:10
Position	05°08'31N – 002°06'14E	**Bearing / Range**	195/75NM off Cotonou, BENIN
Status of Vessel	En Route	**Weather during the Attack**	Not stated

Description: On the 20th February 2020 at 0110UTC in position 05°08'31N - 002°06'14.4E, an unknown number of armed attackers boarded an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). The CSO and company lost all communications and tracking of the MT for approximately 9 hours. A Beninese patrol ship was dispatched to assist the MT (**NAME WITHHELD**). The MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) has now restored all communications along with its AIS tracking and has now arrived in Lagos.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 9 hours.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Type of Vessel used: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Information withheld.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E.

MDAT Reference: Warning 002/FEB/20 + Warning 002/FEB/20 Amend 1 and Weekly 20-08.

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Incident 20/20

ATTACK

Category	Attack	**Status of Incident**	Failed
Date	21 Feb. 20	**Time (UTC)**	03:20
Position	02°56N – 003°30	**Bearing / Range**	180/210 off Lagos, NIGERIA
Status of Vessel	En Route	**Weather during the Attack**	Clear Weather Wind: 7knots /S Swell about 0.5Mtrs

Description: On the 21st February at 0320UTC, in position 02°56N - 003°30E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by one skiff. The attackers summoned the crew to stop the ship and the captain answered by bluffing and informing them about the presence of a security team on board. The attackers stopped after that their attack. The ship and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 1 hour.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive with the use of weapons.

Type of Vessel used: One speed boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area D, Area E and Area F.

MDAT Reference: Weekly 20-09.

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Incident 23/20

Advisory 001/FEB/20

Category	Suspicious Approach	**Status of Incident**	Failed
Date	27 Feb. 20	**Time (UTC)**	08:24
Position	08°10'24S – 012°41'36E	**Bearing / Range**	317/51 off Luanda, ANGOLA
Status of Vessel	En Route	**Weather during the Attack**	Gentle breeze, cloudy Sky, good visibility Slight Sea

Description: On 27th February 2020 at 0824UTC, in position 08°10,4S – 012°41,6E, an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was approached by a white skiff with 8 people on board. A ladder was sighted. The MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) took evasive manoeuvres. Skiff stopped then the pursuit. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 30 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive with the use of weapons.

Type of Vessel used: One speed boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

Incident reported to:
MDAT.

MDAT Reference: Advisory 001/FEB/20 and Weekly 20-09.

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Robbery	Event 11/20

NIGERIA, Lagos

Description: On the 1st February at 0130UTC, in Lagos STS area anchorage (06°15'42N - 003°19'06E), a duty crew member saw two unauthorized men on board. They tried to cease him but he managed to escape and raise the alarm. All crew evacuated to citadel and help from Nigerian Navy was requested. Vessel and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Silent approach with a small boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-06.

Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft	Event 13/20

GHANA, Takoradi

Description: On the 08th February, while at Takoradi port (04°53'40N - 001°4216W), an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) has reported a theft to the local authority. After further investigation, **the crew on board cannot determine when the theft occurred and so, the place where it has happened** as the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) came from Lome, TOGO.

Method Of Approach: Unknown

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Stores stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: This event was a time late report.

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Maritime Crime Activity 03: Theft	Event 16/20

ANGOLA, Luanda

Description: On the 15th February 2020 at 0300UTC, while the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) was at Luanda anchorage (08°43'2S -013°17'3E), a duty crew member discovered that the paint store had been broken into and stores stolen. MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and ship were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Silent approach with a small boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Stores stolen

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-08.

Maritime Crime Activity 04: Theft	Event 18/20

NIGERIA, Lagos

Description: On the 18th February 2020 at 0020UTC, while at Lagos SAA (06°17'53N - 003°14'16E), three unarmed men tried to board an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) through the anchor chain. The alarm was raised by the deck watch and the perpetrators fled away. A patrol ship came to assist the MV (**NAME WITHHELD**).Crew and ship were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Small craft.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-08.

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Maritime Crime Activity 05: Theft	Event 21/20

NIGERIA, Lagos

Description: On the 25th February 2020 at 0120UTC, while at Lagos STS anchorage, two intruders were detected on board on a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) by a security round. The alarm was raised and the intruders fled away. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Not Stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-09.

Maritime Crime Activity 06: Theft	Event 22/20

ANGOLA, Luanda

Description: On the 25th February at 2356UTC, while at Luanda anchorage, four intruders boarded an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) and stole some paint cans before escaped. Vessel and ship were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Not Stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Paint cans stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: This event was a Time Late Report.