



Weekly Report 04-22

21st – 28th January 22

Number of Events reported:

2



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West Africa

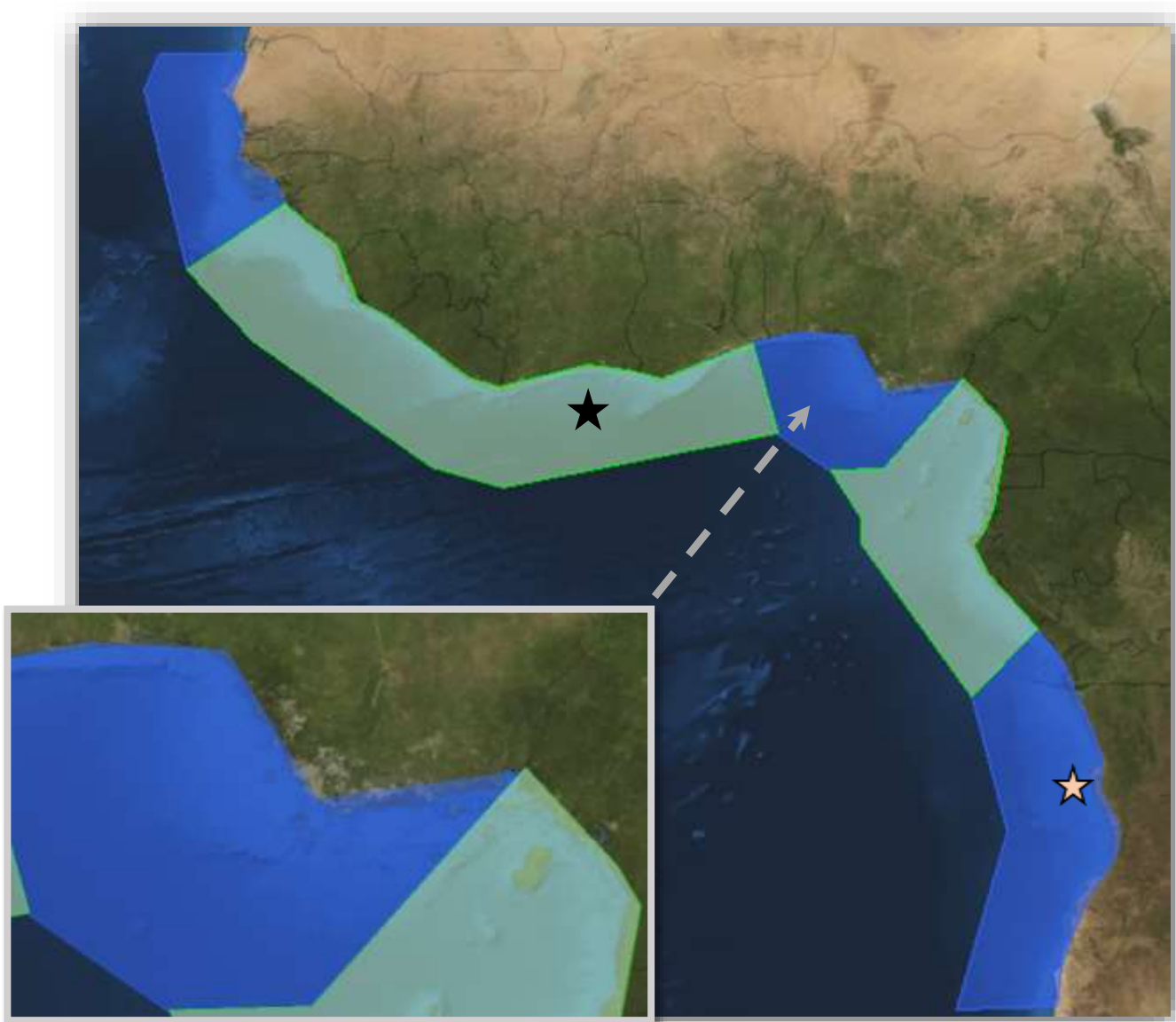


Global Counter
Piracy Guidance

OVERVIEW

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

Hijack: 1 Attack:0 Boarding: 0 Suspicious Approach: 0 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
HIJACK	F	04°22N – 004°10W	On the 24 th January 2022, MDAT-GoG has received a report of a suspected attack on an MT (NAME WITHHELD). The MT's last known position was 042251N 0041021W at 24th January at 2323 UTC. MDAT-GOG, after further investigation, increased the classification as SUSPECTED HIJACKING . The incident was reported complete at 2021UTC. Vessel and crew were reported safe. Investigations are ongoing by local Authorities. (MDAT GOG Comment: This event refers to: ADVISORY 002/JAN/2022, WARNING 004/JAN/2022 and WARNING 004/JAN/2022 (update 001).	AREA F / AREA E / IMB
ROBBERY	A	08°47S 013°15E	On 23 rd January 2022, during the night, a robbery occurred on a passenger boat (NAME-WITHELD) whilst at Luanda port area. Port authorities were alerted. (MDAT GOG Comment: Nil	Port authorities

WARNINGS NOTICES RELEASE

Three WARNING Notices issued this week

WARNING 004/JAN/2022 (update from ADVISORY 002/JAN/2022):**Category:** SUSPECTED HIJACKING**Time:** 25th January 2022 at 1500 UTC**Description:** MDAT GoG has received a report of a suspected attack on an MT. The MT's last known position was 042251N 0041021W at 24th January 2022 at 2323 UTC. Incident upgraded to Suspected Hijacking. .**Position:** 042251N 0041021W (approximately 72NM South East of ABIDJAN)**Source:** 3 rd Party**WARNING 004/JAN/2022 (update 001)****Category:** SUSPECTED HIJACKING**Time:** 25th January 2022 at 2021 UTC **Description:** MDAT GoG has received a report incident complete at 25 th January 2022 at 2021UTC. Vessel and crew safe.**Position:** 0315N 0238W (approximately 182NM South East of ABIDJAN)**Source:** CSO**WARNING 005/JAN/2022****Category:** INCREASED THREAT OF PIRACY**Date:** 28th January 2022**Description:** MDAT-GOG has been made aware that there is an increased threat of piracy activity in the following area. 05°05'N – 004°25'E // 05°05'N – 007°35'E // 01°30'N – 007°35'E // 01°30'N – 004°25'E**Cancel this Warning 30 JAN 2022 at 2359UTC****ADVISORIES NOTICES RELEASE**

Two Advisory Notices issued this week

ADVISORY NOTICE 001/JAN/2022**Category:** IRREGULAR ACTIVITY reported by MMCC Zone F**Time:** 24th January 22 at 1750 UTC**Description:** REF: ECOWAS MMCC Zone F Warning/ALERT/ADVISORY No.004. MDAT-GOG has been made aware:

Information received from some local fishermen along the western Coast of Ghana indicates a group of people have reportedly put to sea a local fishing boat with a high-powered outboard motor in the early hours of today, 24 January 2022. According to the report, the people are not known locals and are suspected not to be Ghanaians. The group is suspected to be a criminal group, possibly a pirate action group that is planning to attack vessels at sea. All vessels transiting the EEZ of Ghana especially offshore Takoradi general area are advised to exercise extreme vigilance, maintain sharp lookouts and report any suspicious activities to the MMCC Zone F or coastal authorities for necessary action. Coastal law enforcement agencies are encouraged to increase patrols and surveillance at sea to avert any possible pirate attacks.

Position: TAKORADI (GHANA): ZONE F.**Source:** MMCC ZONE F**ADVISORY 002/JAN/2022****Category:** SUSPECTED ATTACK 2.**Time:** 25th January 2022 at 1500 UTC**Description:** MDAT GoG has received a report of a suspected attack on an MT. The MT's last known position was 042251N 0041021W at 24th January 2022 2323 UTC . 3. **Position:** 042251N 0041021W (approximately 72NM South East of ABIDJAN)**Source:** 3 rd Party

MDAT-GOG NOTICES RELEASE

Nil MDAT-GOG Notices issued this week

MARITIME CRIME REPORTED INSIDE PORT AREA OR ANCHORAGE AREA

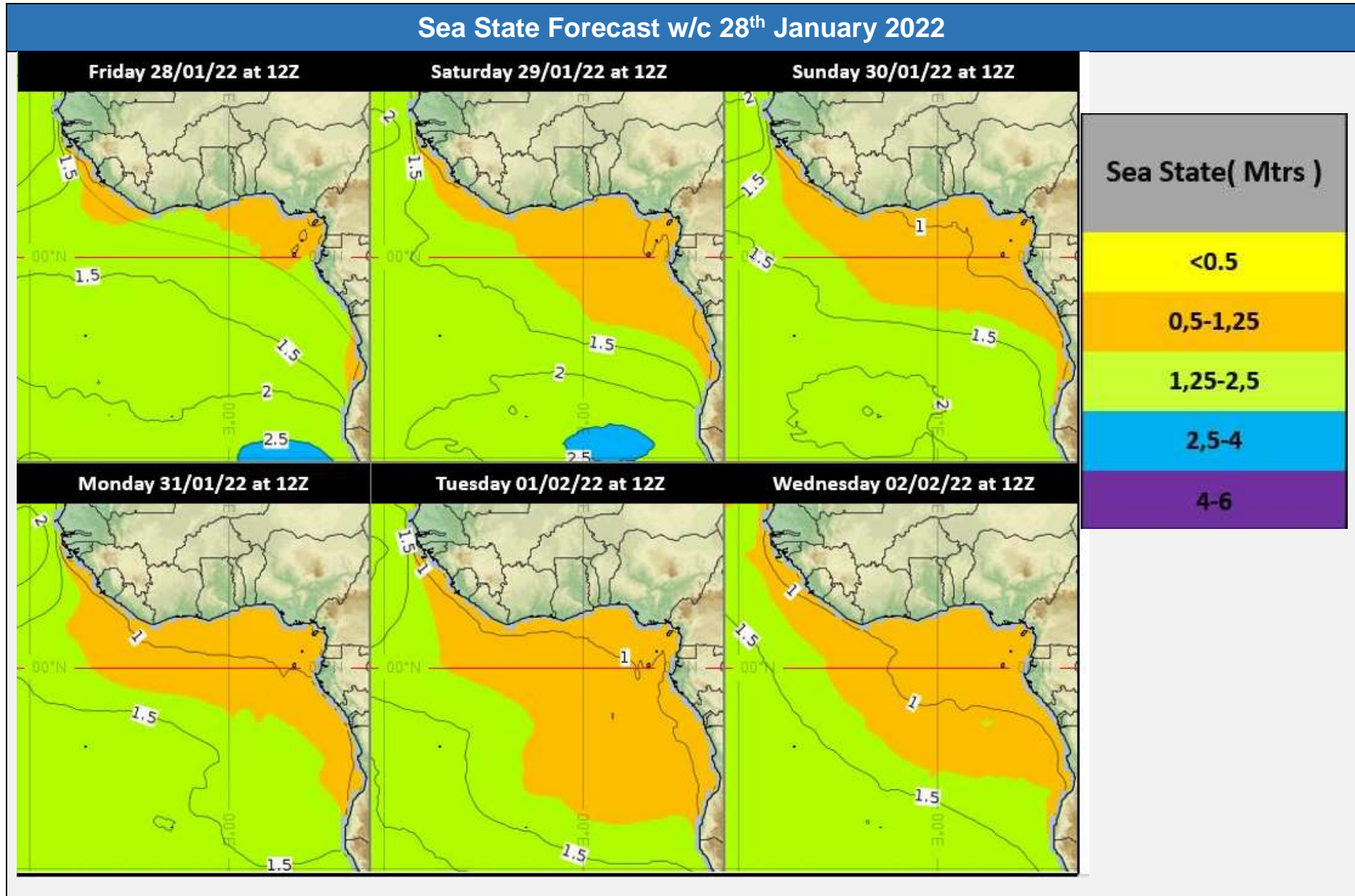
One Maritime Crime Activity reported this week

Angola, Luanda port area: THEFT**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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