



MDAT-GOG Monthly Report JULY - 07/2020

Number of events reported:
04



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

Four events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for July 2020, Serials 069/20 to 073/20.

Fair winds and following seas!

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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.

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MONTHLY STATISTICS: JULY 2020

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4 issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

001

02/07/2020

Attack

001 update 1

02/07/2020

Boarding

002

03/07/2020

Boarding

003

17/07/2020

Boarding

WARNINGS

Nil issued

Date of issue

Classification and comments

-

-

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DRILL EXERCISE

5 issued

Date

Company

001

08/07/2020

Queensway Navigation CO LTD

002

20/07/2020

COSCO SHIPPING

003

20/07/2020

CMA CGM SA The French Line

004

23/03/2020

Uniteam Marine Shipping GmbH

005

24/03/2020

Pacific International Lines

INCIDENTS reported

- Hijack: 0
- Attack: 0
- Boarding: 3
- Susp. approach: 0
- Robbery: 0
- Theft: 1
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 0
- False alarm: 0

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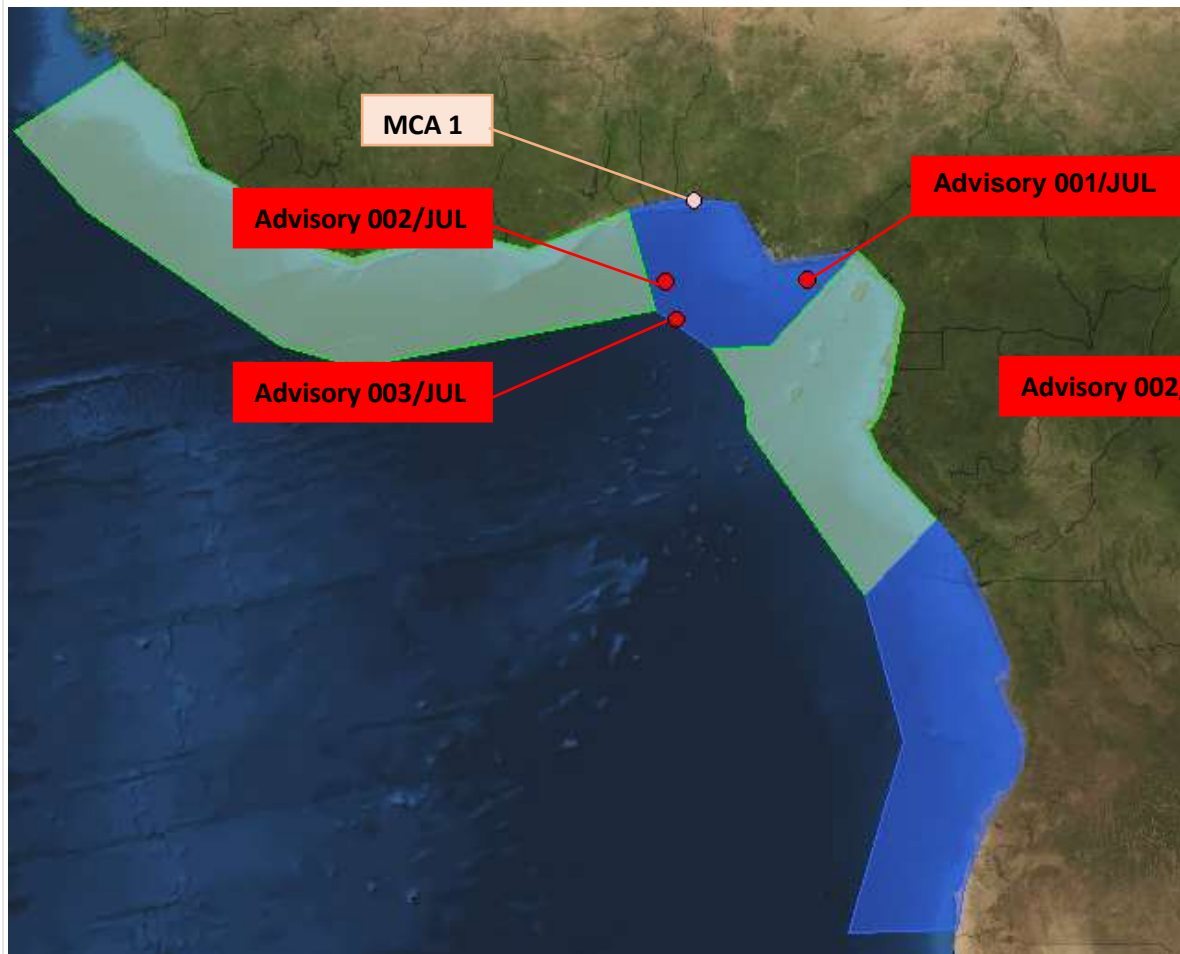
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MAP OF INCIDENTS

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 HIJACK	 ATTACK-BOARDING	 SIGHTING – IRREGULAR ACT. - SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	 THEFT - ROBBERY	 SEARCH AND RESCUE - MISC
MCA : MARITIME CRIME ACTIVITY				

DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Incident 069/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 02 Jul. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 03:45
<u>Position</u>	03°52N – 006°59E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	200/35NM off Bonny, NIGERIA
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	At Anchorage	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated.

Description: On the 2nd July 2020 at approximately, 0345UTC, an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) has been boarded by an unknown number of attackers in position 03°52'N–006°59'E. Despite the presence of a security vessel which was lured away by a small wooden boat used as a decoy, two fast moving boats with unknown amount of armed persons on board were able to attack and board the vessel.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Used of a wooden boat as a decoy.

Type of Vessel used: one wooden boat and two fast boats.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:

MDAT, Area D / E.

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 001/JUL + Advisory 001/JUL Update 1 and Weekly 27-20.](#)

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Incident 070/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 02 Jul. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 22:20
<u>Position</u>	03°49N – 002°25E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	183/152NM off Cotonou, BENIN
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	Adrift	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated.

Description: On the 2nd July 2020 at approximately, 2220UTC, a boarding occurred on an MV (**(NAME WITHHELD)**) by an unknown number of attackers.

Duration of Attack: Approximately 25 minutes.

Method Of Approach: Boarded vessel via rope and ladder.

Type of Vessel used: Small wooden craft.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E/ F

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 002/JUL](#) and [Weekly 27-20](#).

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Incident 072/20

<u>Category</u> <u>Date</u>	Boarding 17 Jul. 20	<u>Status of Incident</u> <u>Time (UTC)</u>	Successful 11:00
<u>Position</u>	02°36N – 002°45E	<u>Bearing / Range</u>	175/224NM off Cotonou, BENIN
<u>Status of Vessel</u>	En Route	<u>Weather during the Attack</u>	Not stated.

Description: A boarding with 8 heavily armed persons occurred on an MT (**NAME WITHHELD**) on the 17th July 2020 at approximately 1100UTC.

Duration of Attack: Not stated.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Type of Vessel used: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Undisclosed information.

Incident reported to:
MDAT, Area E/ F

MDAT Reference: [Advisory 003/JUL](#) and [Weekly 29-20](#).

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MARITIME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Maritime Crime Activity 01: Theft

Event 073/20

NIGERIA Lagos

Description: On the 09th June at approximately 0030UTC, a theft attempt occurred on an MV (**NAME WITHHELD**) whilst at Lagos port. The thief was quickly arrested by the Nigeria armed guards and nothing was reported stolen.

Method Of Approach: Not stated.

Consequences for Crew/Ship/Cargo: Nil.

MDAT-GOG Reference: Weekly 20-20.