



**MDAT – GoG**  
 Weekly Report 06-17  
**03<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February 17**

**INCIDENT DISPOSITION** **IN THIS ISSUE**

## OVERVIEW

The MDAT-GOG has been in operation since 20 June 16. Some vessels / masters are still attempting to register with the now closed MTISC-GOG. Masters and CSOs are urged to ensure they have the correct details, these can be found on SHOM Chart 8801CSD or UKHO Chart Q6114, 30 June 2016, to allow them 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](mailto:watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org)

Masters are requested to call MDAT-GoG (+33 298 228888) at the time of any incident occurring. This phone number is monitored permanently (24/7). It is requested the Masters contact MDAT-GoG as soon as possible to facilitate quicker actions by the MDAT-GoG and their regional contacts.

Companies / Ships Exercises - MDAT-GOG would like to extend an invitation to Companies / CSOs to be included in Company led exercises/drills. Please do not hesitate to contact the MDAT-GOG in advance of the exercise. The Exercise telephone number is +33 298 221302. As this keeps the Live Emergency Line free.

**Three events reported to MDAT-GoG this week. An aborted attack on 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 piracy attacks on 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.**

MDAT – GoG reports are primarily based upon information sent by vessels using the Voluntary Reporting scheme. Masters and CSOs are encouraged to report as early as possible, events or sightings with as much detail as possible to allow MDAT-GOG to initiate the appropriate response. Sometimes incomplete reports cause delay to the issue of warnings and our ability to contact the Local Navy assets for assistance.

**ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)  
[Best Management Practice \(BMP\)](#)  
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)  
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

FUTURE EVENTS		
Date	Event	Location



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

Date	Type	Rge/Brg from nearest shore	Summary of event
04/02/2017	Aborted Piracy Attack	120Nm / 215° from Bayelsa State NIGERIA	<b>On 4<sup>th</sup> February at around 0915Zhrs in position 02°54N/004°51E.</b> One small skiff with eight personnel armed with weapons approached a merchant and escort vessels at a high speed and opened fire. Escort vessel returned warning shots and skiff retreated.
05/02/2017	Piracy Attack	33Nm / 225° from Bayelsa State NIGERIA	<b>On 5<sup>th</sup> February at around 1025Zhrs in position 03°58N/005°28E.</b> A merchant vessel was attacked by 3 fast boats. Ten pirates armed with automatic guns came on board the vessel. Intruders stayed about 2 hours before leaving, bringing with them electronics devices and cash. 8 Crew members were abducted.
07/02/2017	Piracy Attack	50Nm / 180° from Bonny NIGERIA	<b>On 7<sup>th</sup> February at around 1915Zhrs in position 03°31N/007°04E.</b> VHF distress message is relayed to MDAT-GoG. After investigation, it appears that a merchant vessel has been attacked by at least two fast boats.
<b>MDAT-GoG Comments: Last event reported to MDAT-GoG in this area was on 21<sup>st</sup> December (see Weekly Report 27-16).</b>			

## WEEKLY EVENTS

- (1) **Hijack:**  
Nil incidents to report.
- (2) **Boarded – Boarding attempt:**  
Nil incidents to report.
- (3) **Attack:**  
Three incidents to report. See details on P2.
- (4) **Robbery – Sea theft:**  
Nil incidents to report.
- (5) **Suspicious approach**  
Nil incidents to report.
- (6) **Sighting – Irregular activity**  
Nil incidents to report.

## WARNINGS

03 WARNINGS have been issued this week.

001/FEB/17: Piracy attack on merchant vessel (issued on 05<sup>th</sup> February 1323Zhrs)  
 002/FEB/17: Update on Warning 001/FEB/17 (issued on 05<sup>th</sup> February 1903Zhrs)  
 003/FEB/17: Piracy attack on merchant vessel (issued on 07<sup>th</sup> February 2217Zhrs)

## ADVISORIES

01 ADVISORY has been issued this week.

001/FEB/17: Aborted attack against merchant vessel (issued on 06<sup>th</sup> February 1815Zhrs)

## CONTACT

Contact the MDAT-GoG:  
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 Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 88 88 (emergency)  
 Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 13 02 (exercise)  
**Phones and mail are monitored 24/7.**

## NOTES

Any queries regarding these Advisory Notices ring: 0033 298 22 88 88 only, for further information. ADVISORIES are not Classified as a 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.