



Weekly Report 50-21

10th – 17th December 21

Number of Events reported:

4



BMP
West Africa

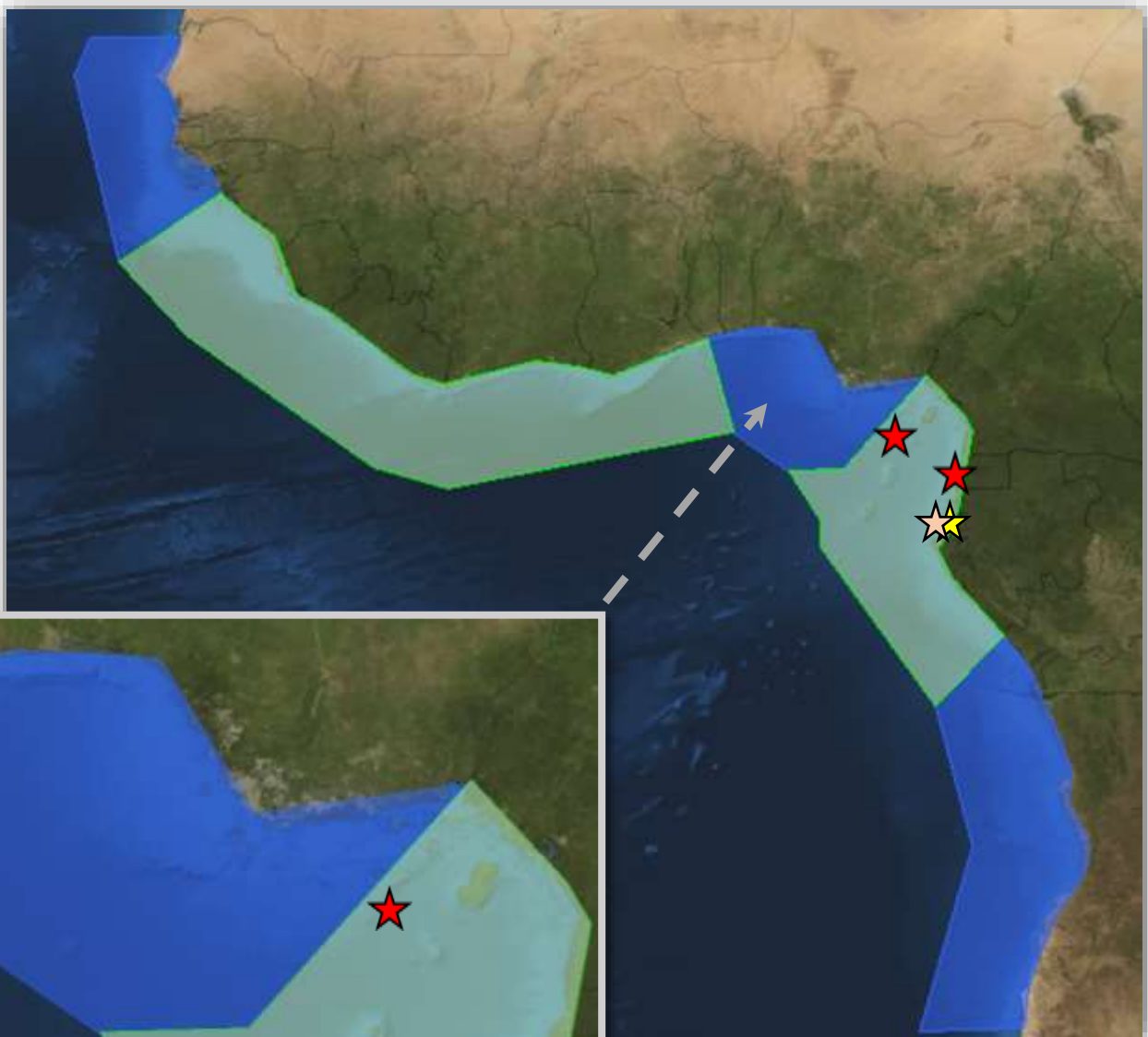


Global Counter
Piracy Guidance

OVERVIEW

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

Hijack: 0 Attack: 1 Boarding: 1 Suspicious Approach: 1 Robbery – Sea theft: 1 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
BOARDING	D	03°11'41N - 007°49'02E	On the 13 th December at 1427 UTC, a MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded by an unknown number of persons. A Naval asset was dispatched to assist and secure the vessel. MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to WARNING 002/DEC/21.	Area D / E , Danish Navy, C4I, IMB
ATTACK	D	01°59'N - 009°40'E	On the 15 th December at 2030 UTC, MDAT-GOG received a report that a cargo ship (NAME WITHHELD) has been attacked by an unknown number of persons in position 01°59'N – 009°40'E (approximately 10NM from Bata, Equatorial Guinea). Investigation still ongoing. MDAT GOG Comment: This event is a time late report.	Area D, Danish Navy, IMB
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	D	00°17.15N - 009°25.00E	On the 13 th December at 0135 UTC, While at Owendo anchorage a MT (NAME WITHHELD) reported a suspicious approach by a small boat with 12 persons onboard, ladders could be seen. The security team and the OOW raised the alarm causing the small boat to retreat. The Gabonese local authorities dispatched reinforcements in order to secure the area. MDAT GOG Comment: This event is a time late report.	Port authorities and AREA D
ROBBERY	D	00°17'04N - 009°30'40E	On the 13 th December at 0100UTC, five armed persons boarded a MV (NAME WITHHELD) whilst at Owendo anchorage. The Gabonese local authorities dispatched reinforcements in order to secure the area. MDAT GOG Comment: This event is a time late report.	Port authorities and AREA D

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WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE

3 WARNING Notices issued this week

WARNING 001/DEC/2021**1. Category: INCREASED THREAT OF PIRACY****2. Date:** 13th December 2021.**3. Description:** MDAT-GOG has been made aware that there is an increased threat of piracy activity in the following area for the next 24 to 48 hours.

05°00'N – 005°00'E

05°00'N – 007°30'E

02°30'N – 007°30'E

02°30'N – 005°00'E

4. We strongly recommend that the seafaring community (all Shipping) transiting this area increase their vigilance and retain an enhanced local surveillance and apply BMP WA procedures.**5. Source:** Third Party.**WARNING 002/DEC/2021****1. category: BOARDING****2. Date:** 13th December 2021 1427UTC.**3. Description:** MDAT GOG has received a report than an MV was boarded in position 031141N 0074902E. Incident now complete. Vessel safe.**4. Position:** 031141N 0074902E (89 Nm southeast of Bonny)**Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise caution****5. Source:** Third Party**WARNING 003/DEC/2021****1. Category: INCREASED THREAT OF PIRACY****2. Date:** 16th December 2021.**3. Description:** MDAT-GOG has been made aware that there is an increased threat of piracy activity in the following area for the next 24 to 36 hours.

02°30'N – 007°30'E

02°30'N – 010°00'E

00°00'N – 010°00'E

00°00'N – 007°30'E

4. We strongly recommend that the seafaring community (all Shipping) transiting this area increase their vigilance and retain an enhanced local surveillance and apply BMP WA procedures.**ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE**

Nil Advisory Notices issued this week

MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE

Nil MDAT-GOG Notices issued this week

MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA

One Maritime Crime Activity reported this week

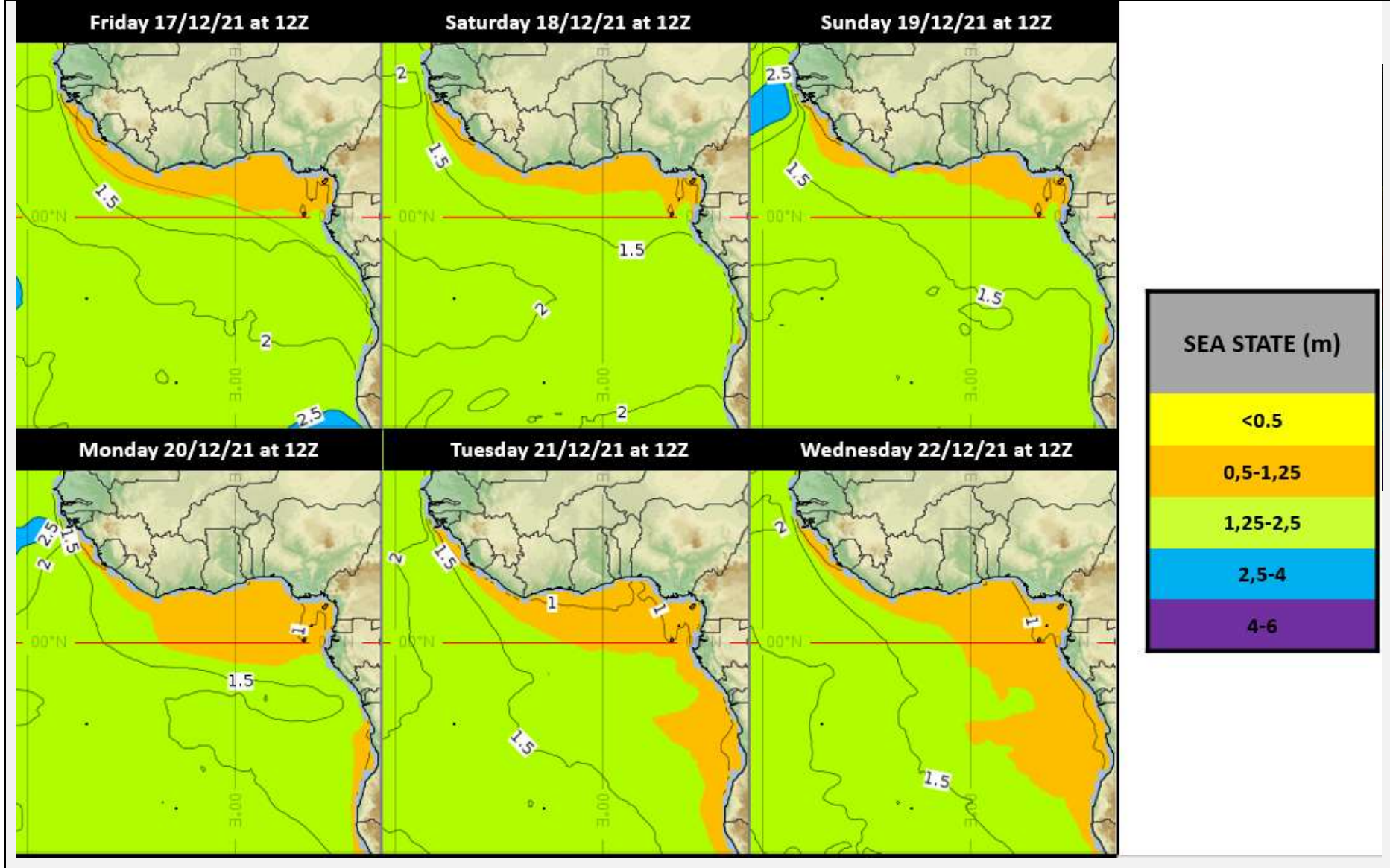
GABON, Libreville: Robbery Attempt**NOTES**

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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Sea State Forecast w/c 17th December 2021



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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