



Monthly Report December 2021

Number of Events reported:
7



**BMP
West Africa**



**Global Counter
Piracy Guidance**

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](#) and [BMP West Africa](#) during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

Seven events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for December 2021, Serials 061/21 to 067/21.

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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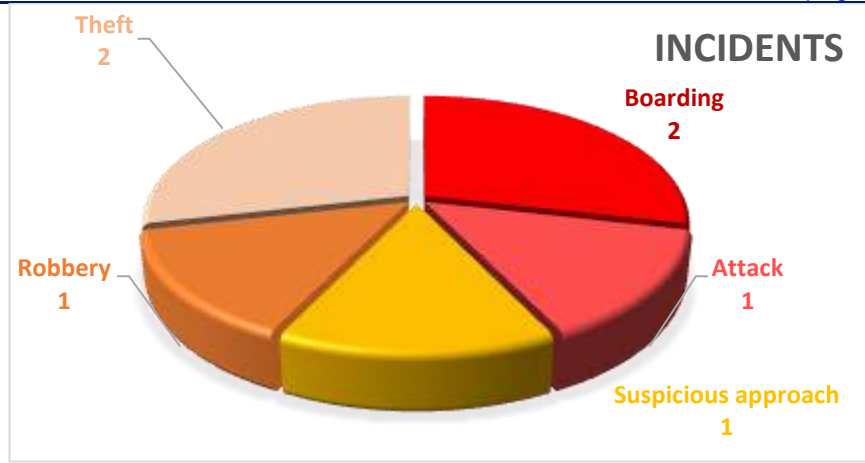
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MONTHLY STATISTICS: DECEMBER 2021

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

NOTICES

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ADVISORIES:	Date of issue	Classification and comments
1 issued		
001	30/12/21	Boarding

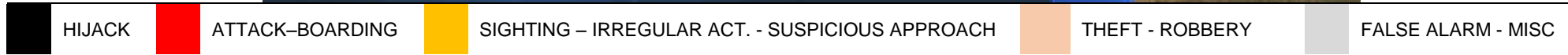
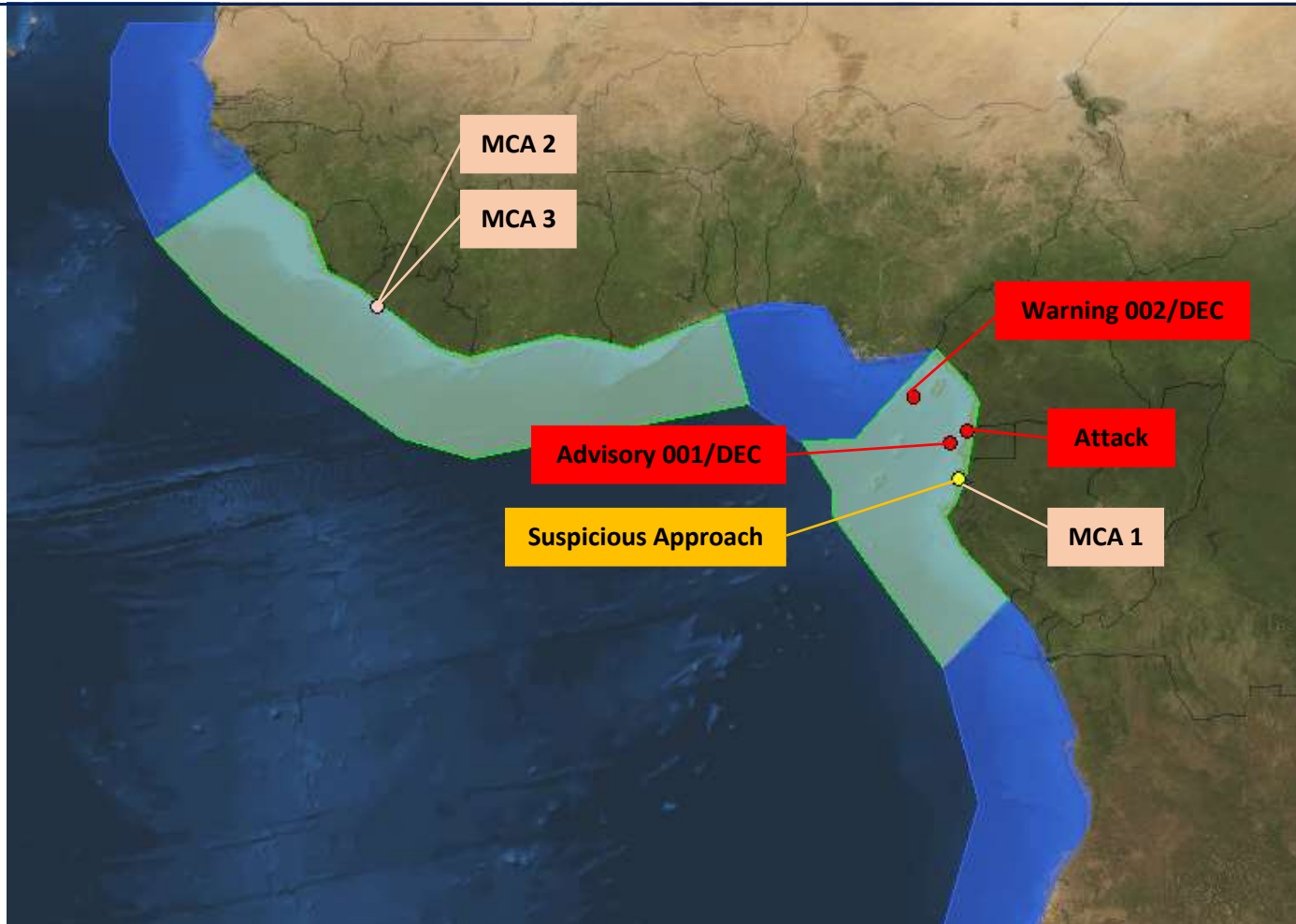
WARNINGS	Date of issue	Classification and comments
5 issued		
001	13/12/21	Increase of Piracy Threat
002	13/12/21	Boarding
003	16/12/21	Increase of Piracy Threat
004	18/12/21	Increase of Piracy Threat
003/004 Upd 1	20/12/21	Increase of Piracy Threat

NOTICES	Date of issue	Source
Nil issued		
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DRILL EXERCISE	Date	Company
7 issued		
001	03/12/21	Central Mare Inc
002	08/12/21	Golar Management Norway AS
003	09/12/21	Khalid Faraj Shipping UAE
004	09/12/21	Anglo-Eastern Shipmanagement
005	12/12/21	Nanjing Ocean Shipping Co LTD
006	20/12/21	Eagle Ship Management LLC
007	28/12/21	Teekay Marine Singapore

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MCA : MARITIME CRIME ACTIVITY

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Incident 062/21

<u>Category</u>	Suspicious Approach	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	13 Dec. 21	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	01:35
<u>Position</u>	00°17N – 009°24E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	188/7NM off Libreville, GABON
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Clear, Wind - S 2, Calm sea, no swell

Description: On the 13th December at 0135UTC, whilst at Owendo anchorage, a MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) reported a suspicious approach by a small boat with 12 persons on board and a ladder 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.

Duration of Attack: Few minutes.

Method Of Approach: Silent approach.

Type of Vessel used: One skiff (7M).

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

Incident reported to:
Gabonese Authorities and MDAT.

MDAT-GOG Reference: [Weekly 21-50.](#)

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Incident 063/21

<u>Category Date</u>	Boarding 13 Dec. 21	<u>Status of Incident Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 14:27
<u>Position</u>	03°11N – 007°49E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	249/47NM off Luba, Equatorial-Guinea
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: On the 13th 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.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Violent with use of weapons.

Type of Vessel used: One skiff (7M).

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:

Danish Navy, Area D, Area E, C4I and IMB.

MDAT-GOG Reference: [Warning 002/DEC](#) and [Weekly 21-50](#).

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Incident 064/21

<u>Category</u>	Attack	<u>Status of Incident</u>	Failed
<u>Date</u>	15 Dec. 21	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	20:30

<u>Position</u>	01°59N – 009°40E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	335/10NM off Bata, Equatorial Guinea
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<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated
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Description: On the 15th December at 2030 UTC, MDAT-GOG received a report that a cargo ship (**NAME WITHHELD**) was attacked by an unknown number of persons in position 01°59'N – 009°40'E (approximately 10NM from Bata, Equatorial Guinea). This event was a time late report.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Not stated.

Incident reported to:

Area D and MDAT.

MDAT-GOG Reference: [Weekly 21-50.](#)

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Incident 067/21

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 30 Dec. 21	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 03:00
<u>Position</u>	01°34N – 009°05E (estimated position)	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	249/43NM off Bata, Equatorial Guinea
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated

Description: MDAT-GOG received a report of a ship (**NAME UNKNOWN**) boarded by an unknown number of armed attackers. The ship came to seek assistance to Okume field. An Equatoguinean navy ship was dispatched.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Aggressive with use of weapons.

Type of Vessel used: A black hull speed craft.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:

Area D, Danish Navy and MDAT.

MDAT-GOG Reference: [Advisory 001/Dec/21 Weekly 21-52.](#)

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft

Event 061/21

GABON, Libreville

Description: On the 13th December at 0100UTC, five armed persons boarded an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Owendo anchorage. The Gabonese local authorities dispatched reinforcements in order to secure the area.

Method Of Approach: Use of a white speed boat.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 21-50.

Maritime Crime Activity 02: Theft

Event 065/21

Liberia, Monrovia

Description: On the 08th December at 0500UTC, bare footprints were discovered near the rescue boat station on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Monrovia anchorage. The alarm was raised and an investigation round was carried out. Ship and crew were reported safe.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Lifeboat's equipment reported stolen.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Nil.

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Maritime Crime Activity 03: Theft

Event 066/21

Liberia, Monrovia

Description: During the night of the 25th December, a theft occurred on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Monrovia anchorage. The incident was reported to local authorities.

Method Of Approach: Unknown.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Ship's equipment's reported stolen and some paint cans.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 21-52.