



MDAT-GoG Quarterly Report 2018-2 April – June

OVERVIEW

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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 (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 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.

Masters are encouraged to comply with [BMP5 measures](#) during their presence in Voluntary Reporting Area.

12 events have been reported to MDAT-GoG for Q02-2018; Serials 038/18 to 049/18.

Fair winds and following seas!

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 off crew or vessel by force.

Robbery: Theft realized in territorial waters with threat/violence to crew.

Theft: Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence.

Boarding: Assailants board a vessel with no intention to take off crew or vessel by force.

Suspicious approach: Close approach with intent to board the vessel.

Sighting and Irregular activity: All suspicious information with no proof of intent to board the vessel.

GLOSSARY

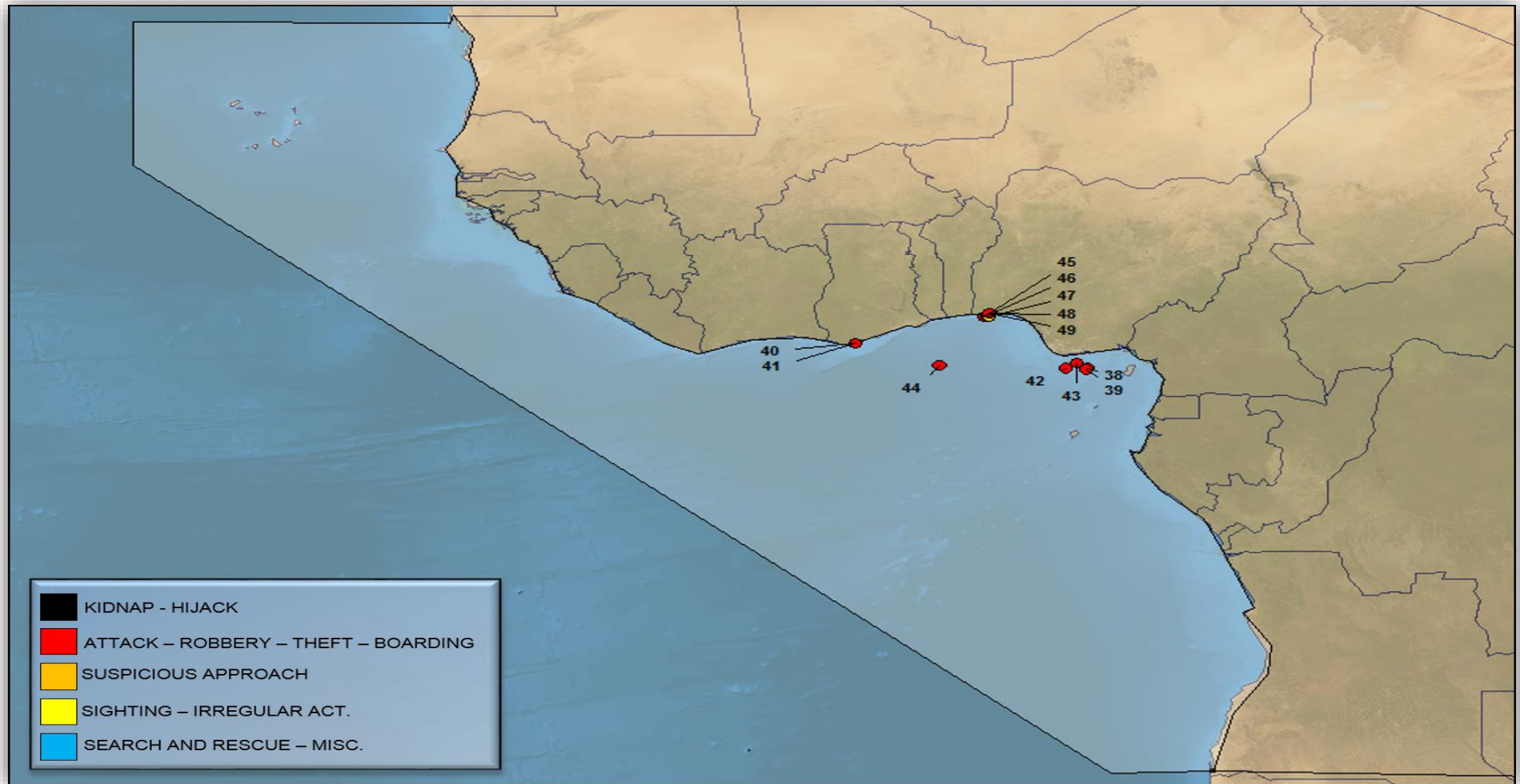
Attempt: Actual attempt to execute an illegal action (boarding, theft...).

Failed: Attempt or action that was finally foiled.

Successful: Attempt or action that has been well conducted by assailants.

MAP OF INCIDENTS

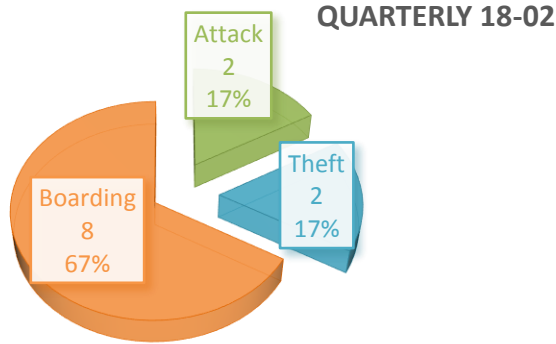
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QUARTERLY STATISTICS

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ADVISORIES: 7 issued	Date of issue	Classification and comments
001/APR/18	21 avr. 18	Boarding
002/APR/18	29 avr. 18	Boarding
001/MAY/18	8 mai. 18	Boarding
002/MAY/18	17 mai. 18	Attack
003/MAY/18	21 mai. 18	Boarding
004/MAY/18	23 mai. 18	Boarding
005/MAY/18	25 mai. 18	Boarding

WARNINGS: 1 issued	Date of issue	Classification and comments
001/APR/18	7 avr. 18	Attack

INCIDENTS reported

- Hijack: 0
- Attack: 2
- Robbery: 0
- Theft: 2
- Boarding: 8
- Susp. approach: 0
- Sighting – Irr. activity: 0

NOTICES

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Phones and mail are monitored 24/7. Both French and English are spoken.

DETAIL OF INCIDENTS

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Hijack



Attack



Boarding



Robbery



Theft

Suspicious
approach

Sighting

Search and
Rescue

False alarm



Serial: 049/18 **Status of vessel:** Berthed
Category: Boarding **Status of incident:** Successful
Date: Friday, 01 June 2018 **Time :** 02:30 (UTC Time)
Position: 06°26.00N – 003°23.00E **Bearing/Rge:** Lagos, NIGERIA

Description:

Time late report: A merchant vessel was boarded by four men. Alarm was raised, one crew member was injured and intruders left empty-handed.

[Reference: Weekly report 24/18](#)



Serial: 048/18 **Status of vessel:** Berthed
Category: Sea theft **Status of incident:** Failed
Date: Saturday, 09 June 2018 **Time :** Unk. (UTC Time)
Position: 06°27.00N – 003°22.00E **Bearing/Rge:** Lagos, NIGERIA

Description:

Time late report: A merchant tanker was boarded by at least one man. A hose was inserted into one cargo tank. Once spotted, the thief jumped into water and reached a speed boat in which 6 or 7 men were waiting.

[Reference: Weekly report 24/18](#)



Serial: 047/18 **Status of vessel:** At anchorage
Category: Sea theft **Status of incident:** Successful
Date: Sunday, 03 June 2018 **Time :** 02:30 (UTC Time)
Position: 06°17.00N – 003°21.00E **Bearing/Rge:** 200°/7NM from Lagos, NIGERIA

Description:

An anchored merchant vessel was boarded by two men. Once they were spotted by the Duty Officer and the armed security guard, intruders escaped. On conducting a search, ship stores were reported stolen.

[Reference: Weekly report 23/18](#)



Serial: 046/18 **Status of vessel:** At anchorage
Category: Boarding **Status of incident:** Failed
Date: Friday, 25 May 2018 **Time :** 23:35 (UTC Time)
Position: 06°18.00N – 003°20.00E **Bearing/Rge:** 175°/7NM from Lagos, NIGERIA

Description:

Two persons tried to board an anchored merchant tanker. Alarm was sounded, then the intruders jumped off the vessel into a skiff. Vessel and crew are safe.

[Reference: Weekly report 22/18 and Advisory 005/MAY/18](#)



Serial: 045/18 **Status of vessel:** At anchorage
Category: Boarding **Status of incident:** Successful
Date: Wednesday, 23 May 2018 **Time :** 23:10 (UTC Time)
Position: 06°16.00N – 003°12.00E **Bearing/Rge:** 240°/14NM from Lagos, NIGERIA

Description:

An anchored merchant tanker was boarded by an intruder. Alarm was raised and then intruder jumped overboard and escaped in a skiff. Crew and ship are SAFE.

[Reference: Weekly report 21/18 and Advisory 004/MAY/18](#)



Serial: 044/18 **Status of vessel:** En route
Category: Boarding **Status of incident:** Failed
Date: Monday, 21 May 2018 **Time :** 22:55 (UTC Time)
Position: 03°46.00N – 001°30.00E **Bearing/Rge:** 175°/140NM from Lome, TOGO

Description:

A merchant tanker was approached by a skiff with 7 men on board. One man tried to board the tanker but was spotted. He then jumped back into its skiff and fled away.

[Reference: Weekly report 21/18 and Advisory 003/MAY/18](#)



Serial: 043/18 **Status of vessel:** En route
Category: Attack **Status of incident:** Successful
Date: Thursday, 17 May 2018 **Time :** 07:20 (UTC Time)
Position: 03°53.00N – 006°42.00E **Bearing/Rge:** 220°/40NM from Bonny, NIGERIA

Description:

A merchant vessel has been attacked. Laptops, email systems and personal effects were stolen. The navigation equipment were vandalized.

[Reference: Weekly report 20/18 and Advisory 002/MAY/18](#)



Serial: 042/18 **Status of vessel:** En route
Category: Boarding **Status of incident:** Failed
Date: Tuesday, 08 May 2018 **Time :** 10:00 (UTC Time)
Position: 03°37.00N – 006°16.00E **Bearing/Rge:** 230°/70NM from Bonny, NIGERIA

Description:

A merchant vessel was approached by a speed boat with six persons. Merchant vessel took evasive manoeuvres during 25 minutes, conducting the boarding to be unsuccessful.

MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to Advisory 001/MAY/2018. Note that the position given in the Advisory has been updated in the relevant Weekly.

[Reference: Weekly report 19/18 and Advisory 001/MAY/18](#)



Serial: 041/18 **Status of vessel:** At anchorage
Category: Boarding **Status of incident:** Failed
Date: Thursday, 03 May 2018 **Time :** 00:35 (UTC Time)
Position: 04°54.00N – 001°42.00W **Bearing/Rge:** 110°/3NM from Takoradi, GHANA

Description:

An anchored merchant vessel was boarded by two intruders. Once spotted, they jumped into water and escaped on board a canoe. Nothing was reported stolen. Crew and vessel are safe.

[Reference: Weekly report 18/18](#)



Serial: 040/18 **Status of vessel:** At anchorage
Category: Boarding **Status of incident:** Failed
Date: Sunday, 29 April 2018 **Time :** 04:00 (UTC Time)
Position: 04°53.00N – 001°41.32W **Bearing/Rge:** 110°/4NM from Takoradi, GHANA

Description:

An anchored merchant vessel at Takoradi Anchorage was boarded from the stern by one intruder. Alarm was raised crew mustered and intruder jumped into water. He then escaped on board a small boat. Nothing was reported stolen. Crew and vessel are safe.

[Reference: Weekly report 18/18 and Advisory 002/APR/18](#)



Serial: 039/18 **Status of vessel:** En route
Category: Boarding **Status of incident:** Successful
Date: Saturday, 21 April 2018 **Time :** 06:00 (UTC Time)
Position: 03°33.00N – 007°02.00E **Bearing/Rge:** 180°/50NM from Bonny, NIGERIA

Description:

A Merchant Vessel was boarded by unknown number of pirates. Nigerian Navy towed the vessel toward Bonny.

[Reference: Weekly report 17/18 and Advisory 001/APR/18](#)



Serial: 038/18	Status of vessel: En route
Category: Attack	Status of incident: Successful
Date: Saturday, 07 April 2018	Time : 04:36 (UTC Time)
Position: 03°37.00N – 007°07.00E	Bearing/Rge: 180°/47NM from Bonny, NIGERIA

Description:

A merchant vessel was attacked and boarded by 4 pirates. The crew, excepted the captain, mustered in the citadel. Nigerian Navy patrol boarded closed to assist vessel, boarded her, but pirates had already left. Vessel is safe but Captain is reported to have been injured.

[Reference: Weekly report 15/18 and Warning 001/APR/18](#)