



Weekly Report 23-21

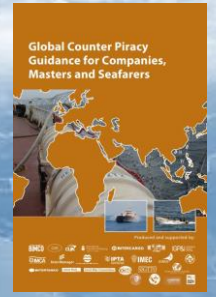
04th – 11th June 21

Number of Events reported:

2



**BMP
West Africa**



**Global Counter
Piracy Guidance**

OVERVIEW

2 events have been reported to MDAT-GOG this week.

Hijack: 0 Attack: 0 Boarding: 1 Suspicious Approach: 1 Robbery – Sea theft: 0 Sighting/Irregular Activity: 0



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

IMPORTANT

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TYPE	AREA	POSITION	SUMMARY OF EVENT	Information reported to coastals authorities
ATTEMPTED BOARDING	E	02°49N 002°31E	On the 06 th June at 1700UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) reported an attempted boarding. Six armed persons on a skiff tried 3 times to board the MV (NAME WITHHELD) without success. The crew applied BMP WA procedures and after 30 minutes, the attackers aborted their actions. Vessel and crew were reported safe. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 005/JUN/21. ADVISORY 006/JUN released on the 06/06 at 2218UTC refers to the same event and was canceled on the 07/06 at 0824UTC.	Area E
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	F	05°30N 000°44E	On the 04 th June at 0940UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) reported a suspicious approach in position: 05°29'38N - 000°44'21E. A skiff with 10 POB closely approached the MV (NAME WITHHELD) and asked her to reduce speed. The MV (NAME WITHHELD) applied BMP WA procedures and after 20 minutes the skiff aborted the pursuit. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 003/JUN/21.	Area F

WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE

Nil WARNING Notices issued this week

ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE

06 Advisory Notices issued this week

ADVISORY 003/JUN/2021

1. **Category:** SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
2. **Time:** 04 JUNE 2021 at 0940 UTC
3. **Description:** Master reports suspicious approach by small craft with 10 POB in position 052965N 0004436E. vessel and crew safe
4. **Source:** Master

ADVISORY 004/JUN/2021

1. **Category:** INCREASE OF PIRACY THREAT
2. **Description:** Risk of piracy is assessed to be high in Zones D (North), E & F (East) in the next 36 hours. **This ADVISORY supersedes ADVISORY 002/MAY/21 and ADVISORY 002/JUN/21.**

ADVISORY 005/JUN/2021

1. **Category:** ATTEMPTED BOARDING
2. **Time:** 06 JUNE 2021 1700 UTC
3. **Description:** MDAT-GOG has received a report that a merchant vessel was subjected to an attempted boarding in position 0249N 00231E (Approx 210 NM south of Cotonou ,Benin). Crew and vessel are safe.
4. **Source:** Master.

ADVISORY 006/JUN/2021

1. **Category:** BOARDING
2. **Time:** 06 JUNE 2021 1900 UTC
3. **Description:** MDAT-GOG has received a report that a merchant vessel has been approached by a small fast craft, and boarded by 6 unknown persons in position 0257N 00241E (approx 200 NM south of Cotonou, Benin).
4. **Source:** Third Party.

ADVISORY 006/JUN/2021 – UPDATE 001

MDAT-GOG cancels ADVISORY 006/JUN/2021. The event previously described in ADVISORY 006/JUN is the same as the one reported in ADVISORY 005/JUN. ADVISORY 005 remains enforced.

ADVISORY 007/JUN/2021

1. **Category:** INCREASE OF PIRACY THREAT
2. **Description:** MDAT-GOG is aware that the piracy threat remains high in the area defined by the following points:
 - 05°00'N – 000°00'E
 - 05°00'N – 005°00'E
 - 02°30'N – 005°00'E
 - 02°30'N – 000°00'E
 This ADVISORY supersedes ADVISORY 004/JUN/21.

MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE

Nil MDAT-GOG Notices issued this week

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MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA

Nil Maritime Crime Activities reported this week

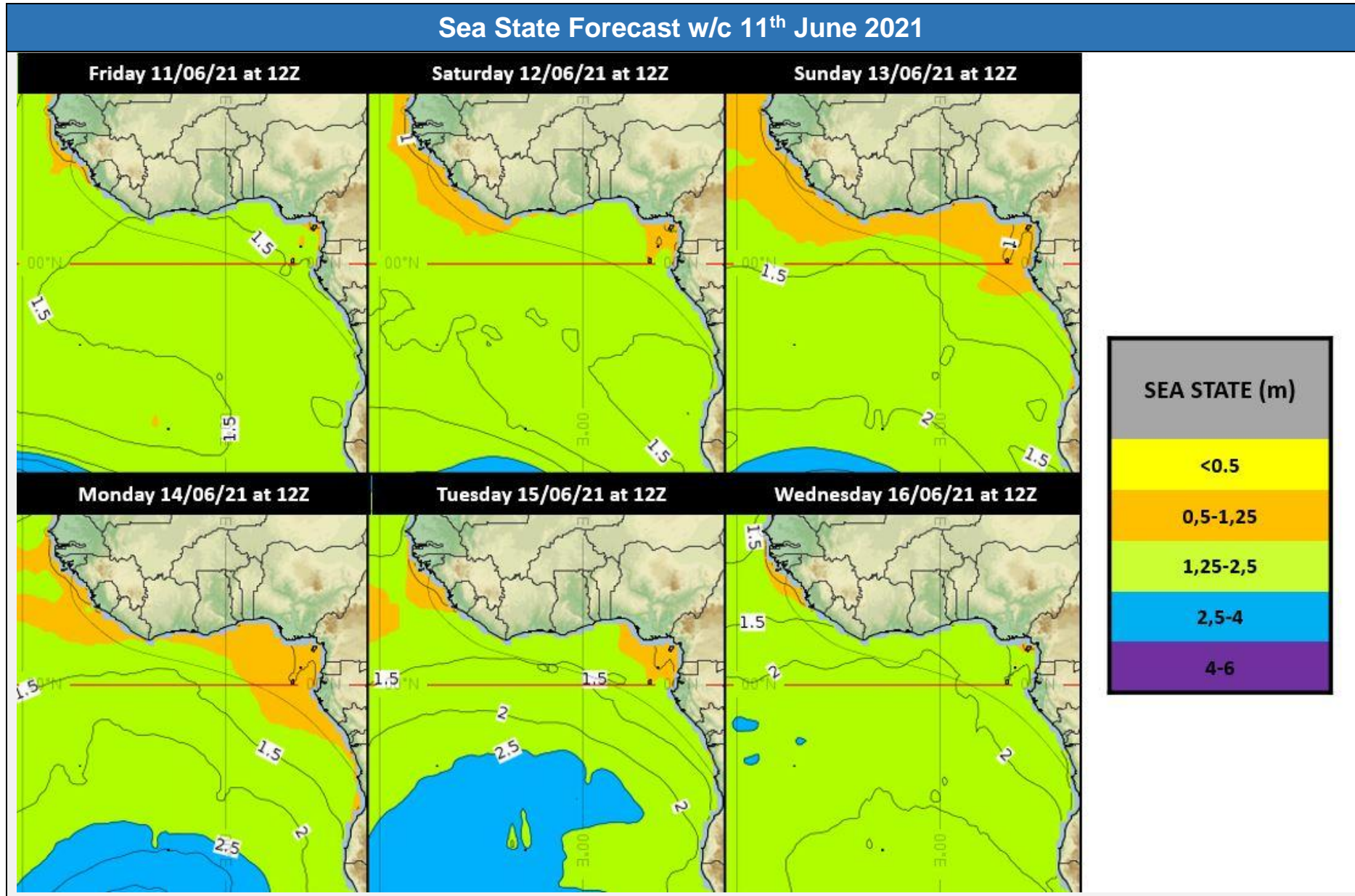
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NOTES

Any queries regarding 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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GENERAL INFORMATION

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. Phone number is monitored permanently (+33 298 22 88 88).

Masters are encouraged to comply with [Best Management Practices West Africa \(BMP WA\)](#) and [Global Counter Piracy Guidance](#) during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

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Definitions

Hijack: Unauthorised persons have illegally boarded the ship and taken control of the vessel against the will of the Master and crew.

Boarding: An illegal boarding is where the attackers have boarded the ship but have not taken control of the vessel.

Attempted Boarding: Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat, but are thwarted by BMP measures, PAST, weather conditions, lack of appropriate equipment, etc.

Attack: The ship has been subjected to an aggressive approach by unidentified craft and weapons have been discharged.

Suspicious approach: Definite alteration towards the ship, rapid increase in speed which cannot be accounted for in the prevailing conditions. Sudden changes in course towards ship and aggressive behaviour.

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

Theft: Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.

Sightings and Irregular Activity: Suspicious activity not associated with the locality or prevailing conditions.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)
[Global Counter Maritime](#)

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